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### **Findings for Approval Santa Barbara County Green Building Program Amendments**

#### **1.0 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT FINDINGS**

**Government Code Section 65358(a) requires a general plan amendment to be in the public interest.**

The Santa Barbara County Green Building Program Amendments include updates to the existing voluntary green building program to reflect changes in energy efficient and environmentally friendly building design and corresponding state legislation. The primary intent of the Santa Barbara County Green Building Program Amendments are to allow P&D staff to make administrative changes to the Program concurrently with updates to state building requirements. Ultimately, this Program helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the County; reducing greenhouse gas emissions improves air quality and lowers certain types of pollutants, both of which benefit the public. Overall, it is in the public interest to address future changes to green building standards and to continue the support for this long-standing, voluntary program by adopting the goals, policies, and actions of the Santa Barbara County Green Building Program Amendments.

#### **2.0 CEQA FINDING, CEQA EXEMPTION**

The County Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors find the proposed project exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Please see Attachment A, Notice of Exemption.

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