

**ATTACHMENT D: 14GPA-00000-00003 RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING TO)  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE)  
INCORPORATION OF POLICY 8.3 AND)  
RESEARCH ACTION 8.3.1 TO THE ENERGY  
ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-\_\_\_\_\_**

**CASE NO. 14GPA-00000-00003**

**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 strategies to promote the efficient use of energy; and

**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; and,

**WHEREAS**, Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 09-059 directed County staff to seek funding, including grants and rebates, to offset general fund costs of preparing the County's greenhouse gas emission reduction strategy and implementing programmatic actions that support climate protection; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Barbara was awarded \$283,000 from Southern California Edison to support the Climate Action Strategy, development of energy reach codes and County specific green building ordinance, and to facilitate linkages between emPowerSBC and an expanded Innovative Building Review Program; and,

**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; and,

**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; and,

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara County has a long tradition of environmental stewardship, specifically in promoting the preservation of agricultural land and open space, an important

component of greenhouse gas mitigation. Additionally, the County has already begun to engage in activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as projects and programs outlined in the Sustainability Action Plan, the continued development of emPowerSBC, Smart Build Santa Barbara, proposed Resource Recovery Project, and partnership in the Santa Barbara County Green Business 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 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 County Planning Commission, following a noticed public hearing, recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed amendment to the Energy Element of the County Comprehensive Plan.

The County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors make the required findings for the proposed amendment specified in Attachment A of the County Planning Commission staff report dated September 3, 2014, including CEQA findings.

The County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors certify the Energy and Climate Action Plan Update Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 20144021021) (Attachment C) for Case Nos. 14GPA-00000-00003 pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors.
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 third day of September, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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DANIEL BLOUGH, CHAIR  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
COUNTY PLANNING  
COMMISSION

ATTEST:

DIANNE BLACK  
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
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