



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: February 4, 2014
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Matthew P. Pontes, Director (560-1011)
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SUBJECT: 2014 County of Santa Barbara Sustainability Progress Report and Zero Net Energy Resolution

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: None

Other Concurrence:

As to form: None

Recommended Actions:

That the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file the Santa Barbara County 2014 Sustainability Progress Report;
- b) Adopt the Santa Barbara County Zero Net Energy Resolution for County owned facilities; and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions are not a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), as it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

On March 17, 2009, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 09-059 which committed the County of Santa Barbara to take immediate, cost effective and coordinated steps to reduce the County’s collective GHG emissions, in order to protect the community from the effects of climate change and implement programs to comply with the State of California’s greenhouse gas reduction goals. On June 22, 2010 the board received and filed the first County of Santa Barbara Sustainability Action Plan. The 2014 Sustainability Progress Report (SPR) provides an update to the 2010 Plan and details the Zero Net Energy (ZNE) Resolution being considered by the Board today.

Background:

Santa Barbara County recognizes that climate change has the potential to dramatically affect our businesses and residents, as well as other communities around the world. Santa Barbara County also recognizes that local governments play a significant role in the efforts to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and mitigate the potential impacts of climate change. There are numerous actions that can lessen the emissions from our governmental operations, including increasing energy efficiency in our vehicle fleets and buildings, developing the use of clean, renewable energy sources, implementing vehicle transportation plans that reduce usage and encouraging waste reduction. The benefits from these actions include lowered energy bills, improved air quality, reduced emissions, economic development, and an improved quality of life throughout the County of Santa Barbara.

In order to assist the State in meeting the goals of AB 32, to comply with SB 97 and SB 375, and to prepare for future potential Federal climate legislation, the County Board of Supervisors Adopted Resolution 09-059 (March 2009) and subsequently accepted and approved the first County of Santa Barbara Sustainability Action Plan (June 2010). The SPR provides an up to date overview of the County of Santa Barbara's sustainability goals and accomplishments and provides details of the ZNE Resolution being considered by the Board today. Since the goals of the ZNE Resolution and the SPR have been developed by Santa Barbara County, through the assessment of County facilities and operations throughout all County Departments, there is potential to achieve real impact specific to the County of Santa Barbara.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Adoption of the ZNE Resolution will not require specific additional annualized ongoing funding at this time. Funding for future projects which comply with the directives contained in the ZNE Resolution will be presented to the BOS for approval as the projects are developed. **Budgeted:** N/A

Staffing Impacts: Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) copy of the certified minute order to Roy Hapeman in the General Services Department.

Attachments:

1. County of Santa Barbara Zero Net Energy Resolution
2. 2014 County of Santa Barbara Sustainability Progress Report
3. Notice of Exemption

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