

MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: August 26, 2008

FROM:  KEN GREHM / BOB COSTA

SUBJECT: **SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY GRANT
FUND APPLICATION FOR WATERWAY PROTECTION EDUCATION**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing submittal of a Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Strategic Opportunity, Category 2 (SOG 2), grant application for County sponsored Water Quality Education Programs and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the SNC grant application document in accordance with grant requirements.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

In November 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act of 2006. This included \$54 million for the SNC to distribute to eligible organizations for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes, streams, their watersheds and associated land, water and other natural resources within the 25 million acres of land within the SNC's jurisdictional area. The allocation from Proposition 84 comprises the first major source of project funding for distribution by the SNC. Public Works has identified an opportunity to promote water quality education as an element of implementing its Stormwater Management Plans (SWMPs). The educational activities anticipated are also an identified goal of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant program's Education and Communication Plan. The envisioned activities and effort this grant would support include development and distribution of informational materials, newspaper and radio promotional advertising, local support of educational organizations (Placer Nature Center) and various public events focused on water quality protection. Town of Truckee is a co-applicant for this grant. Should the application be approved, an MOU will be developed to define roles and responsibilities of each jurisdiction.

The SNC requires a Resolution of approval by the governing body as part of the Strategic Opportunity grant application package.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The efforts to apply for grant funding for this project are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with County General provisions 18.36.240 Class 22, Educational or training programs involving no physical changes (CEQA Guidelines Section 15322).

FISCAL IMPACT

Placer County is requesting up to \$100,000 of educational funding to cover costs of the educational activities. If received, funding will be incorporated into the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Fiscal Budgets.

Attachments: Resolution

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY (SNC) STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM (SOG 2) UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COAST PROTECTION BOND ACT OF NOVEMBER 7, 2006 AS PASSED BY THE VOTERS IN PROPOSITION 84.

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:
Clerk of said Board

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance grants program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Public Works Department's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the SNC; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the SNC to carry out the project; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the Waterway Protection Education Project as valuable toward meeting Stormwater Management Plan goals, and protecting the quality of surface waters.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board:

1. Approves the submittal of an application for the Waterway Protection Education Project; and
2. Certifies that the Public Works Department understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and
3. Certifies that the Public Works Department will have sufficient funds to maintain education activities consistent with the long-term benefits described in support of the application; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that the Public Works Department will comply with all legal requirements as determined during the application process; and
5. Appoints the Director of Public Works, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project

