



Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the Cuyama Solar Facility Project, APNs 149-150-029, 149-150-030, 149-150-031, 149-150-032, 149-140-076, 149-150-039, 149-140-041, 149-330-001, and 149-010-049, located south and southeast of the town of Cuyama, First District, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

- a) Make the required findings for approval of the project, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
- b) Adopt a Resolution amending: a) the County's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element (13GPA-00000-00002), allowing utility-scale solar photovoltaic facilities on up to 600 acres within the Cuyama Valley Rural Region on lands designated Agriculture II (A-II) or Agricultural Commercial (AC) and zoned Agriculture II (AG-II), with a Utility-Scale Solar Photovoltaic Facility Overlay, b) the County's Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, Cuyama Valley Rural Region, Land Use Designation Map (13GPA-00000-00001), by changing the Land Use Designation on specified portions of APN 149-140-076 from Agricultural Commercial (AC) to Agriculture II (A-II); and c) the Santa Barbara County Land Use Element Map Comp-9 by applying the Utility-Scale Solar Photovoltaic Facility Overlay to the 327-acre Project site;
- c) Adopt an Ordinance amending the County's Land Use Development Code: a) allowing utility-scale solar photovoltaic facilities on up to 600 acres within the Cuyama Valley Rural Region on lands zoned Agriculture II (AG-II), subject to discretionary approval of a Conditional Use Permit (10ORD-00000-00001); and b), rezoning four parcels (APNs 149-150-029, -030, -031 and -032) from Unlimited Agriculture (under Ordinance No. 661) to Agriculture II (AG-II-40) (10RZN-00000-00001);
- d) Adopt a Resolution and execute a final Certificate of Cancellation for Agricultural Preserve Contract (Land Conservation Contract) No. 76-AP-072 (10AGP-00000-00002);
- e) Approve a Lot Line Adjustment (10LLA-00000-00004) to adjust lines between three lots of 413.9 (APN 149-140-076), 39.71 (APN 149-150-029), and 39.80 (APN 149-150-030) gross acres to reconfigure into three lots of 247.07, 166.83, and 79.52 gross acres, respectively, on property located in the AG-II (and Unlimited Agricultural) Zone District, subject to the conditions;
- f) Adopt a Resolution and execute a replacement Agricultural Preserve Contract (Land Conservation Contract) on the remaining 1,362 acres of 76-AP-072 (13AGP-00000-00024); and
- g) Approve the Conditional Use Permit (10CUP-00000-00008) subject to the conditions. The mitigation monitoring program identified in the project EIR is included in these conditions.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY