

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
By Rui Cunha, Program Manager

DATE: September 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve five projects for funding by a portion of the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 reauthorized Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act, Title III discretionary funds in the amount of \$107,000 and approve the requisite budget revision

ACTION REQUESTED

That the Board of Supervisors approve five projects for funding by a portion of the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 reauthorized Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act, Title III discretionary funds in the amount of \$107,000 and approve the requisite budget revision.

BACKGROUND

This is the second of a two part item which required 45-day public comment period (addressed below) before completion. It was first addressed at the May 26, 2009 Board meeting, and for clarity and continuity, some information presented in May is repeated herein.

The Federal Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act was reauthorized for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 under Public Law (PL) 110-343, a law that significantly narrows the type of activities eligible for Title III funding when compared to the previous Act, PL 106-393.

Title III funds may now only be used to:

- (1) provide owners of homes in fire sensitive ecosystems with education and assistance under the Firewise Communities Program in home siting, construction and landscaping that if properly implemented can increase wildfire protection for both people and property;
- (2) reimburse a county for emergency services such as search and rescue, firefighting and other services performed on federal land; and
- (3) develop community wildfire protection plans (CWPP).

Placer County was authorized \$107,217 in Title III funds for FFY 2009. The Act authorizes further funding for Placer County of \$96,495 for FFY 2010, \$86,965 for FFY 2011 and \$26,107 for FFY 2112. The four year total of \$316,785 in Title III funding represents only 7% of the total funding reauthorized for Placer County under PL 110-343.

Recommended Use of Funds

The activities below comply with the requirements of PL 110-343 and are consistent with the Board's previously approved uses of Title III funding. In addition, these projects are consistent with Placer County's priorities as detailed in the Placer County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Strategic Plan for the Wildfire Protection and Biomass Utilization Program and the Western Slope Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) each of which were also approved by your Board.

Keeping with the narrow definition of exactly what type of projects can be supported by Title III funds, staff recommends the following five projects:

- Developing an annex to the West Slope CWPP for rural Lincoln (to include the Fowler, Thermalands, and Sheridan areas) - \$35,000
- Augmenting the 2009 defensible space inspections program with emphasis in the Meadow Vista, Applegate, Weimar areas - \$5,000
- Defraying costs for search and rescue operations on federal lands - \$10,000
- Reproducing Firewise education materials to be disseminated through all County Firesafe Councils - \$7000
- Augmenting funding for the Placer County Chipper Program - \$50,000.

45-Day Public Notice Period

Having received authorization from your Board on May 26, 2009 to proceed with the required 45-day public noticing period, staff published a legal notice to that effect in the *Auburn Journal* on July 15, 2009. Subsequent to that date, no comments from the public on any of the projects or on planned expenditure of the Title III funds in general were received by the Office of Emergency Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action. The \$107,217 Title III funding was deposited in the Forest Reserve/Title III Fund and is available to fund the programs. This budget revision adjusts expenditures and revenues in the two applicable budgets.

Attachments

Budget Revision
Proof of Publication of 45 Day Public Comment period

PAS DOCUMENT NO.

FY 2009-10

BUDGET REVISION

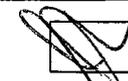
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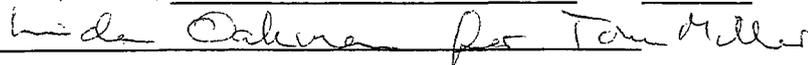
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TOTAL										107,000.00	TOTAL										191,000.00

REASON FOR REVISION: To appropriate Title III - Secure Rural School & Community Self-Determination Act Grant Funds of \$107,000 for five specified activities consistent with the Placer County Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan.

Prepared by Allison McCrossen Ext 4614
 Department Head 
 Board of Supervisors _____

Date: 8/25/09
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Budget Revision # _____ FOR INDIVIDUAL DEPT USE

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County of Placer

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Placer County. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the below mentioned matter. I am the principal clerk of **The Auburn Journal**, a newspaper of general circulation, which is printed and published in the **City of Auburn, County of Placer**. This newspaper has been judged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Placer, on the date of May 26, 1952 (Case Number 17407). The notice, of which the attached is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

July 15

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.


Signature

Dated in Auburn, California

July 15, 2009

The above space is reserved for the County Clerk's filing stamp:

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Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Placer County Board of Supervisors intends to use reauthorized Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (Public Law 110-343) Title III discretionary funds in FY2009-2010 for 5 activities costing a total of \$107,000. Members of the public are invited to make comments on all or some of the intended uses of these funds. Comments in writing, should be mailed to the Placer County Office of Emergency Services, 2988 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603 and must be post marked no later than August 29, 2009.

- The five projects for which the funds are to be used are to:
- Develop a Rural Lincoln Area (including Fowler, Thermaitids, and Sheridan areas) annex to the West Slope Community Wildfire Protection Plan - \$35,000
 - Augment the 2009 defensible space inspections program with emphasis in the Meadow Vista, Applegate, Weimar areas - \$5,000
 - Defray costs for search and rescue operations on federal lands - \$10,000
 - Reproduce and disseminate Firewise education materials through Firesafe Councils in Placer County - \$7,000
 - Provide funding for the Placer County Chipper Program - \$50,000.

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