

ATTACHMENT J: 23GPA-00004 RESOLUTION

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING SPECIFIC)
AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 8.3 AND)
RESEARCH ACTION 8.3.1 OF THE ENERGY)
ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE)
PLAN)

RESOLUTION NO.: 24- 190

CASE NO.: 23GPA-00004

WHEREAS, on December 13th of 1994, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Energy Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan with Resolution No. 94-569, which contains strategies to promote the efficient use of energy; and

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the growing and urgent concerns regarding global climate change and the expanding regulatory environment, Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 09-059 adopted the County’s Climate Change Guiding Principles supporting county efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and provided Board of Supervisor’s leadership to take immediate, cost-effective and coordinated steps to reduce the County’s collective greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 09-059 directed County staff to seek funding, including grants and rebates, to offset general fund costs of preparing the County’s greenhouse gas emission reduction strategy and implementing programmatic actions that support climate protection; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, identifies local governments as essential partners in achieving California’s goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2016, and Assembly Bill (AB) 1279, the California Climate Crisis Act, expanded upon GHG emissions reductions targets established by AB 32; and

WHEREAS, in response to “Santa Barbara County Climate Change Principles” (Resolution 09-059), the Board of Supervisors adopted the County of Santa Barbara Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) in May 2015 which established a goal of reducing GHG emissions in the unincorporated county by 15 percent below 2007 levels by 2020 and identified 53 emissions reduction measures to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2018, the Community Services Department, Sustainability Division presented an ECAP Progress Report to the Board of Supervisors, which identified that an increase of GHG emissions in the unincorporated part of Santa Barbara County to 14 percent above 2007 levels as of 2016; and

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WHEREAS, in response, the Board directed the Community Services Department, Sustainability Division to develop a 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP) and set a new GHG emission reduction target of 50% below 1990 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, the Board adopted the goal of carbon neutrality by 2045 or sooner, as feasible, and updated the interim 2030 goal from 50% reduction below 2007 levels to 50% net reduction from current (2018) levels; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has a leadership role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their regional jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a long tradition of environmental stewardship, specifically in promoting the preservation of agricultural land and open space, an important component of greenhouse gas mitigation. Additionally, the County has already begun to engage in activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as: municipal fleet electrification, the expansion of solar and battery storage, and partnerships such as the Tri-County Regional Energy Network, Central Coast Community Energy, Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative, and Electric Drive 805; and

WHEREAS, the County contacted and offered to consult with California Native American tribes in compliance with Government Code Sections §65352.3 and 65352.4 (Senate Bill 18). No tribes contacted the County requesting further consultation; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings on March 6, 2024, and May 1, 2024, in compliance with Government Code section §65353, at which time County staff explained the proposed amendment and the Commission invited comments from the attendees of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission, after holding duly noticed public hearings on the above described amendments to the Energy Element, endorses and transmits to the Board of Supervisors said recommended amendments by resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 65354; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed 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 said County to amend the Comprehensive Plan's Energy Element, as attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors now finds, consistent with its authority in Government Code §65358, that it is in the public interest to provide orderly development of the County and

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important to the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of said County to approve and adopt the amendment to the Energy Element of the Comprehensive Plan, specified in Exhibit 1 of this resolution, and incorporate herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code §65357(b), the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to make the documents amending the Energy Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan, including the diagrams and text, available to the public for inspection.
4. The Chair and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all maps, documents, and other materials in accordance with this Resolution to reflect the above described action by the Board.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps and Hartmann

NOES: Supervisors Nelson and Lavagnino

ABSENT: None


ABSTENTIONS: None



STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

ATTEST:


MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By 

DEPUTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

Signed by:

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By
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

EXHIBIT: 1. Energy Element Amendment (Case No. 23GPA-00004)

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EXHIBIT 1: ENERGY ELEMENT UPDATE (CASE NO. 23GPA-00004)

The following text shows the amendments to the Energy Element resulting from Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. 23GPA-00004. Additions are shown in blue underlined text and deletions are shown in blue strikethrough text. Page references are to the 2015 Energy Element.



ENERGY ELEMENT

ADOPTED 1994

REPUBLISHED JUNE 2015

AMENDED AUGUST 2024

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



County of Santa Barbara
Planning and Development
123 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

GOAL 8: IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION - Assure maximum success of this Element.

POLICY 8.1: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - The County shall approve and activate the Implementation Plan for this Element and shall evaluate this plan biennially.

Research 8.1.1: The County shall conduct a biennial review with public input to evaluate the progress being made under this element, and a biennial progress report shall be presented before a noticed Board of Supervisors hearing.

POLICY 8.2: ELEMENT EVALUATION - Santa Barbara County shall periodically review and assess the effectiveness of the Element's policies for modifications.

Research 8.2.1: As needed, the County shall report statistics regarding Energy Element policies and programs; the policies shall be reevaluated and adjusted to meet the overall objective of increasing energy efficiency and the use of renewable and other alternative energies.

POLICY 8.3: 2030 CAP IMPLEMENTATION – The County shall implement the 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from community-wide sources by 50% net reduction from the 2018 baseline emissions by 2030.

Research 8.3.1: The County shall annually monitor progress towards achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions established in the 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP). The 2030 CAP monitoring shall include an update to the GHG emissions from community-wide sources. The 2030 CAP will be updated as needed if it is determined that the 2030 CAP is not achieving specified levels of GHG emissions reductions.