



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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### COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BUILDING PERMIT DEPARTMENT

Date  
10/1/2012

Mr. Robert Oglesby  
Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, Ca 95814-5514

**Re: Application for Approval of the San Luis Obispo County  
Green Building Ordinance and the Building Energy Efficiency Standards**

Dear Mr. Oglesby,


Per the request of Commission Staff, we would like to express to you our firm commitment to have the County of San Luis Obispo enforce the current Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as part of the implementation of our local energy ordinance. As the Chief Building Official, I will work with my staff involved in energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards. This includes special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of the Ordinance.

On **August 21, 2012**, the Planning and Building Department staff introduced to the County of San Luis Obispo's Board of Supervisors the Green Building Ordinance and the Energy Cost Effective Study. The Board of Supervisors received the study analysis and considered the energy saving and cost effectiveness during the open public hearing on **August 28, 2012** regularly calendared business meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved the Green Building Ordinance and Study on August 28, 2012.

It is respectfully requested that the Commission approve the Green Building Ordinance which will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the County of San Luis Obispo will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6, including the following clarification of Section 19.08.040(b)(3) of the Green Building Ordinance.

"Section 19.08.040(b)(3) Rating shall be completed by a certified HERS rater or as determined by the jurisdiction. The rating shall be valid for 5 years."

County would like to clarify the "or as determined by the jurisdiction" applies to the implementation of a HERS rating and does not allow a non-HERS rater to administer the HERS rating for a home. A memo will be sent to Planning and Building Department Staff outlining the clarification of this section.

  
Cheryl Journey  
Building Official  
County of San Luis Obispo  
Planning and Building Department