

ATTACHMENT 1: FINDINGS

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS:

1.1 *Consideration of the Negative Declaration and Full Disclosure*

The County Board of Supervisors has considered the Negative Declaration Case No. 14NGD-00000-00014 together with the comments received and considered during the public review process. The Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the County Board of Supervisors, was completed in compliance with CEQA, and is adequate for this proposal. On the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant impact on the environment.

1.2 *Mitigation of Project Impacts*

The County Board of Supervisors finds that in accordance with the environmental impact analysis provided in Case No. 14NGD-00000-00014, the project will not result in significant effects on the environment. Therefore, project conditions of approval which are intended to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment are not required.

1.3 *Location of Documents*

The documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Secretary of the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission, Dianne Black, Planning and Development, located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

1.4 *Environmental Reporting and Monitoring Program*

Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 requires the County to adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project which it has adopted or made a condition of approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. The proposed project would not result in significant effects on the environment and, therefore, no conditions of approval for purposes of mitigation, environmental reporting, or monitoring program are required.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS:

2.1 *Comprehensive Plan Amendment Finding*

Government Code Section 65358 requires each Comprehensive Plan Amendment to be in the public interest. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to adopt the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update is in the public's interest as it identifies current demographic and employment trends that may affect existing and future housing demand, refines programs and policies that support the State's housing goals, and addresses barriers that result in market failures and ineffective planning.

2.2 *Housing Element Eight-year Update*

Government Code Section 65588 requires that each jurisdiction update its Housing Element periodically. The 2015-2023 Housing Element Update of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive General Plan has been prepared pursuant to Government Code Sections 65358 and 65580 et seq. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65585(b), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) reviewed the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element Update and reported its findings to the County in a letter dated October 3, 2014. State HCD's letter states "The draft element addresses many statutory requirements; however, revisions will be necessary to comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The enclosed Appendix describes revisions needed to comply with State housing element law." Staff has made the revisions recommended by State HCD and adoption of the 2015-23 Housing Element Update and therefore is in compliance with Government Code Section 65588 and other relevant sections of State housing element law.