



MEMORANDUM
COUNTY OF PLACER
Office of Economic Development

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DATE: July 24, 2007

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard E. Colwell, Chief Assistant CEO
David C. Snyder, Director 

SUBJECT: **To Adopt a Resolution of Intention to withdraw from the Sierra Planning Organization and Sierra Economic Development District effective September 30, 2007 and to ratify the action of the County Executive Office in providing written notice of that withdrawal by letter on June 29, 2007**

ACTION REQUESTED

To Adopt a Resolution of Intention to withdraw from the Sierra Planning Organization and Sierra Economic Development District effective September 30, 2007, and to ratify the action of the County Executive Office in providing written notice of that withdrawal by letter on June 29, 2007.

BACKGROUND

On July 11, 1969, Placer County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County of Nevada, County of El Dorado and County of Sierra to create a multi-county joint powers agency known as the Sierra Planning Organization (SPO), and formed the special committee incorporated as the Sierra Economic Development District (SEDD). Under the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement any member county may withdraw from membership by adoption of a resolution of intent to withdraw by its legislative body and 90 days notice of that intention to withdrawal from membership.

The Agreement also provides that such withdrawal cannot take effect until the end of the fiscal year, which for the JPA falls on September 30. For that reason, on June 29, 2007, the County Executive Office delivered a letter to the Executive Director and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the SPO providing 90-day written notice of Placer County's intention to withdraw from membership per Article VI of the JPA.

Based upon escalating costs of continued membership in the JPA, an internal review team was established and determined that it was in the best interest of the County to withdraw at this time. On June 29, 2007, a letter was sent to the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer. The attached Resolution also includes a ratification of this prior action by your Board.

Placer County and its Cities can continue to contract with the SPO/SEDD for services but will no longer have membership in the JPA or serve on the Board of Directors.

ENVIRONMENT IMPACT

None

FISCAL IMPACT

Placer County will save a minimum of \$37,507 budgeted in Fiscal Year '07-08 and a maximum of \$56,664 as requested by SPO/SEDD as a result of a new assessment.

Attachment

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SIERRA PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND SIERRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND TO RATIFY THE ACTION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN PROVIDING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THAT WITHDRAWAL BY LETTER ON JUNE 29, 2007.

Resol. No: _____

Ord No: _____

First Reading: _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 24, 2007 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, on July 11, 1969, Placer County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the County of Nevada, County of El Dorado and County of Sierra to create a multi-county joint powers agency known as the Sierra Planning Organization (SPO), and formed the special committee incorporated as the Sierra Economic Development District (SEDD); and

WHEREAS, the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement was originally entered in 1969, in response to certain federal legislation involving for economic development, which duties and functions over time Placer County has incorporated within the County Economic Development Division and bodies established by the Board, such as the Economic Development Board, and therefore, it is no longer in the best interest of the County to retain its membership in the SPO/SEDD.

WHEREAS, in the event of termination, the County and its cities can continue to contract with SPO/ SEDD for services if desirable; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2007, a letter was sent to the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer of the SPO providing 90-day written notice of Placer County's intention to withdraw from membership per Article VI of the JPA; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer hereby provides its intention to withdraw from membership in the Joint Powers Agency referred to as the Sierra Planning Organization, a multi-county agency to coordinate area wide economic development programs, created under the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, dated July 11, 1969, and amended January 22, 1974, and its intention to withdraw from membership in the Sierra Economic Development District, a non-profit corporation created under that Agreement.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the notice of this intention provided to the Sierra Planning Organization and the Sierra Economic Development District by letter from the County Executive Office on June 29, 2007.

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