



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 2.4

MEETING DATE: 06/10/2025

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Jonathan Olivas

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Abraham Prado

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY-A. PRADO, DIRECTOR- PLANNING AND BUILDING

(To be heard at 9:30 AM or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)

Hold a public hearing and review the General Plan Amendment (REF250002) to implement voter approved Empower Voters to Make Land Use Decisions Initiative (Measure A, certified by County Registrar of Voters and approved by voters November 5, 2024). Participate in staff presentation and discussion of item and receive any written or oral comment. Consider approving the resolution implementing General Plan Amendment (REF250002) to implement voter approved Empower Voters to Make Land Use Decisions Initiative (Measure A, certified by County Registrar of Voters and approved by voters November 5, 2024).

SBC FILE NUMBER: 790

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025-35

AGENDA SECTION:

PUBLIC HEARING

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

This project involves a General Plan Amendment to implement the voter approved Empower Voters to Make Land Use Decisions Initiative (Measure A). Measure A was certified by the County Registrar of Voters and approved by a majority of San Benito County voters on November 5, 2024. The initiative amends the County's General Plan and County Code to require voter approval prior to any redesignation of land currently designated as Agriculture (A), Rural (R), or Rangeland (RG) to residential, commercial, or industrial uses. It also removes the Commercial Regional land use designation from four Highway 101 nodes. This General Plan Amendment formalizes these procedural and land use policy changes in the 2035 General Plan and includes edits to the Land Use, Economic Development, and Natural and Cultural Resources Elements, as shown in Exhibit B of the draft resolution. The initiative petition for

Measure A was filed on May 6, 2024, and was certified by the Registrar of Voters on May 21, 2024. The Board of Supervisors, by Resolution 2024-86, placed Measure A on the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election ballot. A majority of voters approved the measure, and election results were certified on December 3, 2024. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9100, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to process a General Plan Amendment to implement the measure's voter-approved provisions.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Resolution adopting the General Plan Amendment to implement Measure A (The Empower Voters to Make Land Use Decisions Initiative).

Staff further recommends that the Board find that the amendment does not constitute a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378 and is also exempt from CEQA as a citizen-sponsored voter initiative adopted without modification.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Presentation - General Plan Amendment re Measure A](#)

[Resolution - General Plan Amendment re Measure A](#)

[Staff Report - General Plan Amendment to Implement the Empower Voters to Make Land Use Decisions Initiative \(Measure A\)](#)

[Planning Commission Resolution - Signed](#)

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