DATE: December 30, 2019

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
    Jeffery V. Smith M.D, J.D., County Executive

FROM: Jasneet Sharma, Director, Office of Sustainability

SUBJECT: Update on Environmental Stewardship Goal #2

During the December 19, 2019, Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation (HLUET) Committee meeting, the Committee requested that the Office of Sustainability provide clarification on the per capita energy use numbers for Environmental Stewardship Goals #2 included in the Report submitted in response to the referral from the August 27, 2019 meeting of the Board of Supervisors (Item No. 10).

As stated in the Report for ESG #2: Per capita energy use in 2018 decreased 13.6 percent compared to the 2008 baseline. The County’s per capita energy use for this goal is calculated using the entire County population, which was 1,956,579 in 2018 and 1,747,912 in 2008. The State of California Department of Finance population estimates for each year by county are used instead of U.S. Census population data.

Attachment: December 19 Report to HLUET Committee: Consideration of Options to Reduce Effects of Climate Change (ID# 99704).

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1 Environmental Stewardship Goal #2: Reduce per capita energy use by 50%