

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Buster and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Transportation & Land Management Agency/Planning regarding the Adoption of the Order to Initiate an Amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 348 to amend all non-residential and commercial office zoning classifications to allow solar energy systems and solar power plants is taken off calendar.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on September 14, 2010 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors  
Dated: September 14, 2010  
Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

(seal)

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

AGENDA NO.  
3.37

xc: Planning

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

752A



**FROM:** TLMA - Planning Department

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 29, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Order to Initiate an Amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 348 to amend all non-residential and commercial office zoning classifications to allow solar energy systems and solar power plants.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

1. Pursuant to Board Policy A-67, order the initiation of an amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 348 to amend all non-residential and commercial office zoning classifications to allow solar energy systems and solar power plants.
2. Direct the Planning Department and County Counsel to prepare and process the amendment to Ordinance No. 348.

*[Signature of Ron Goldman]*

Ron Goldman  
Planning Director

Initials:  
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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 10,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 10,000	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	10/11

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund budget allocation for Planning Department General Plan update (100%)</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY: *[Signature of Tina Grande]*  
Tina Grande

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended, IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the criteria and guidelines are to be included in the Ordinance and that the Ordinance is to come back on September 14, 2010.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Date: August 10, 2010  
 xc: Planning, Auditor, Co.Co. *[Signature]*

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy

**Prev. Agn. Ref.** | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

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ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Departmental Concurrence

Policy  
 Policy  
 Consent  
 Consent  
 Dept't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

RE: Order to Initiate an Amendment to Riverside County Ordinance No. 348 to amend all non-residential and commercial office zoning classifications to allow solar energy systems and solar power plants.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Section 65850.5 of the Government Code and 7959.1 of the Health and Safety Code were amended to promote the implementation of consistent statewide standards to achieve the timely and cost-effective installation of solar energy systems. The State of California determined that the use of solar energy systems is not a municipal affair, as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution, but is instead a matter of statewide concern.

The intent of this ordinance amendment is to provide for the implementation of section 65850.5 of the Government Code and section 17959.1 of the Health and Safety Code by complying with the mandatory provisions of those state statutes and to advance the state policy of encouraging the installation of solar energy systems by removing obstacles to, and minimizing costs of, permitting such systems.

In conjunction with the local implementation of these consistent state standards for solar energy systems, the Planning Department continues to receive applications for solar power plants. Ordinance No. 348 does not provide appropriate development standards for County staff to review, condition, and permit these facilities in an efficient manner that recognizes the state mandate for solar power generation.

Ordinance No. 348.4705 is a proposal to amend Ordinance No. 348 to allow alternative energy facilities under two new classifications, "solar energy systems" and "solar power plants". Under the proposed ordinance amendment, a solar energy system is an allowed accessory use in all zones and is administratively reviewed by the Director of Building & Safety. A "solar energy system" is defined as an accessory use that is used to reduce onsite utility usage. A solar power plant is a facility used to generate electricity where the power plant is connected to the power grid and the electricity will primarily be used offsite. The initiation of this amendment will update Ordinance No. 348 to allow solar power plants in all non-residential and commercial office zoning classifications with the appropriate development standards.