

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE) **RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____**
ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN)

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the growing and urgent concerns regarding global climate change and the expanding regulatory environment, Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 09-059 adopted the County’s Climate Change Guiding Principles and supporting county efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and provided Board of Supervisor’s leadership to take immediate, cost-effective and coordinated steps to reduce the County’s collective greenhouse gas emissions.

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan identifies local governments as essential partners in achieving California’s goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has a leadership role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their regional jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management.

WHEREAS, the Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) outlines the County’s commitment and strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementation of emission reduction measures (ERMs) with the goal of achieving a GHG emission reduction target of 15% below baseline emissions by the year 2020.

WHEREAS, SB 97 amended the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to require local jurisdictions to address and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions during CEQA review, and provides the opportunity for agencies to analyze and mitigate the significant effects of greenhouse gas emissions at a programmatic level.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2015, the Board of Supervisors certified the Energy and Climate Action Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (14EIR-00000-00003) which analyzed the potential significant effects of greenhouse gas emissions and implementation of the Energy and Climate Action Plan at a programmatic level.

WHEREAS, The ECAP will serve as a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan consistent with the requirements of Section 15183.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides a process to streamline the review of GHG emissions of specific projects that are consistent with the approved ECAP.

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission, following two noticed public hearings, recommended that the Board of Supervisor receive and approve Energy and Climate Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors adopts the Energy and Climate Action Plan in acknowledgment of state and local efforts to address global climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and in the interest of the orderly development of the County and important to the preservations of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this nineteenth day of May, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

JANET WOLF, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

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DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

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