

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## GRANTS AND LOANS

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Richard E. Colwell, Chief Assistant CEO–Redevelopment Director *REC Colwell*  
James LoBue, Deputy Director  
**DATE:** February 26, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Accepting as Complete Planning and Technical Assistance Studies for the Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy.

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Adopt a resolution accepting as complete Planning and Technical Assistance (PTA) studies for the Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2005, Placer County applied for two Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to conduct PTA studies. This particular grant funded two studies. The first was to develop a plan for improving and maintaining facilities, such as the gazebo, in the Marshall Square area of Newcastle. The second was for the development of a sewer improvement strategy for the Ophir area. Both studies for the Economic Development grant were conducted by the Placer County Facilities Services Department. Prior to grant closeout, the State requires that these studies be accepted by the local governing body at a noticed public hearing. A hearing was conducted for the Economic Development studies at your Board's January 8, 2008 meeting. The hearing was continued so that the Newcastle-Ophir Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) could review them. The MAC reviewed these two studies at their January 17, 2008 meeting. The Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy is now back before your Board to conclude the public hearing and to accept the reports.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There will be no impact on the General Fund. CDBG is Federal money passed through the State. Acceptance of the studies does not obligate the County to any further actions with fiscal impact.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** The environmental review of these projects was conducted as part of the grant application process. There was a Finding of Exemption from the National Environmental Policy Act as well as from the California Environmental Quality Act.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept as complete PTA studies for the Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy.

Attachment: Resolution  
Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy

cc: Karin Schwab, Deputy County Counsel

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REVIEW ONLY  
AT THE CLERK OF THE  
BOARD

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

In the matter of:

Accept as complete the Planning and Technical Assistance  
Studies of the Newcastle-Ophir Business Development  
Strategy.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, commercial revitalization is needed within the unincorporated areas of Newcastle and Ophir to ensure healthy local economic development and to provide jobs for target income residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer received a Planning and Technical Assistance Community Development Block Grant from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of conducting a Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy; and

WHEREAS, two studies for the Business Development Strategy have been completed and copies of which are on file in the office of the Placer County Redevelopment Agency; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held on January 8, 2008 and February 26, 2008 to provide citizens opportunities to comment and be informed of the completion of the Community Development Block Grant Planning and Technical Assistance (PTA) grant studies for the Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors accepts the Newcastle-Ophir Business Development Strategy Planning & Technical Assistance Studies as complete; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director, or designee, shall be authorized and directed to complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize this PTA grant.

