

**ATTACHMENT E: ECAP RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING TO)                   **RESOLUTION NO. 14-\_\_\_\_\_**  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT)  
THE 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; 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**, the Climate Action Study provides a GHG emissions inventory and forecast to set the baseline for the County to reduce its collective emissions and provides options available to reduce emissions in all sectors of the economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, SB 97 amended CEQA to require local jurisdictions address and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions during CEQA review, and provides the opportunity for programmatic approach through an adopted Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, relieving individual applicants; 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.

**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 receive and approve the Energy and Climate Action Plan.
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 twenty-fifth day of August, 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  
COUNTY COUNSEL

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DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

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