



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** General Services  
**Department No.:** 063  
**Agenda Date:** June 9, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** NA  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** NA  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** General Services: Kirk Lagerquist, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Participate in the California Energy Design Assistance (CEDA) Program for Eligible County Projects

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence: CEO**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the General Services Director, or a designated alternate, to execute all participation agreements, authorization forms, and related documents required for the County of Santa Barbara to enroll in and utilize the California Energy Design Assistance (CEDA) program for any current or future eligible County projects.; and
- b) Determine that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as it is a funding/technical assistance mechanism that does not involve a commitment to any specific project at this time.

**Summary Text:**

Staff requests Board authorization for the General Services Director, or designee, to execute all future documents required to participate in the California Energy Design Assistance (CEDA) program for applicable County building projects. CEDA provides complimentary decarbonization and energy design analysis, cost and payback evaluation, and potential financial incentives to support electrification, efficiency, and high-performance building measures in new construction and major renovation projects.

**Discussion:**

The California Energy Design Assistance (CEDA) program offers technical support and design-phase energy modeling for projects pursuing electrification, decarbonization, and high-performance building strategies. CEDA serves public-sector, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and high-rise multifamily projects located within investor-owned utilities (IOU) service territories, including Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE), which cover all potential County facilities outside the City of Lompoc. The CEDA program may support the County's effort to implement energy efficiency and implement designs that align with the Zero Net Energy Resolution.

**Program benefits include:**

1. Complimentary custom decarbonization analyses that evaluate electrification and high-efficiency strategies for new construction or major alterations
2. Identification of energy cost impacts and life-cycle paybacks for design alternatives
3. Potential participation incentives and additional measure-based incentives for implementing high-performance systems, electrification technologies, and above-code efficiency measures
4. Early-stage design collaboration to reduce energy demand and emissions and make County facilities "true grid resources" through load-conscious design decisions

CEDA participation requires early design engagement, typically during schematic design or early design development, to maximize decarbonization opportunities and eligibility for measure incentives. Because multiple County departments routinely pursue capital construction and major renovation projects, staff recommend granting authority to the General Services Director or designee to execute CEDA participation documents as needed. This will reduce administrative delays and allow the County to incorporate high-performance and electrified design strategies across a wider portfolio of projects.

**Background:**

The CEDA program is funded by California IOU and administered on behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission. It is designed to advance statewide decarbonization and electrification goals by supporting high-performance building design in both public and private sectors. CEDA supports new construction and major renovation projects that meet specific eligibility criteria, including that they are in the design phase and that the participating facility pays Public Purpose Program surcharges on its utility accounts.

**Program objectives include:**

1. Promoting all-electric building design and reducing long-term energy consumption

2. Advancing high-performance measures in space conditioning, process loads, water heating, plug loads, and refrigerant systems
3. Supporting design teams through early-phase technical evaluation and education
4. Reducing carbon emissions and aligning projects with statewide decarbonization policy goals

**CEDA participation follows a structured process:**

1. Enrollment using early design information
2. Discovery and analysis of potential decarbonization strategies
3. Results and recommended measures including estimated savings and incentives
4. Verification that chosen measures were installed
5. Energy savings realized post-occupancy through improved performance

Given the County's Net Zero Energy (NZE) policy and ongoing efforts toward sustainability, electrification, and energy efficiency, CEDA participation will provide valuable design-phase support and potential financial incentives for numerous upcoming building projects, such as the Orcutt Library, Crisis Residential Treatment Facility, Fire Station 25, or Lompoc Animal Shelter.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Participation in the CEDA program is complimentary, with no enrollment cost to the County. CEDA provides:

- Free decarbonization and design-phase analysis
- Free evaluation of energy cost savings and paybacks
- Eligibility for participation incentives and additional measure-based incentives for high-performance systems, electrification measures, and above-code improvements

There is no County cost unless optional high-performance measures are selected and implemented as part of a capital project. Any such costs would be addressed through future project-specific funding requests. Participation in CEDA does not commit the County to any construction activity or expenditures and does not impact current appropriations.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a Minute Order to Brandon Kaysen, General Services at 260 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1315, and email a copy to [bkaysen@countyofsb.org](mailto:bkaysen@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – CEDA Program Guide Terms and Conditions

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