

Glossary of Terms

Funding Mechanism

Tax Incentives An aspect of a federal, state, or county's tax code designed to encourage a particular economic activity.

Government Grants Funds given by the federal, state, or local governments or government agencies for a particular purpose.

Non-Profit Organizations A not-for-profit/tax-exempt organization whose primary purpose is to assist in the promotion of specific community interests.

Public-Private Partnerships A government service or private business venture that is funded and operated through a partnership of government and one or more private sector companies.

Impact Fees A fee that is imposed by a local government on a new or proposed renewable energy development project to pay for all or a portion of the costs of providing public services to the new development.

Regulatory Controls

Land Use Plans Land use plans guide urban and rural development in the unincorporated areas of the County through policies established by the General Plan, Community Plans, and the Development Code (land use regulations).

Zoning Ordinance Local law that regulates how land can be used and identifies standards that must be met by land use type (e.g. residential, commercial). The County of San Bernardino Development Code includes the zoning requirements for the unincorporated areas of the county.

Permit An official document giving someone authorization to build a project or operate a business. Permits often include conditions of approval that require the “developer” to carry out technical studies and get additional permits or approvals from other agencies prior to, during, or post construction.

Permit Streamlining Ways to make permit processing more efficient and effective by identifying standards that must be met to receive a permit and which result in faster or simpler methods of applying for and receiving a permit.