

#### **4. Encourage Renewable Energy by Permit Streamlining – (Marie Jones)**

Recognizing that the County currently has regulatory barriers that limit the ability of businesses and residents to implement 21st century energy efficiency technology such as photovoltaic systems, electric vehicle charging stations, and water storage systems, the County shall implement a forward-thinking regulatory framework to address Climate Change at the local level, to include:

1. Develop a Programmatic Coastal Development Permit and a programmatic CEQA document to enable more cost and time efficient permitting for roof top and ground mounted solar panels, EV Charging Stations, and water storage tanks. The Programmatic CDP will set forth standard environmental mitigations for the installation of these climate positive technologies in order to enable cost effective installation. Currently, businesses and residences in the Coastal Zone must pay for individual Coastal Development Permits which can cost more than \$8,000 and they must wait for 8 to 12 months to receive approval for these permits.

##### **Tasks**

- i. **Contact North Coast office of the Coastal Commission and the County Planning Department to see if they would accept a programmatic level CDP for solar panel installation, ev Charging Stations and water storage tanks.**
  - ii. **Determine what kind of project (extent, size, location) they would be willing to consider for a programmatic CDP.**
  - iii. **Prepare sample project descriptions for each type of project, with corresponding mandatory mitigation measurements and design requirements.**
  - iv. **Provide sample project descriptions to North Coast CCC and County Building Staff. Receive comments and respond to comments.**
  - v. **Prepare staff report for programmatic CDP.**
  - vi. **Prepare and circulate CEQA document for programmatic CDP.**
  - vii. **Present to the County Planning Commission for consideration and approval.**
2. Seek funding to install one or more EV charging stations in all existing County facilities with parking lots of more than ten spaces, to bring these facilities up to current building standards.
    - i. **Research funding opportunities - identify grant for funding**
    - ii. **Research for-profit operators to see if they would be willing to install charging stations.**
    - iii. **Compare options**
    - iv. **Meet with facilities person to see if they are willing and able to implement a program to install EV charging stations.**
    - v. **Bring findings to Board of Supervisors for consideration.**

#### **[ 6 ] Build and Buy for Energy Efficiency – (Marie Jones)**

The County should maximize opportunities for energy efficiency in all county projects and purchases including: 1. all proposed County remodels and new construction projects; and 2. all major equipment of more than \$2,000. County Staff should include an energy analysis for all construction projects and equipment purchases of more than \$2,000 in all staff reports that are brought forward to the Board of Supervisors (BoS) for their consideration. The staff report should include both an analysis of the purchase costs and the operating costs related to energy use (taking into account likely rising energy costs) over the life of the construction project and/or equipment. Staff and Department Heads shall also consider energy costs when making purchases or investments which are not referred to the BoS for direction or decision.

##### **Tasks**

- a) **Prepare draft language for the County's purchasing policy to consider/require energy efficiency in all large purchases.**
- b) **Meet with finance director to discuss policy language and implementation**
- c) **Revise purchasing policy language as needed.**
- d) **Write staff report for revised purchasing policy language.**
- e) **Bring item forward to the BOS for direction and adoption.**