

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
by Brett Storey, Senior Management Analyst

DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Authorize the BOS Chairman to accept the grant, sign a contract between the USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and Placer County to utilize joint funds to remove biomass from authorized areas within the Lake Tahoe Basin, and approve the budget revision in the amount of \$35,000.

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND

In accordance with the BOS approved Wildfire Protection and Biomass Utilization Strategic Plan our biomass program has been implementing programs to remove biomass from areas near communities within all parts of the county. This has increased the protection of both structures and the general forestland. Over the past two years under BOS direction several thousand tons of biomass has been removed and transported to create green electrical energy. Homeowner "biomass boxes" and regional collection areas have proven to be hugely successful in our effort. This contract with the USFS is part of the next logical step in protecting our structures and the forest next to them within our county.

The BOS has previously approved funding from the HR2389 Secure Rural Schools Title III federal funding for the purpose of starting this program with the USFS in Oct of 2007. That funding coupled with funding from a grant from the Placer County Air Pollution Control District form our portion (\$40,000) of the matching funds for this program. The USFS, specifically the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, has agreed to participate and match funding up to \$35,000 which is the equivalent of the dollars that would have had to expend to burn this material in the open. Both parties believe that this is the best solution for the growing amount of biomass piles that are in our county. Once the contract is signed then staff will work with the USFS to prioritize the areas to be cleared on projects that already have been approved and work will begin in summer of 2009. A list of potential areas is contained in the contract. Many tons of pollution will be saved

from our air and water and thousands of hours of green energy will be created for residents' usage due to this project. In addition this project will add to the fire safe programs in the Tahoe Basin.

This is the beginning of a potential long term relationship to develop the annual supply of biomass for our projected biomass facility in the Tahoe. We hope to also bring this program to the Tahoe National Forest the following year should funds be available.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action. Placer County will utilize \$40,000 funding from a previously BOS 2007 approved APCD Grant and HR2389 funding to match the USFS \$35,000 grant.

Attachments

Contract with USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (on file/COB for public review)
Budget revision

BUDGET REVISION

POST DATE:

DEPT NO.	DOC TYPE	Total \$ Amount	TOTAL LINES
09	BR	70,000.00	2

- Cash Transfer Required
- Reserve Cancellation Required
- Establish Reserve Required

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ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT

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