

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING)
POLICY 8.3 AND RESEARCH ACTION 8.3.1) **RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____**
AS AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE) **CASE NO. 14GPA-00000-00003**
PLAN ENERGY ELEMENT)

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 strategies to promote the efficient use of energy.

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

WHEREAS, attainment and exceedance of the GHG emission reduction target will require a continued commitment from the County to monitor progress and make plan updates when needed, continued implementation of federal and state mandates, and dedicated residents choosing to take individual actions to be a part of the solution.

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 Government Code Section 65351.

WHEREAS, the County conducted consultations with Native American tribes in compliance with Government Code Sections 65352.3 and 65352.4.

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission held two duly noticed public hearings, in compliance with Government Code Section 65353, on the proposed amendments, at which hearings the proposed amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance, and has endorsed and transmitted a written recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in compliance with Government Code Section 65354.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now finds consistent with the authority of Government Code Section 65358 that it 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 Energy Element of the County Comprehensive Plan to add as follows:

Policy 8.3: ECAP IMPLEMENTATION - The County shall implement the Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from community-wide sources by a minimum of 15% from the 2007 baseline emissions by 2020.

Research 8.3.1: Established in the ECAP, the County shall monitor progress towards achieving GHG reductions every five years. Monitoring of the County's ECAP shall include an update to the GHG emissions from community-wide sources. If it is determined that the ECAP is not achieving specified levels of GHG emission reductions, the ECAP will be updated as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The proposed amends are consistent with the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan and the requirements of California Planning, Zoning, and Development laws.
3. In compliance with the provisions of Government Code Section 65356, the above described changes are hereby adopted as amendments to the Energy Element of the County Comprehensive Plan.
4. In compliance with 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.

5. 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.

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

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