

**PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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

DATE: August 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Final approval of projects to be funded from two different sources: Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) (total of \$47,500) and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (\$96,000) after close of 45-day public comment period during which no comments were received

ACTION REQUESTED

That your Board grant final approval for seven projects to be funded by previously allocated federal funds after a 45-day public comment period (June 14- July 30, 2010) during which time no comments from the public were received. Planned use of funds from each source is as shown:

- \$47,500 from the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389), Title III discretionary funds for biomass project management and for a funding match for an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) grant; and
- \$96,000 from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Title III discretionary funds for five projects listed below to sustain fire mitigation program oversight, provide increased wildfire protection to communities most at risk, and to cover costs incurred from search and rescue operations on Federal lands.

BACKGROUND

This is the second of a two part item which required 45-day public comment period. It was first brought forward to your Board at the June 8, 2010 Board meeting, but for clarity and continuity, the information presented in June, with the exception of detailed project descriptions, is repeated herein.

Public Laws:

The Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act HR 2389 or Public Law (PL) 106-393, was enacted by Congress in October 2000 to offset the effects of decreased revenues in rural counties caused by declining timber harvests and the decrease of income generating activities on federal lands. It provided qualifying counties (of which Placer County was one) with predictable funding for rural schools and roads for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2001 through 2006 and it was extended by Congress to include FFY 2007. However, a restriction on current spending of PL 106-393 funds is that expenses can only be on any or all (of your Board's) previously approved methods or projects. The projects listed below under PL 106-393 meet current restrictions associated with this funding.

In October, 2008, Congress enacted the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (PL 110-343) and fortunately, included in it was a reauthorization of the timber tax funded "Secure Rural Schools" program. However, when compared to PL 106-393, this law has a significantly lower level of funding and restricted funding uses. The projects listed below under PL 110-343 meet current restrictions associated with this funding.

Recommended use of funds:

PL 106-393: The Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389), Title III discretionary funds are to be used to fund two projects as shown:

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| • Biomass Program Management for FY 2010/2011 | \$37,500 |
| • Air Pollution Control District Grant Match | <u>\$10,000</u> |
| | \$47,500 |

PL 110-343: Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Title III discretionary funds are to be used to fund five projects/activities that increase the protection of people and properties from wildfires as shown:

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| • Fire Mitigation Coordinator | \$40,000 |
| • Defensible Space Inspections | \$24,000 |
| • Firewise Public Information Materials | \$ 7,000 |
| • Search & Rescue on Federal Lands | \$10,000 |
| • Chipper Program Projects | <u>\$15,000</u> |
| | \$96,000 |

45-Day Public Notice Period

Having received authorization from your Board on June 8, 2010 to proceed with the required 45-day public noticing period, staff published a legal notice to that effect in the *Sacramento Bee* for 10 days beginning on June 14, 2010. Subsequent to that date through July 30, 2010 no comments from the public were received by the Office of Emergency Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. The projects and funding will be included in the final budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Attachment

Proof of Publication of 45 Day Public Comment period

The Sacramento Bee

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**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
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**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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June 14 thru June 23, 2010

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Sacramento, California,

on **June 23, 2010**


(Signature)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Placer County Board of Supervisors intends to use reauthorized Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (HR 2389) (Public Law (PL) 106-393) Title III discretionary funds in FY 2010-2011 for two activities totaling \$47,500. In addition, the Board intends to use \$96,000 of reauthorized discretionary funds from PL 110-343, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. 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, 2968 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603 and must be post marked no later than July 30, 2010.

The funds from PL 106-393 are to be used for:

- Biomass Program Management (\$37,500)
- Grant match for an Air Pollution Control District Grant (\$10,000)

The funds from PL 110-343 are to be used for:

- Fire Mitigation Coord. (\$40,000)
- Defensible Space Inspections (\$24,000)
- Firewise Public Information Materials
- Search & Rescue on Federal Lands (\$10,000)
- Chipper Program Projects (\$15,000)

