

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **AUGUST 18, 2009**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / JOEL SWIFT**

Subject: **ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT
LETTER OF INTENT**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that your Board authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the California Energy Commission confirming the County of Placer's intent to submit an application for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant program.

BACKGROUND: The California Energy Commission (CEC) is the state agency designated to manage the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The CEC will be distributing approximately \$29.7 million of these funds to small cities and counties that are not eligible for direct grants from the Department of Energy. According to the CEC, Placer County is an Eligible Applicant for at least \$606,000 of this grant funding.

On August 3, 2009, the CEC announced that it would issue a solicitation document to initiate the application process. In order to submit for the program, the County of Placer must to respond to the CEC by sending a letter to the CEC confirming its interest in applying for the EECBG monies. The CEC has requested response from Eligible Applicants by August 21, 2009 in order to determine if additional funds may be available to applicants. Upon receipt of grant instructions from the CEC, staff will develop a package of energy efficiency projects and will return to your Board with a recommendation for a proposed application for these funds.

It is requested that your Board authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the CEC, confirming the County of Placer's intent to submit an application to participate in the EECBG program.

FISCAL IMPACT: The CEC estimates the potential federal funding allocation for the County of Placer to be no less than \$606,000. The CEC is in the process of obtaining letters of intent from jurisdictions in order to determine the amount of available funding and is developing guidelines and requirements for grant applications. Once this information is made available to the County of Placer, staff will return to your board with a recommendation regarding the fiscal impact of a grant application.

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