



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: 10/10/2006
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimate Time: 45 minutes on 10/17/06
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Board Member(s) Susan Rose, 2nd District Supervisor
Contact Info: Robert Nisbet, General Services Director

SUBJECT: Consideration for a new Green Building standard for the County of Santa Barbara

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board set a hearing for October 17, 2006 to receive a presentation on sustainable public architecture and reduction of green-house gases generated by county-owned facilities.

Summary:

On December 11, 2001, the Board adopted the Facilities Policy Framework and directed staff to base facility development upon that framework. The Framework contains eight overarching objectives with 47 supporting policy statements that communicate the agency’s desire to build *sustainable facilities*. Since the adoption of the Framework, six projects have been completed using the sustainable objectives outlined within the Framework: Casa Nueva, Lompoc Wellness Clinic, District Attorney Office, Hall of Records, Public Works Service Center and Children’s Service Center. Of these projects, two of them have received recognition for their use of renewable energy, use of recycled materials, preservation of existing materials, and integration into the site and reduced energy consumption.

The requested hearing is to update the Board and public on this progress and seek direction as to further implementation of sustainable features in all new or renovated county facilities.

Background:

Back in 2001, constructing “green” buildings was a new concept that many thought was not worth the higher cost of implementation of so called “green” features. In addition, these green feature were not well defined, but at the time included elements like reductions in water use, increased natural light and air circulation and energy efficient equipment. The state of the art has changed dramatically since that time.

As the county continues to develop new facilities and perform remodels in its existing buildings, staff is seeking direction on implementation of mature LEED criteria (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and consideration of implementation of the AIA (American Institute of Architects) 2030 Challenge. The 2030 Challenge calls for the immediate reduction of fossil fuel consumption by facilities of 50% with increases to that reduction until a carbon free facility is reached. Of the four major contributors to CO₂ emissions (*U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2003*), the construction and operation of facilities are responsible for at least 48% to as much as 76% of these emissions. Any reduction in these emissions will benefit the public, county staff and the county utility budget.

Performance Measures:

Implementation of LEED/2030 will support the following GS RPM:

1. RPM 0223: Annual reduction of utility costs

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

None

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