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TO County of Ventura Planning Division

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SUBJECT Recommendation to modify language of General Plan Program COS-LL and include in the Planning Division General Plan Amendment Package for October 17, 2024.

As part of the approval of the Ventura County 2040 General Plan (General Plan), in September 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) established the Ventura County Climate Emergency Council (VCCEC). The VCCEC purpose is to research, develop, and advise the Board regarding potential subprograms and policies to implement the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the General Plan's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Strategy. In establishing the VCCEC, language in General Plan Program COS-LL (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy Enhancement Program) stated that the VCCEC's proposed subprograms and policies would result in quantifiable GHG emission reductions that further the County's progress towards achieving the 2030, 2040, and 2050 GHG reduction targets and goals established in the General Plan.

The VCCEC has now been meeting for more than three years, supported by staff from the County Executive Office - Sustainability Division. Council members discuss proposals developed by the Temporary Advisory Committees and receive presentations on their topics of interest. To date, the VCCEC has voted on and recommended four proposals for Board review and approval. More recently, the VCCEC has focused on providing input and recommendations for new subprograms and policies proposed by County departments and agencies. Accordingly, I am requesting the language in COS-LL be amended so that the VCCEC **may develop or advise on recommended subprograms** as opposed to just **shall develop recommended subprograms**. Adding **advise on** will allow the VCCEC to continue to develop proposals but also to advise on subprograms and policies recommended by other entities.

I understand from Planning Division staff that a General Plan amendment is now being prepared and is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing. Please include this requested revision of Program COS-LL in the upcoming General Plan amendment package.

Thank you for your consideration.

County of Ventura Planning Commission Hearing Case No. PL22-0041 Exhibit 7 - Sustainability Division Recommendation to Modify Language of General Plan program COS-LL
