



County of Santa Barbara BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

September 10, 2019

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COMMUNITY SERVICES

File Reference No. 19-00771

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding a Strategic Energy Plan (SEP) Report, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

- a) Consider and adopt the SEP for the County of Santa Barbara;
- b) Direct Community Services, Planning and Development, General Services and the Office of Emergency Management staff to:
 - i) Pursue implementation of Phase One recommended actions, including: 1) Develop an Energy Assurance Plan, 2) Develop a Utility Scale Solar Ordinance and; 3) Update the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones;
 - ii) Pursue implementation of Phase Two recommended actions, including: 1) Update the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, 2) Establish best practices for solar + storage permitting procedures, 3) Create a one-stop shop education resource and conduct outreach and; 4) Explore a community solar project; and
 - iii) Return to the Board as needed for further direction or approval prior to implementation; and
- c) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as the actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project, and Section 15378(b)(5), as the actions are the organizational and administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

2:01 PM - 3:28 PM (1 HR. 27 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hart, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Adopted;
- b) i) through iii) Directed; and
- c) Approved.

Directed staff from Community Services and General Services to work with the Sheriff's Department on phase one of the Northern Branch Jail that would maximize the net metering potential of the facility and a phase two that would maximize potential for community solar or a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Further Directed staff to revise the definition of "Utility-Scale Solar" so that it does not include solar on built environments.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino