

## **RESOLUTION 15-**

### **TO AMEND THE COCHISE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ARTICLES 1, 2, AND 3**

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 11-804 requires the County Board of Supervisors to formulate comprehensive plans for the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Cochise County re-adopted the Comprehensive Plan in 2003 and is required to re-adopt the Plan every 10 years, pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-805(M); and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Revised Statutes were revised in April of 2010 to allow Counties to extend the 10 year deadline to a firm date of July, 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Comprehensive Plan regarding renewable energy policies is mandated because Cochise County population exceeds one hundred twenty five thousand persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes are to the narrative portion of the Comprehensive Plan only and will not affect the Comprehensive Plan maps; and

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 11-805.B mandates public participation and input which resulted in the addition of elements pertaining to policies for Rural Character, Agriculture/Ranch Lands, and Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS**, amending the narrative of the Comprehensive Plan will:

- More clearly describe the elements, goals, and policies contained within the plan.
- Add new policies to protect and define agricultural/ranch lands.
- Add new policies to encourage economic development.
- Add policies to protect rural character.
- Add policies to encourage the use of renewable energy.
- Remove negative and regulatory language while reinforcing the language defining policies.
- Remove certain policies that are now included in regulatory documents.
- Policies from the Strategic Plan were added to water conservation and land use elements.
- Revise, clarify, and edit ambiguous references and language.

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan were posted on the County's website for review and comment by the public, transmitted to interested parties throughout the County and notice was published as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed narrative changes are considered a major amendment and 60-day notice was given to incorporated cities, adjacent jurisdictions and other entities as required by A.R.S. § 11-805(F); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed changes at their regular meeting of January 14, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors, at its meeting on April 23, 2015, requested certain changes to the draft Comprehensive Plan, and as required by law referred the changes to the Commission, which reviewed and recommended these changes;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, to be effective from and after June 18, 2015.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

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Patrick Call, Chairman  
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

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Arlethe G. Rios  
Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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