

**ATTACHMENT F: LAND USE ELEMENT RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT )  
TO THE LAND USE ELEMENT, AN ELEMENT OF THE )  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, )  
TO AMEND THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY COMMUNITY )  
PLAN, LOS ALAMOS COMMUNITY PLAN, AND )  
EASTERN GOLETA VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN )

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-\_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 1980, by Resolution No. 80-566, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara (County) adopted the Land Use Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 6, 2009, by Resolution No. 9-286, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan as an amendment to the Land Use Element; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 1994, by Resolution No. 94-96, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Alamos Community Plan as an amendment to the Land Use Element; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 15, 2011, by Resolution No. 11-128, the Board of Supervisors adopted the updated Los Alamos Community Plan as an amendment to the Land Use Element; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2015, by Resolution No. 15-278, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan as an amendment to the Land Use Element; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Planning and Development Department has proposed an Ordinance Amendment, Case No. 24ORD-00001, to revise the requirements and regulations regarding outdoor and exterior lighting within the inland portion of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan, Los Alamos Community Plan, and Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan contain development standards regulating outdoor and exterior lighting; and

**WHEREAS**, the development standards regulating outdoor and exterior lighting in the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan, Los Alamos Community Plan, and Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan would conflict and be redundant with the proposed Ordinance Amendment, Case No. 24ORD-00001, to revise the requirements and regulations regarding outdoor and exterior lighting; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now deemed in the interest of 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 Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan as follows:

- 1) Amend Development Standard DevStd VIS-SYV-1.10 of Section E, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, of Chapter IV, Resources and Constraints, to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code as follows:

***DevStd VIS-SYV-1.10:** Project entrance monuments that may be provided shall be visually compatible with surrounding development, shall be consistent with the natural character of the area, and if illuminated, shall adhere to the ~~Santa Ynez Valley Outdoor Lighting Ordinance regulations of the County Code~~. Entry monument designs shall be submitted to Planning and Development and the Board of Architectural Review for review and approval prior to issuance of a*

*building permit. Structures shall be installed prior to occupancy clearance. Planning and Development shall inspect prior to occupancy clearance.*

- 2) Amend Development Standards DevStd VIS-SYV-3.1 of Section E, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, of Chapter IV, Resources and Constraints, to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code as follows:

***DevStd VIS-SYV-3.1:*** *All new development and redevelopment in the planning area shall be subject to the requirements of the ~~Santa Ynez Valley Outdoor Lighting Ordinance~~ regulations of the County Code.*

- 3) Delete Attachment H, Outdoor Lighting Zoning Ordinance Development Standards, from the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code.

**WHEREAS**, it is now deemed in the interest of 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 Los Alamos Community Plan as follows:

- 1) Amend Development Standards DevStd VIS-LA-1.2.3 of Section F, Visual/Open Space Resources, of Chapter IV, Resources and Constraints, to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code as follows:

***DevStd VIS-LA-1.2.3:*** *All plans for new or altered buildings and structures on parcels within the Scenic Buffer Land Use Overlay that are adjacent to Highway 101, shall be subject to the following measures:*

- a. At a minimum, development of structures shall be prohibited within 50 feet of the property line, unless this precludes reasonable development. In the interest of good design, reduced setbacks may be warranted. Reduction in a setback may be allowed if it can be demonstrated to the Board of Architectural Review and/or Review Authority that a development project meets all of the following standards.*
  - 1. Project's architecture and landscape design minimizes impacts to public views.*
  - 2. Structures are designed and sited so as to be compatible with proposed landscape materials and design character of the community. Scenic Buffer setback reductions do not apply to the County's creek setback requirements.*
- b. Any structure with potential to obstruct views of the Purisima Hills or of the Solomon Hills from a public viewpoint or travel corridor shall be designed so as to preserve views of these hills to the maximum extent feasible while balancing the desire to create a visual presence.*
- c. Grading for structural improvements on slopes in excess of 20% shall be prohibited except for community infrastructure projects, (e.g. water tanks).*
- ~~*d. Outdoor lighting shall be energy efficient, fully shielded and directed toward the ground.*~~

**WHEREAS**, it is now deemed in the interest of 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 Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan as follows:

- 1) Amend Development Standard DevStd VIS-EGV-1I of Section F, Visual Resources, of Chapter IV, Environmental Resources and Constraints, to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code as follows:

*~~DevStd VIS-EGV-1I: Outdoor lighting shall comply with the outdoor lighting regulations of the County Code have the minimum number of fixtures and intensity needed for the intended purpose. Fixtures shall be fully shielded and full cut-off to prevent light trespass above the horizontal, onto adjacent properties or into sensitive areas. Direct upward light emission shall be avoided. Light levels at the property line should not exceed 0.1 foot-candles adjacent to business properties and 0.05 foot-candles at residential properties. No light trespass in rural areas or on properties with sensitive resources shall be allowed.~~*

- 2) Amend Development Standard VIS-EGV-1M of Section F, Visual Resources, of Chapter IV, Environmental Resources and Constraints, to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code as follows:

*~~DevStd VIS-EGV-1M: Lighting plans for development shall be reviewed by the BAR and these plans will, as a minimum, include information to determine compliance with outdoor lighting regulations indicate the type, location, and number of fixtures, and include "cut" sheets indicating manufacturer supplied specifications, photographs of fixtures, plots of the distribution of light levels in foot-candles on the ground at the designated mounting heights for the proposed fixtures, and a photo-simulation of the proposed night-time lighting.~~*

- 3) Delete Development Standard DevStd VIS-EGV-1O of Section F, Visual Resources, of Chapter IV, Environmental Resources and Constraints, to reflect the inclusion of comprehensive outdoor lighting regulations in the County Land Use and Development Code as follows:

*~~DevStd VIS-EGV-1O: Adopt for the Plan area the outdoor lighting regulations cited in LUDC Section 35.30.120 C – Outdoor Lighting, Mission Canyon, for the Santa Ynez Valley and Summerland Community Plan area.~~*

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan, Los Alamos Community Plan, and Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan are consistent with the County Land Use and Development Code, the unchanged portions of the Land Use Element, the County Comprehensive Plan, and the requirements of State planning, zoning, and development laws; and

**WHEREAS**, public agencies, California Native American Indian Tribes, civic, education, and other community groups, public utility companies, and citizens have been consulted on and have advised the County Planning Commission on said proposed amendments in a public hearing pursuant to Government Code §65351; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing in compliance with Government Code §65353, at which time County staff explained the proposed amendments and the Commission invited comments from the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Planning Commission, after holding duly noticed public hearings on the above described amendments to the Land Use Element, endorsed and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors said recommended amendments by resolution pursuant to Government Code §65354; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors received and considered the County Planning Commission’s recommended actions and held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by Government Code §65353, on the proposed amendments at which hearing the amendments were explained and comments invited from the public; 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 Land Use Element, as specified in this resolution, and incorporated herein by reference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** as follows:

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 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 Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan, as specified in this resolution, and incorporated 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 Land Use 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 this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all documents and other materials in accordance with this Resolution to reflect the above mentioned action by the Board of Supervisors.
5. Pursuant to the provision of Government Code §65357, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to send endorsed copies of said amendments to the planning agency of each city within this County.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLERK OF THE BOARD

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

By \_\_\_\_\_  
LAURA CAPPS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Counsel