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**DATE:** August 13, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Susan Gilbert-Miller, Director, Office of Sustainability

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Grant Agreement with Alliance for Climate Protection

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve First Amendment to Grant Agreement with Alliance for Climate Protection, Inc., dba the Climate Reality Project, relating to climate change defense efforts increasing the maximum contract amount by \$169,750 from \$169,750 to \$339,500, and extending the agreement for a 12-month period through August 14, 2020, that has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form and legality.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for the Amendment is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Adopted Budget.

**CONTRACT HISTORY**

On June 11, 2018 (Item No. 60), the Board of Supervisors approved the Office of Sustainability (OOS) to work with the Alliance for Climate Protection, Inc. (d/b/a, the Climate Reality Project) ("CRP") to develop and expand the County Climate Coalition. The Grant Agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 14, 2018 (Item No. 25).

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

An amendment to the grant agreement is best suited to support and advance the ongoing work of the OOS and CRP to expand and nurture the County Climate Coalition. CRP is a well-known and respected organization that has been working on tackling climate change both domestically and internationally. Former Vice President Al Gore is both the founder and chairman of CRP. The CRP's primary project focus under this amendment will be to continue to engage local support nationwide for the County Climate Coalition and to assist the OOS with communication and outreach to the County Climate Coalition membership.

**CHILD IMPACT**

The recommended action would have a positive impact on children and youth because projected climate change is expected to result in extreme weather and heat events that

negatively affect health, food and water supply, ecosystems, and create other adverse environmental impacts.

### **SENIOR IMPACT**

The recommended action would have a positive impact on seniors because projected climate change is expected to result in extreme weather and heat events that negatively affect health, food and water supply, ecosystems, and create other adverse environmental impacts.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended action would positively benefit sustainability by increasing nationwide county collaboration on shared sustainability goals, including greenhouse gas reduction.

### **BACKGROUND**

On June 6, 2017 (Item No. 111), the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a referral to direct County Counsel to draft a resolution affirming the County's commitment to the Paris Accord, environmental sustainability, and combating climate change, and to direct Administration to lead efforts (later named the "County Climate Coalition") that call upon other counties throughout the nation to sign on to or adopt similar resolutions.

On June 20, 2017 (Item No. 16), the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution BOS-2017-85 calling for the County of Santa Clara to work toward meeting the Paris Agreement (commonly known as the "Paris Accord") goals despite withdrawal by the United States.

On June 11, 2018 (Item No. 60), the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved allocation of one-time funding of \$170,000 to the OOS to work with the CRP to develop and expand the County Climate Coalition. This grant amendment will provide additional funds to the CRP to continue their efforts to tackle climate change and support and expand the County Climate Coalition.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The County would not provide additional funding to support and expand the County Climate Coalition.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon approval, the Clerk of the Board is requested to send an e-mail notification to Gladys Cabagbag ([Gladys.Cabagbag@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:Gladys.Cabagbag@ceo.sccgov.org)) and Natalie De Leon ([natalie.deleon@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:natalie.deleon@ceo.sccgov.org)).

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