



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor  
Department No.:  
For Agenda Of: April 1, 2008  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes on 4/15/08  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Board Member(s) Supervisor Janet Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 805-568-2191  
Contact Info: Mary E. O’Gorman, Executive Assistant, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 805-568-2191

**SUBJECT:**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: Select\_Concurrence

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set hearing to receive the Community Environmental Council’s (CEC) “A New Energy Direction: A Blueprint for Santa Barbara County” presentation.

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**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Summary Text:** Dave Davis and Tam Hunt from the Community Environmental Council have worked with the Second District office, other Board offices and County Departments to encourage greater conservation and economic efficiency in the operation of county facilities, vehicles and programs. On March 26, 2008 Mr. Davis presented CEC’s “New Energy Direction: A Blueprint for Santa Barbara County” to the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission. The Second District office has agreed to sponsor CEC’s presentation at the Board of Supervisors.

**Background:** The Community Environmental Council completed its Santa Barbara County Energy Blueprint, A New Energy Direction, in 2007. This document is the product of two years’ labor by CEC staff and many consultants and is a detailed look at how our county can dramatically reduce its dependence on fossil fuels by 2030. The blueprint describes the problems with our reliance on fossil fuels for most of our energy needs, including national security and foreign policy implications, air pollution, climate change and a growing awareness that fossil fuels are being depleted.

CEC's research shows that a potential exists to save large sums of money, decreasing volatility of prices, and dramatically improving the economic security of our region. CEC has also approached individual County departments and other Board offices to encourage the County to reduce energy use in County buildings and increase conservation and economic efficiency.

CEC will also make a formal invitation to the County Supervisors and top staff to attend a tri-county energy summit hosted by CEC on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Performance Measure:**

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Select\_Budgeted

**Fiscal Analysis:** -

Narrative:

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:** Please forward one copy of the minute order to Tam Hunt, Energy Program Director, Community Environment Council, 26 West Anapamu Street, Second Floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Attachments:**

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**cc:**