



Municipal Energy Finance Program Implementation: Launching emPowerSBC

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
March 16, 2010



Progress Update

- **Dec 1, 2009:** the Board directed staff to implement a municipal energy financing program
- **Jan 12, 2010:** the board received a draft Resolution
- **Jan – March 2010:**
 - Notice sent to water and electric utility providers
 - Worked with cities to formalize program participation
 - Focused program implementation to prepare for April 22nd launch date



Program Implementation Highlights

- Finalized selection of a Financial Advisor
- Established the accounting structure and program budget
- Secured \$4.2 million in Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds
- Revising Program Report with widespread community input
- Coordinating various incentive programs with IOUs
- Recruiting program staff and locating storefront space
- Developing program web application
- Continued pursuit of additional programmatic resources
- Coordinating streamlined permit process with Building Officials
- Developing marketing plan



City Agreements

- **Resolution of Intention:**
All eight cities unanimously approved formal participation in the program
- **Cooperation Agreement:**
Cities have been provided with a form agreement, Board will approve in April 2010



County Resolution of Intention

- Today the Board will consider the Resolution of Intention:
 - Findings of Public Benefit: Promote economic stability, address climate change, save energy and water
 - Program Parameters: Identification of boundaries and general financing strategy, required consultations with A/C and others
 - Program Report: Direction to finalize Program Report, similar to Admin Guidelines provided on Dec 1, 2009
 - Board Consideration of Final Program Report: Proposed for April 13, 2010

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO FINANCE INSTALLATION OF
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, AND
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara (the "County") is authorized under Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code of the State of California ("Chapter 29") to enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency and water efficiency improvements that are permanently fixed to real property ("Authorized Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to declare its intention to establish a contractual assessment program (the "Program"), pursuant to which the County would enter into contractual assessments to finance the installation of Authorized Improvements in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The County hereby finds and declares the following:

- (a) The above recitals are true and correct.
- (b) A public purpose will be served by establishing a contractual assessment program, pursuant to which the County will finance the installation of Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property in the County.
- (c) The upfront cost of making residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property more energy and water efficient, along with the fact that most commercial loans for that purpose are due on the sale of the property, prevents many property owners from installing Authorized Improvements.
- (d) Energy conservation efforts, including the promotion of energy-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, will support efforts to foster communitywide sustainability and lowered greenhouse gas emissions by promoting economic growth and stability, and environmental stewardship through participation in the green economy.
- (e) Energy conservation efforts, including the promotion of energy-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of global climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the County.
- (f) Water conservation efforts, including the promotion of water-related Authorized Improvements to residential, commercial, industrial, or other real property, are necessary to address the issue of chronic water shortages in California.

Section 2. Determination of Public Interest. The Board of Supervisors hereby determines that (a) it would be convenient, advantageous, and in the public interest to designate an area, which shall encompass the territory described in Section 4 below, within which the County and property owners within the County may enter into contractual assessments to



Next Implementation Steps

- **April 13, 2010:** Board considers adoption of the Resolution confirming the Program Report, Bond Resolution, and Agreements with Cities; Initiate judicial validation process
- **April 22, 2010:** Program Launch



Recommendations

- Determine that the proposed contractual assessment program (program) is not a “project,” pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines;
- Adopt the Resolution Declaring Intention to Finance Installation of Distributed Generation Renewable Energy Sources, and Energy Efficiency and Water Efficiency Improvements (Resolution of Intention) (Attachment 1); and,
- Set a public hearing for April 13, 2010 to consider adoption of the proposed program, including all associated documentation.

