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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
By Brett Storey, Senior Management Analyst

DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Wildfire Prevention/Biomass Utilization Draft Strategic Plan with budget projections for 5 year period.

Action Requested: Request that the BOS provide direction and/or approve the Wildfire Prevention/Biomass Utilization Draft Strategic Plan subject to budget approvals.

Background:

In April 2006 the BOS Authorized the CEO to hire a Biomass Manager to oversee and coordinate Placer County's efforts for wildfire prevention and biomass utilization. One major milestone was to present the BOS with a 5-year wildfire prevention and biomass utilization strategic plan and associated budget to implement the plan.

During 2006 and early 2007 the Wildfire Protection & Biomass Policy team has been working to develop programs to enhance Placer County's ability to prevent catastrophic wildfire and to utilize our vast renewable biomass load. A draft strategic plan has been written and will be presented to the BOS today. It outlines the county's vision, strategic and programmatic goals, and visual roadmaps of activities that are planned. The entire plan is designed to involve federal, state, and local agencies and community groups to ensure that an optimum balance of ecological and economical issues are addressed.

A two-part presentation to outline the major activities of the Strategic Plan, outside agency comments and the budget to support those plans will be presented to the BOS. A request for comments and direction to complete the Strategic Plan and a review of the budget is anticipated.

Fiscal Impact:

The advisory budget shows anticipated costs and revenues and shows an average of \$525k per year of county discretionary funding over state and federal cost share for five years.

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