



Green Building Program Update

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Hearing
July 1, 2014

Background

- ▶ Voluntary, free program created in 1995
- ▶ Innovative Building Review Program (IBRP)
 - ▶ Updated concurrently with Title 24 and CALGreen standards



Program Incentives

- ▶ **Development benefits**
 - ▶ Increased marketability
 - ▶ Increased comfort
 - ▶ Reduced utility bills
- ▶ Reduction in plan check fees
- ▶ Expedited plan check review process
- ▶ Resolution of Commendation



Program Updates

- ▶ Name change of program
 - ▶ Smart Build Santa Barbara (SB²)
- ▶ Two tier structure
 - ▶ Ultra Low Energy Verified
 - ▶ Exceed Title 24 by 30%
 - ▶ Zero Net Energy
 - ▶ 100% of energy use met using onsite renewables
 - ▶ Exceed Title 24 by 40%
- ▶ Updated building standards to reflect CALGreen and Title 24



Energy Element Amendment

- ▶ Remove detail regarding tiers
- ▶ Update tiers to reflect changes in building design and legislation
- ▶ Eliminate need to amend Comprehensive Plan any time staff updates Program



Recommended Actions

- ▶ Find that this amendment is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines for Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Notice of Exemption
- ▶ Make the findings for approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment, including CEQA findings
- ▶ Adopt a Resolution approving Case No. 14GPA-00000-00005 amending Policy 2.1, Policy 2.4, and Policy 6.1 of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan Energy Element

Thank You!