

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING )  
THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT )  
THE 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE, )  
AN ELEMENT OF THE SANTA BARBARA ) RESOLUTION NO.: 14-35  
COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN ) CASE NO.: 14GPA-00000-0008

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65302(c) requires that localities adopt a General Plan Housing Element that complies with the State's standards as set forth in Government Code Section 65580 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, State General Plan statutes require that the state-mandated Housing Element be revised periodically to incorporate new information and reflect changes in community needs and values; and,

WHEREAS, on December 20, 1980, by Resolution No. 80-566, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara adopted the Comprehensive Plan for the County of Santa Barbara; and,

WHEREAS, a proposed 2015-2023 Housing Element Update of the Santa Barbara County General Plan has been prepared pursuant to Government Code Sections 65358 and 65580 et seq. and according to the adopted procedure; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) reviewed the Draft Housing Element and reported its findings to the County in a letter dated October 3, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, public hearing notices for the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update regarding document availability and public hearing schedules were published in local newspapers and provided on the Housing Element Update website; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is consistent with the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan, including the community and area plans, and the requirements of California planning, zoning, and development laws; and,

WHEREAS, Citizens, California Native American Indian tribes, public agencies, public utility companies, and civic, education, and other community groups have been provided the opportunity for involvement in compliance with Government Code Section 65351; and,

WHEREAS, the County Montecito Planning Commission has held a duly noticed hearing in compliance with Government Code Section 65353 on the proposed amendment at which hearing the amendment was explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance; and,

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission received and considered all reports and comments on the proposed amendment, including State HCD's comments; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65583, the Housing Element includes: (1) an identification and analysis of existing and projected housing needs and an

inventory of resources and constraints relevant to meeting these needs; (2) a statement of Santa Barbara County's goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing; and (3) a program which sets forth a schedule of actions the county is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, a Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated for public review concluding that no potentially significant environmental impacts would occur as the result of the proposed 2015-2023 Housing Element, and this Negative Declaration adequately describes the environmental consequences of the currently proposed Element; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the County will conduct further environmental review in conjunction with the implementation of the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update, as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FOUND AND RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND:

1. The Negative Declaration is complete, correct and adequate and prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and applicable State and County Guidelines.
2. On the basis of the Negative Declaration, no substantial evidence exists that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.
3. The Negative Declaration (Case No. 14NGD-00000-00014) is adopted concurrent with the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update.
4. The 2015-2023 Housing Element Update substantially complies with State requirements of Government Code Section 65580 et seq.
5. The 2015-2023 Housing Element Update, as included as Exhibit A, is adopted as an element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive General Plan.
6. The 2015-2023 Housing Element Update will not impact wildlife or the habitat upon which it depends because the update is a policy level document, potential site-specific impacts will be evaluated in accordance with discretionary review of proposed actions, and moderate to high density development is directed to community and transportation corridor areas with availability of services, and, therefore, makes the Department of Fish and Game "de minimis" finding per Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The County Planning Commission now finds that it is in the interest of the orderly development of the County and important to the preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the county to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution adopting the 2015-2023



Housing Element Update (Case No. 14GPA-00000-00008) of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan.

3. The County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors, following the required noticed public hearing, approve and adopt the above mentioned recommendation of this County Planning Commission based on the findings included as Attachment A of the County Planning Commission staff report dated November 13, 2014.
4. This County Planning Commission endorses and transmits a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Supervisors.
5. The Chair of this County Planning Commission is hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all maps, documents, and other materials in accordance with this Resolution to show the above mentioned action by the County Planning Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the County Planning Commission of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this third day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Cooney, Brown, Hartmann, Ferini, Blough

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Chair of the County Planning Commission  
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:   
Dianne M. Black  
Secretary to the Commission

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

Exhibit A: Santa Barbara County 2015-23 Housing Element Update (November 2014)