

ATTACHMENT B

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COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING) **RESOLUTION NO. 14-_____**
TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)
THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO) **CASE NO. 14GPA-00000-00005**
POLICY 2.1, POLICY 2.4, AND POLICY 6.1)
OF THE ENERGY ELEMENT OF)
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.)

WHEREAS, on December 13th 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, 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 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, 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 Planning Commission on said proposed amendments in a public hearing pursuant to Section 65353 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, this County Planning Commission has 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. In compliance with the provisions of Section 65354 of the Government Code, this County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, following the required noticed public hearing, approve and adopt the above mentioned recommendation of this County Planning Commission, based on the findings included as Attachment A of the Planning Commission staff report, dated April 4, 2013.
3. The Planning Commission of the County of Santa Barbara has endorsed and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors said recommended change by resolution pursuant to Government Code Section 65354.
4. The Chair of this County Planning Commission is hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all maps, documents, and other materials in accordance with this resolution to show the above mentioned action by the County Planning Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this seventh day of May, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

DANIEL BLOUGH, CHAIR
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION

ATTEST:

DIANNE BLACK
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

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DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

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