

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** David Boesch, County Executive Officer  
by John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager

**DATE:** October 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Approve a Budget Revision increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$64,000 from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for costs associated with development of a response plan to address potential catastrophic train derailments of oil shipments through Placer County.
2. Approve a Resolution authorizing staff to execute for and on behalf of Placer County for any actions necessary to obtain and manage the HMEP grant funds.

**BACKGROUND**

The Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005 authorizes the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) to provide assistance to public sector employees through training and planning grants to States, Territories, and Native American tribes for emergency response. The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) is the state pass-through agency for the Federal Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant funds, and makes a minimum of 75 percent of the Planning Award available to eligible applicants within the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Regions through the sub-grant process.

In July 6, 2013, a catastrophic incident occurred in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, Canada, when an unattended freight train transporting petroleum crude oil rolled down a descending grade and derailed. The subsequent fires, along with other effects of the accident, resulted in the confirmed deaths of 47 individuals. In addition, the derailment caused extensive damage to the town center, a release of hazardous materials that required substantial clean-up costs, and the evacuation of approximately 2,000 people from the surrounding area.

Placer County has seen, and will continue to see, a significant increase in oil shipments through the County due to the increase in exports from the Bakken oil field formation. As a result, the potential for dangerous incidents involving oil shipments by rail has increased not only in Placer County, but throughout California. Due to catastrophic train derailments that have occurred in other areas, the need for preparedness measures and response planning have become evident. Placer County OES recognized this need early on, applied for this grant earlier this year and has been awarded funding to develop this oil and chlorine by rail incident response plan tailored to our county.

On June 2, Placer County, in partnership with Nevada County, submitted an application for an HMEP grant to develop an emergency response plan focusing on potential train derailments involving bulk oil or other hazardous materials (hazmat). The application was approved on September 22, in the amount of \$64,000, which, when coupled with the 20% County match of \$16,000, equates to a total project budget of \$80,000.

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<u>Breakdown:</u>	<u>Estimated Cost:</u>
Personnel Costs Counties, Participating Cities & Special Districts	\$30,000
<u>Consultant Service Agreement/Contract</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total:	\$80,000

Cal OES requires a resolution by your Board authorizing specified staff to execute for and on behalf of the County for all actions related to the grant.

Based on staff responsibilities in grants and financial management involving the grant, the below listed individuals are the most appropriate to execute for and on behalf of the County. Their authorization shall be valid for the entire performance period of the grant.

- John McEldowney, Program Manager
- Young Rodriguez, Emergency Services Coordinator
- Kim M. Davis, Senior Administrative Services Officer

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the County General Fund as a result of this action. The estimated required County match of \$16,000 is included in the Emergency Services FY 2014-15 Final Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Resolution
- Budget Revision
- Grant Award Notification

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

In the matter of:

Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT AND BUDGET  
REVISION AND AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED STAFF TO  
EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF PLACER COUNTY  
FOR ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AND  
MANAGE FUNDS.**

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **OCTOBER 21, 2014** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**Attest:**

**Clerk of said Board** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS;** over the past year, oil shipments by rail have increased and will continue to increase through Placer County; and

**WHEREAS;** studies have shown an increase in catastrophic train derailments as a result of increased oil shipments in other areas; and

**WHEREAS;** Placer County, in partnership with Nevada County, applied for grant funds in the amount of \$80,000 to develop a response plan to address potential catastrophic train derailment incidents; and

**WHEREAS;** the Placer County application was approved in the amount of \$64,000 on September 22, 2014, which, when coupled with the required 20% County match of \$16,000, equals the total cost of the project; and

**WHEREAS;** the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) requires that your Board approve a resolution authorizing specified staff to execute for and on behalf of the County for all actions related to the grant, including approval of grant applications, modifying applications as needed, and processing reimbursement requests; and

**WHEREAS,** based on position and staff responsibilities of grant management, the below listed individuals are considered the most appropriate to execute for and on behalf of the County. Their authorization shall be valid for the entire performance period of the grant:

- John McEldowney, Program Manager for Emergency Services
- Young Rodriguez, Emergency Services Coordinator
- Kim Davis, Senior Administrative Services Officer, County Executive Office

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors that John McEldowney, Program Manager for Emergency Services; Young Rodriguez, Emergency Services Coordinator; and Kim M. Davis, Senior Administrative Services Officer, County Executive Office, are appropriate persons to execute for and on behalf of the County for all actions related to the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program for the entire performance period of the grant.

PAS DOCUMENT NO.

# FY 2014-15

## BUDGET REVISION

POST DATE:

DEPT NO.	DOC TYPE	Total \$ Amount	TOTAL LINES
09	BR	128,000.00	3

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

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- Auditor-Controller
- County Executive
- Board of Supervisors

### ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT

### APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT	DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT
09	006		100		992231	92231	7326			64,000.00	09	014		100		992231	92231	2555			50,000.00
											09	014		100		992231	92231	2840			14,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>											<b>TOTAL</b>										
64,000.00											64,000.00										

REASON FOR REVISION: To budget the 2014-2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant (HMEP) in Emergency Services (Appn 22310)

Prepared by Kim M. Davis Ext 4623

Department Head \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/6/14

Board of Supervisors \_\_\_\_\_

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Budget Revision # \_\_\_\_\_ FOR INDIVIDUAL DEPT USE

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**APPLICATION FORM**  
**Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant**  
**Due August 15th to Cal OES**

Applicant: <b>Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES)</b>	Date: <b>May 30, 2014</b>
Project Title: <b>Emergency Plan-Response to train derailment carrying bulk oil incident in Placer and Nevada County</b>	
Mailing Address: <b>2968 Richardson Drive Auburn, CA 95603</b>	Project Start Date: <b>November 14, 2014</b>
	Project End Date: <b>September 1, 2015</b>
Project Manager Name, Title, Phone Number, E-Mail Address: <b>John McEldowney, OES Program Manager, 530-886-5306, jmceldow@placer.ca.gov</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>  JUN 04 2014  CAL OES FIRE & RESCUE

<b>Estimated Budget</b>	
<b>Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$80,000.00 (100%)</b>
<b>HMEP Share:</b>	<b>\$64,000.00 (80%)</b>
<b>Local Match:</b>	<b>\$16,000.00 (20%)</b>

<b>Cal OES Use Only</b>
LEPC Region <b>IV</b>
Project# <b>2</b>

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**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I have read and understand the terms and conditions contained in the HMEP Guide and Application Package, and that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application and supplemental information is correct and complete.

Print Name and Signature of Authorized Agent: <b>John McEldowney</b> <i>John McEldowney</i>	Date: <b>JUNE 2, 2014</b>
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**ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS**

Print Name / Signature of LEPC Region Chair: <b>Michael Parissi</b> <i>Michael Parissi</i>	Date: <b>7-16-14</b>
Print Name / Signature of Cal OES LEPC Support Staff: <b>Dana Owens</b> <i>Dana Owens</i>	Date: <b>7-16-14</b>
Print Name / Signature of Cal OES HMEP Grant Administrator: <b>Neverley Shoemaker</b> <i>N. Shoemaker</i>	Date: <b>8/18/2014</b>
Print Name / Signature of Cal OES Hazardous Materials Section Manager: <b>Tom Campbell</b> <i>Thomas E. Campbell</i>	Date: <b>22 SEPT 14</b>