

**PLACER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer  
by Rui Cunha, Assistant Director, Emergency Services DS

**DATE:** August 9, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Final approval of three projects to be funded from the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (total of \$35,000) and three projects from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (\$65,000) after close of a 45-day public comment period during which no comments were received

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

That your Board grant final approval for six projects to be funded by previously allocated federal funds after the 45-day, June 24-August 8, 2011 public comment period, during which no comments from the public were received. Funds are for three projects from each source:

- \$35,000 from the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Title III discretionary funds for biomass project management, a funding match for an Air Pollution Control District (APCD) grant, and an update to the Biomass strategic plan; and
- \$65,000 from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Title III discretionary funds for funding a fire mitigation coordinator, updating Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), and reimbursing costs for search and rescue 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 21, 2011 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) aka 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 Placer County 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 PL 106-393 current spending is that expenses are only allowed for your Board's previously approved methods or projects. The PL 106-393 projects listed below meet that restriction.

In October 2008, Congress enacted the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 aka 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 is markedly more restrictive. However, projects listed below under PL 110-343 meet the law’s restrictions.

Use of funds:

PL 106-393: Title III discretionary funds are to be used to fund three projects:

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| • Biomass Program Management for FY 2010/2011 | \$25,000        |
| • Air Pollution Control District Grant Match  | \$ 5,000        |
| • Biomass Strategic Plan Update               | <u>\$ 5,000</u> |
|   | <b>\$35,000</b> |

PL 110-343: Title III discretionary funds are to be used to fund three projects:

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| • Fire Mitigation Coordinator      | \$40,000        |
| • CWPP for Rural Lincoln           | \$15,000        |
| • Search & Rescue on Federal Lands | <u>\$10,000</u> |
|                                    | <b>\$65,000</b> |

**45-Day Public Notice Period**

Having received your Board’s authorization on June 21, 2011 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 June 24, 2011. Subsequent to that date, through August 8, 2011, 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 2011-2012.

**Attachment**

Proof of Publication of 45 Day Public Comment period

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

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interest ed in the above entitled matter. I am the printer and principal clerk of the publisher of The Sacramento Bee, printed and published in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California, under the date of September 26, 1994, Action No. 379071; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue thereof and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

**June 24 – July 3, 2011**

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 **July 3, 2011**.

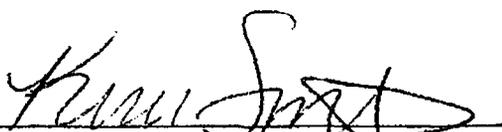
The Placer County Board of Supervisors intends to use reauthorized Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (HR 2389) (Public Law (PL) 106-393) Title III discretionary funds in FY 2010-2011 for two activities totaling \$35,000. In addition, the Board intends to use \$65,000 of reauthorized 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 August 8, 2011.

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

- Biomass Program Management (\$25,000)
- Grant match for an Air Pollution Control District Grant (\$5,000)
- Updating the Biomass strategic plan (\$5,000)

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

- Fire Mitigation Coordinator (\$40,000)
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan for rural Lincoln (\$15,000)
- Search & Rescue on Federal Lands (\$10,000)

  
(Signature)

