

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **MARCH 20, 2007**

From: ~~JD~~ **JAMES DURFEE/ALBERT RICHIE**

Subject: **MOTHERLODE ENERGY WATCH PARTNERSHIP**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services to execute documents necessary to apply for technical assistance grants from the California Energy Commission through the Motherlode Energy Partnership.

BACKGROUND: At the request of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), on July 11, 2006, your Board adopted Resolution 2006-217 supporting the Motherlode Energy Watch Partnership. The Energy Watch Partnership stretches from Sierra County to Calaveras County and provides outreach to increase participation in energy efficiency programs based on the unique needs of the local area. Energy Watch partnerships offer a range of energy efficiency options for commercial, small business and residential customers as well as municipal facilities. PG&E works with local contractors, builders, building departments and others to install energy efficient equipment to reduce energy use.

By collaborating with local municipalities, colleges and universities, PG&E is helping to foster energy best practices. Energy program achievements will be measured and the lessons learned will be shared among the partnerships so that successful practices can be adopted by other community agencies throughout the State. PG&E's Local Government Energy Action Resources will assist other municipalities that wish to partner with PG&E in the future.

At this time, the Energy Partnership has prepared technical assistance grant applications on behalf of the County to be submitted to the California Energy Commission. These grants will fund energy audits at no cost to the County. Typically, the audit will look at items such as the rate schedule assigned to a particular account versus usage of the account, older heating and cooling systems that may create a savings if replaced by new high efficiency units, older pump motors at wastewater treatment plants and pump stations, etc. The audit will identify equipment and/or operational changes (rate schedules) that will create energy savings. In addition, quite often there are rebate programs available for replacement of new equipment with high efficiency equipment and low interest loans available if capital dollars are not readily available.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This is an administrative action and is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no initial fiscal impact associated with adoption of this Resolution. With the assistance of the Energy Partnership, the County will identify areas and projects where energy efficiencies can be gained. Any subsequent capital expenditures identified as a result of the energy audits will be brought back to your Board for funding consideration.

JD/AR

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION BY THE MOTHERLODE ENERGY WATCH PARTNERSHIP ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER

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.

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission's Energy Partnership Program provides technical assistance in identifying energy efficiency improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Facility Services to apply for technical assistance from the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, The County of Placer Board of Supervisors recognizes that the California Energy Commission has limited funds for technical assistance and that primary consideration will be given to those that are committed to implementing the recommended projects identified through the Energy Partnership Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California; that the County of Placer will seek funding, if necessary, to implement the recommended feasible energy efficiency projects identified through the Energy Partnership Program and by the County of Placer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Placer, Director of Facility Services is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the County of Placer all necessary documents in implement and carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

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