

RESOLUTION NO. 2429 - 2009

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY  
ADOPTING A SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT  
AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN  
AND FINDINGS UNDER CEQA

WHEREAS, the Town Council held a duly noticed public hearing on January 28, 2009, on the proposed Sustainability Element as an amendment to the General Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission by unanimous vote at its meeting on December 17, 2008 recommended approval of a Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA and adoption of the Sustainability Element to the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council considered the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of December 17, 2008 as well as staff reports to the Town Council dated 1/15/09 and the Planning Commission dated November 25, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council had considered the proposed Sustainability Element at its meeting on October 8, 2008 and had available to it all earlier staff reports and minutes of Planning Commission meetings pertaining to the Sustainability Element, and

WHEREAS, a proposed Negative Declaration evaluating the potential impacts of the proposed General Plan Amendments was prepared, circulated and reviewed by the Town Council, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council found that the proposed amendments to the General Plan further the sustainability of the Town's environment by proposals to reduce greenhouse gases, encourage "green" building, protect water resources, protect the natural environment and educate and involve the community in these efforts, to the sustainability of protection,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Council adopts a Negative Declaration for the proposed General Plan Amendment and adopts said Amendment to the General Plan contained in the following document: "Draft Sustainability Element, Portola Valley General Plan, (12/17/08) for the following reasons:

1. The changes add new policies that are intended to affect decisions made in the future that will help sustain the environmental qualities of the town.
2. The changes will help ensure that the Town takes actions that will help reduce carbon emissions over the coming years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley on January 28, 2009.

By:   
Ann Wengert, Mayor

Attest:   
Sharon Hanlon, Town Clerk