

Board of Supervisors
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Attachment H, Exhibit 2

EXHIBIT 2: 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST

County of Santa Barbara

**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST
for Future Development¹**

The County of Santa Barbara 2030 Climate Action Plan establishes 2030 and 2045 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets and provides measures to establish a trajectory towards achieving those targets. The 2030 Climate Action Plan includes specific measures to achieve a GHG emissions target of 50 percent below 2018 levels by 2030. This is consistent with and exceeds California’s goal of reducing GHG emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels (per Senate Bill 32) by 2030 and provides substantial progress towards achieving the State GHG reduction goal of carbon neutrality (per Executive Order B-55-18) by 2045. The County Board of Supervisors, County staff, and community will continue to develop an approach to meet the State 2045 goal of carbon neutrality.

Over the years, the County has implemented many environmental programs. The 2030 Climate Action Plan establishes the continuation of some programs, expansion of other programs, and implementation of new programs to reduce GHG emissions.

Per the 2030 Climate Action Plan, the Santa Barbara County GHG Emissions Inventory will be updated at least every three years. In addition, the CAP will be updated every five to seven years with annual reviews of progress on implementation of specific Santa Barbara County measures and with respect to meeting emissions reduction targets.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183.5, a lead agency may determine that a project's or plan's incremental contribution to a cumulative effect is not cumulatively considerable if it complies with the requirements in a previously adopted plan or mitigation program under specified circumstances. In order for the 2030 Climate Action Plan to be considered a qualified GHG reduction strategy and provide for CEQA streamlining of GHG analysis for future development, the 2030 Climate Action Plan must identify those measures that are applicable to future development projects. The 2030 Climate Action Plan includes measures that are applicable to existing developments, municipal government operations, as well as measures to be applied to future development for public and private projects and plans. GHG reduction measures that are applicable to future development to be able to rely on the streamlined GHG analysis are summarized in the following CEQA GHG Emissions Compliance Checklist (referred to herein as the CEQA GHG Checklist). This CEQA GHG Checklist identifies applicable regulations, requirements, and monitoring and reporting required by those regulations. The purpose of the CEQA GHG Checklist is to assist with determining project or plan consistency with the 2030 Climate Action Plan and provide a streamlined review process for proposed future development projects that are subject to discretionary review and trigger environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

This CEQA GHG Checklist contains measures that are required to be implemented on a Project-by-Project and Plan-by-Plan basis to be able to rely on the streamlined GHG analysis. Implementation of these

¹ Future development refers to any project or plan that is subject to discretionary review and triggers environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

measures would ensure that future development is consistent with 2030 Climate Action Plan assumptions and that the County is making progress toward achieving the identified GHG reduction targets. Projects or plans that are consistent with the 2030 Climate Action Plan as determined through the use of this CEQA GHG Checklist may rely on the programmatic 2030 Climate Action Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) GHG emissions analysis for the respective project- and cumulative-level GHG emissions impacts analysis. Inconsistency with any of the applicable measures in this CEQA GHG Checklist would make a Plan/Project inconsistent with the overall CEQA GHG Checklist. **Projects and plans that are identified as not consistent with the 2030 Climate Action Plan through the use of this CEQA GHG Checklist must prepare a project-specific analysis of GHG emissions, including quantification of existing and projected GHG emissions compared to the County GHG emissions thresholds outlined in the CEQA GHG Emissions Thresholds and Guidance Document (2024) and incorporation of the 2030 Climate Action Plan measures in this CEQA GHG Checklist to the extent feasible.**

Cumulative GHG emissions associated with construction from a land use development project are generally orders of magnitude lower than the operational emissions from a project because construction emissions are generally short in duration compared to the project's overall lifetime, and thus can be assessed qualitatively as part of related CEQA GHG emissions analysis. However, some projects may have long construction periods or entail large quantities of cut and fill that could result in construction-related GHG emissions that may be considered significant. Thus, the County retains the discretion on a project-by-project basis to consider whether a project's construction-related GHG emissions could be cumulatively considerable and require more detailed quantitative CEQA GHG emissions analysis and respective mitigation.

This CEQA GHG Checklist may be periodically updated to incorporate new GHG reduction techniques, to comply with later amendments to the CAP, or to reflect changes in other sustainability-focused local, State, or federal laws, regulations, ordinances, and programs. At a minimum, this CEQA GHG Checklist will be updated as needed to be consistent with 2030 Climate Action Plan timing.

PROJECT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Completion of the CEQA GHG Checklist will be a requirement once it is determined if the project/plan is subject to CEQA review. The CEQA GHG Checklist is designed to assist the applicant in identifying the minimum 2030 Climate Action Plan and other applicable sustainability-focused requirements specific to a proposed project or plan. However, it may be necessary to supplement the completed CEQA GHG Checklist with supporting materials, calculations, or certifications to demonstrate compliance with 2030 Climate Action Plan and other applicable sustainability-focused requirements. If the minimum 2030 Climate Action Plan and other applicable sustainability-focused requirements are not already clearly committed to as part of the CEQA project description, the completed measure in the CEQA GHG Checklist will be included in the respective project or plan conditions of approval.

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST TABLE

Section 1: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ORDINANCE CONSISTENCY			
Regulation	Requirements	Project/Plan Compliance ²	Required Explanation ³
Comprehensive Plan	1a. Does the Project/Plan include a Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Map, or Ordinance Amendment? If “No”, proceed to Section 2 – CAP Strategies Consistency. If “Yes”, proceed to question 1b.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Comprehensive Plan	1b. Does the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Map, or Ordinance Amendment result in an equivalent or less GHG-intensive project when compared to the existing designation? Rezones involving increases in density (e.g., residential density) are an increase in GHG intensity. Rezones between non-density based zones (e.g., commercial zones) may be equivalent, but will depend on the proposed development.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

² A Project/Plan that answers “No” to any question 1.b through 9 is determined inconsistent with the CAP and must prepare a Project/Plan-specific analysis of GHG emissions compared to the GHG emissions thresholds.

³ Every question included in this checklist is required to be answered with explanation of either: 1) how it will be achieved, 2) why it will not be achieved, or 3) why it is not applicable.

Section 2: 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN MEASURES CONSISTENCY

Regulation	Requirements	Project/Plan Compliance ²	Required Explanation ³
Clean Energy			
<p>County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure CE-1)</p>	<p>2. All Project Types - Building Electrification. Will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) comply with 2030 Climate Action Plan Action CE-1.1 and be all-electric with no natural gas hookup?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No Gas Proposed.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure CE-1)</p>	<p>3. All Project Types - Carbon Free Electricity. Will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) retain Central Coast Community Energy as the energy provider or otherwise utilize 100% carbon free electricity? Southern California Edison (SCE) and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) both distribute power from Central Coast Community Energy.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Using PG&E.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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Regulation	Requirements	Project/Plan Compliance ²	Required Explanation ³
<p>County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure TR-1) & County Municipal Code (Article XVII. - Expedited Permitting Procedures for Electric Vehicle Charging Station Review)</p>	<p>4. All Project Types - EV Charging Infrastructure. Will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) meet or exceed the requirements of the California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11, (CALGreen) Tier II for EV charging infrastructure? New single-family or two-family dwellings are not required to include EV charging infrastructure. Multi-family dwellings (more than three dwellings) and non-residential project must include EV charging infrastructure based on the project size.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>EV Charging Infrastructure is proposed.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure TR-3)</p>	<p>5. All Project Types - Off-Road Equipment Electrification. Will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) commit to the use of electrified off-road landscaping equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, tractors) for ongoing operations and maintenance?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Regulation	Requirements	Project/Plan Compliance ²	Required Explanation ³
Housing & Transportation			
<p>County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure TR-2) & County Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual</p>	<p>6. All Project Types- Reduce VMT. Will the Project/Plan demonstrate consistency with the County’s Thresholds of Significance for Transportation Impacts in the County Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual by either:</p> <p>a. meeting the screening criteria for Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to not require further analysis; or</p> <p>b. resulting in a reduction in VMT?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><u>Project will generate less than 110 VMT (County screening threshold).</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure TR-2)</p>	<p>7. Large Employers - Transportation Demand Management (TDM). If the Project/Plan will have 50 or more employees, will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) provide a commuter benefit program for employees with measures (such as subsidies for employees that bike, walk, or carpool, telework policy, and/or provide free transit passes for all employees) and achieve a 50-80% telework participation rate by eligible employees able to work remotely consistent with Connected 2050 RTP/SCS?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><u>Less than 50 employees.</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Waste, Water, and Wastewater			
County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure W-1 and W-2)	<p>8. All Project Types - Residential & Commercial Landfill Diversion Rate Goal. Will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) meet current legislation and 2030 Climate Action Plan goals to properly sort and collect recyclables and organic waste, as applicable, to reduce communitywide landfilled organics 80% by 2030 and 100% by 2045 by providing dedicated space for organic waste and/or recycling receptacles? To find out your specific requirements based on project type and geographic area, please visit https://lessismore.org/organics/.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Marborg Service <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
County 2030 Climate Action Plan (Measure W-2)	<p>9. All Project Types - Residential & Commercial Organics Recycling Requirement. Will the Project/Plan (whether all new construction, remodel, or combination thereof) meet SB 1383 legislation requirements by posting education signage, as applicable, and sorting and collecting organic waste, as applicable, to achieve 0.08 tons per capita compost procurement requirements for the unincorporated County? To find out your specific requirements based on project type and geographic area, please visit https://lessismore.org/organics/.</p>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Marborg Service <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>