



MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BRIAN C. CRAWFORD, DIRECTOR

May 18, 2010

Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT: Hearing and vote on proposed Green Building Ordinance amendments to Marin County Code Title 19 (Building Code).

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Ordinance amending Marin County Code Title 19 updating the County's Green Building Standards by taking the following actions:

1. Conduct merit hearing
2. Vote to approve Ordinance

The purpose of these amendments is to incorporate minor revisions into the previously adopted Green Building Ordinance in response to comments from the California Energy Commission (CEC).

SUMMARY:

On February 9, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance amending the Building Code to update the County's green building standards. The standards apply to all new construction, additions, and remodels for residential and commercial projects. The ordinance furthers the County's sustainability goals and policies by requiring green building through the building permit review process.

The adopted Green Building Ordinance was submitted to the CEC immediately following the Board's adoption on February 9, 2010, and comments were received on March 23, 2010. CEC staff recommends five revisions to the ordinance, all reiterating that Title 24, Part 6 of the California Building Code are the minimum energy efficiency requirements that will be enforced by the County. This is consistent with the intent of the County's ordinance, which continues to utilize Title 24, Part 6 as the base energy budget for a building, but also imposes a higher standard (greater energy efficiency requirements and a lowered energy budget) on new single family dwellings, additions, and substantial remodels.

The CEC approved the revised ordinance at their regular meeting on May 5, 2010. The California Building Standards Commission is also required to review the revised ordinance, but their review is ministerial and will only verify that the Board has adopted the necessary

findings.

If the Board adopts the ordinance amendments, the Green Building Standards will take effect on June 18, 2010.

REVIEWED BY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor-Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed by:

Omar Peña
Assistant Planner

Brian C. Crawford
Agency Director

Attachments:

1. Final Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Marin County Code Title 19 (Building Code) including Exhibit A