

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Environmental Health Division

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Jill Pahl, Director of Environmental Health

DATE: February 22, 2011

SUBJECT: Computer Environmental Reporting System Grant Agreement

ACTION REQUESTED:

Adopt a resolution approving a new grant with the California Environmental Protection Agency to fund implementation of the State-mandated Computer Environmental Reporting System through March 31, 2013 for \$58,866, authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the grant agreement, and all amendments and other documentation.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County is a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), certified by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control to conduct the Unified Program, which consists of hazardous waste generator and onsite treatment programs, aboveground and underground storage tank programs, Hazardous Materials Management and Business Plans and Inventory Statements, and the Risk Management and Prevention Program. Placer County is certified for all of the unincorporated areas and all the incorporated cities except for the City of Roseville. Roseville City Fire is the CUPA for incorporated Roseville areas. The California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) is a statewide, web-based system to support CUPAs in electronically collecting and reporting hazardous materials-related data as mandated by the California Health and Safety Code and 2008 legislation (AB 2286).

The law requires all regulated businesses and all CUPAs to use the Internet to file required Unified Program information now filed by paper forms. This includes facility data regarding hazardous material regulatory activities, chemical inventories, underground and aboveground storage tanks, and hazardous waste generation. It also includes data such as inspections and enforcement actions. All regulated businesses and CUPAs in the State of California must file electronically by January 1, 2013.

The grant will fund the purchase of field tablet computers and printers with Internet access to complete inspections. Personnel costs will be reimbursed for initiating the use of CERS, including training of staff and regulated businesses. Attachment A is a resolution evidencing your Board's approval of this grant for submission to the State.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total grant amount is \$58,866 for this State-mandated program, of which \$28,024 will be included in an upcoming Health and Human Services budget revision for FY 2010-11. Of the remaining amount, \$17,242 will be included in the FY 2011-12 Base Budget and \$13,600 will be included in the FY 2012-13 Base Budget. No County General Fund match is required.

The completed California Environmental Protection Agency Grant Application is on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review.

Attachments

Attachment A - Resolution

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No: _____

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

A resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of California for implementation of Computer Environmental Reporting System and authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the grant agreement, and all amendments and other documentation.

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the State of California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) has made available \$58,866 to Placer County Environmental Health Certified Unified Permitting Agency (CUPA) to implement the California Environmental Reporting System; and

WHEREAS, Placer County Environmental Health CUPA shall use these grant funds pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, division 20, chapter 6.11, section 25404 and per the grant agreement, and any amendment with Cal EPA to implement the requirements of the California Environmental Reporting System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County hereby authorizes entering into a grant agreement with Cal EPA for the California Environmental Reporting System Grant for the period from January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County hereby authorizes the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the Cal EPA grant agreement, and all amendments and other documentation for implementation of the California Environmental Reporting System.