



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

March 4, 2025

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00162

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding a Countywide Renewable Energy Development Project Decision, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

- a) Receive and file information and a presentation on the Santa Barbara County Solar Development Update;
- b) Provide direction to staff regarding the following items presented:
  - i) Direct staff to explore debt financing opportunities and move forward with direct purchase for all project sites; or
  - ii) Move forward and negotiate Power Purchase Agreements for all sites; or
  - iii) Move forward with Power Purchase Agreements for all Net Energy Metering 2.0 projects and postpone decision on Net-Billing Tariff projects; or
  - iv) Any combination of the above options; or
  - v) No action; and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions are not a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), as it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 12:20 PM - 1:21 PM (1 HR. 1 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Tim Hade addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;
- b) ii) Approved
- b) i), iii), iv) and v) No action taken; and
- c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino