

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING  
AMENDMENTS TO POLICY 2.1,  
POLICY 2.4, AND POLICY 6.1  
OF THE ENERGY ELEMENT OF  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-\_\_\_\_\_**  
**CASE NO. 14GPA-00000-00005**

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

**WHEREAS**, Policy 2.1 of the Energy Element established the Innovative Building Review Program, which is a voluntary program that provides incentives to exceed California's Energy-Efficient Standards (Title 24) and implements additional energy-efficient features outside the purview of Title 24 in existing and new developments; and

**WHEREAS**, due to changes to Title 24 or the need to assure equitable application of the Innovative Building Review Program, adjustments to the Innovative Building Review Program are sometimes warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide for future flexibility in marketing of the Innovative Building Review Program, the reference to the program in the Energy Element is being revised to the more general title of "Green Building Program;"

**WHEREAS**, the County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by Section 65353 of the Government Code, on the proposed amendments, at which hearing the proposed amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.

**WHEREAS**, the County Planning Commission, after holding a duly noticed public hearing on the above described amendments to the Green Building Program, endorses and transmits to the Board of Supervisors said recommended amendments by resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 65354.

**WHEREAS**, the Board received and considered the County Planning Commission's recommended actions and held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by Section 65355 of the Government Code, on the proposed amendments, at which hearing the amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors now finds that consistent with the authority of Government Code Section 65358 is 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 follows:

**POLICY 2.1: VOLUNTARILY GOING BEYOND STATE BUILDING ENERGY STANDARDS - Establish mechanisms and incentives to encourage architects and builders to exceed the energy efficiency standards of the California Building Code (Title 24) in new and existing buildings by implementing energy efficiency measures.**

**Public Service 2.1.1:** The County shall establish ~~an Innovative Building Review Committee~~ a Green Building Committee, empowered by the County Planning & Development Director ~~Building Official~~. The ~~Innovative Buildings Review~~ committee shall be comprised of professionals with specific expertise in energy-efficient building, including the gas and electric utilities, architects, and energy specialists. The committee shall function on a voluntary basis. Its membership shall be approved by the county's Planning & Development Director ~~Building Official~~. The Committee shall provide the following services:

(a) Provide counseling to developers free of charge during the early stages of designing a development on cost effective methods to meet the Program's criteria. ~~one or more of the following targets:~~

~~TARGET 1— Exceed Title 24 standards by 20% and earn 4 energy points from the County's approved menu of additional energy efficient features;~~

~~TARGET 2— Exceed Title 24 standards by 30% and earn 12 energy points from the County's approved menu of additional energy efficient features;~~

~~TARGET 3— Exceed Title 24 standards by 40% and earn 30 energy points from the County's approved menu of additional energy efficient features.~~

(b) Review developmental plans of consenting developers, free of charge, to verify that the proposed design will meet the Program's criteria. ~~one or more of the targets listed above.~~

(c) Stamp those plans that can feasibly meet the Program's criteria ~~one or more of the targets stipulated above~~ with a Santa Barbara County ~~Innovative~~ Green Building Award.

Developers shall not be required to submit to counseling or review by the ~~Innovative Buildings Review~~ Committee; however, the county encourages developers to take full advantage of the free services listed above. As further incentive, all development plans with a *Santa Barbara County ~~Innovative Building~~ Green Building Award* from the ~~Innovative Buildings Review~~ Committee shall not be required to undergo any additional Plan Check review by the county ~~Building Official~~ Planning &

Development Director for Title 24 purposes. The *Santa Barbara County ~~Innovative Building~~ Green Building Award* will reduce the Energy Plan-Check Fee and will expedite the Building Review process by alleviating Title 24 consistency-reviews. [Cross-reference: *Energy Element*, Regulatory Incentive 6.1.7.]

The County shall evaluate the Program's criteria ~~energy-efficient targets~~ periodically to consider other innovative strategies for increasing efficient use of energy in specific projects, to assure equitable application to all participants in the program, and to assure that the criteria ~~targets~~ balances participation with energy efficiency in the program.

**Public Service 2.1.2:** The County shall promote the voluntary use of the ~~Innovative Buildings Review~~ Green Building Committee early in the planning process (e.g., including an informational sheet about the Committee with all initial permit applications, disseminate sheet at the permit zoning counter and at pre-application meetings) so that developers, architects, and home-builders may benefit from the free advice, incentives, and energy-savings.

**Public Service 2.1.3:** The County should seek an agreement with the California Energy Commission to provide technical assistance to support the ~~Innovative Building Review~~ Green Building Committee.

**POLICY 2.4: PASSIVE SOLAR DESIGNS – Encourage increased use of passive, solar design and daylighting in existing and new structures.**

**Public Service 2.4.1:** The County shall develop an informational sheet that describes passive solar designs (e.g., orientation of buildings, vegetative shading, light-colored roofs, daylighting, etc.) and other energy-efficient features. This sheet would be disseminated early in the planning process (e.g., including the sheet with all initial permit applications, disseminating at the permit zoning counter and at pre-application meetings), and the sheet should refer applicants to the ~~Innovative Buildings Review~~ Green Building Committee for further information and guidance. [Cross-reference: *Energy Element*, Policy 2.1]

**POLICY 6.1: INCENTIVE PROGRAM – The County shall prepare an Incentive Program for implementing the incentive-based policies in the Energy Element.**

**Regulatory Incentive 6.1.7:** As incentives, the County shall reduce the Energy Plan-Check Fee and expedite the Building Review process for projects that receive the pre-approval *Santa Barbara County ~~Innovative~~ Green Building Award* from the ~~Innovative Building Review~~ Green Building Committee.

**WHEREAS,** the proposed amendments are consistent with the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan and the requirements of California Planning, Zoning, and Development laws.

**WHEREAS**, public agencies, California Native American Indian Tribes, civic, education, and other community groups, public utility companies, and citizens have been provided the opportunity for involvement pursuant to Section 65351 of the Government Code.

**WHEREAS**, the County conducted consultations with Native American tribes as required by Government Code Section 65352.3 and 65352.4.

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

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. In compliance with the provisions of Section 65356 of the Government Code, the above described changes are hereby adopted as amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Energy Element.
3. Pursuant to provisions of Government Code Section 65357, the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to make the documents amending 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.
5. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 65357 the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to send endorsed copies of said maps to the planning agency of each city within this County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

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