



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: November 10, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Department, 568-3010
Contact Info: Dacé Morgan, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: **Submittal of an Application for Funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Urban Forestry Grant Program for FY 2009/2010; All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence.

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve a Resolution in support of the County's application for funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Urban Forestry Grant Program for FY 2009/2010.
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director, Scott D. McGolpin, to accept \$48,000 in Grant Funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Urban Forestry Grant Program for FY 2009/2010.

Summary Text:

The Department of Public Works is seeking Board approval of a Resolution supporting the County's application for funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CalFire) Urban Forestry Grant Program for FY 2009/2010. The Board previously approved a similar Resolution on February 17, 2009. Public Works was notified that our application was accepted and approved; however, due to the State's fiscal crisis, CalFire funding for this program was suspended by the California Department of Finance. The County's previously approved application was for FY2008/09 funds. CalFire has now notified all jurisdictions participating in this grant program that FY2009/10 funding is now available. However, a new Resolution reflecting the current fiscal year must be submitted in order to obtain the previously awarded funding. The single revision to Resolution is the date by which the County must expend grant funding (March 30, 2012 instead of March 31, 2011). This change reflects the new fiscal year from which the grant funding originates.

The Board is also requested to authorize the Director of Public Works, Scott D. McGolpin, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$48,000. This would allow the Department to expedite project implementation.

Funding from this program will allow the Department to prepare an Urban Forestry Management Plan. Existing records and data for our 15,000 street trees will be drawn together into a single, modern database. The database will include categories of information such as tree type, location, tree condition, condition of surrounding hardscape and maintenance schedules. This street tree database will then be used to evaluate current conditions of the urban forest, and prepare a Management Plan that directs the annual work plans of our Urban Forestry maintenance crew. The database will also provide the County with faster access to maintenance records, which allows the Department to respond more efficiently to claims such as damaged property due to tree roots or fallen limbs, as well as trip and fall claims.

Funding is also included for field computers, which will allow our urban foresters to access baseline information and to update the street tree database with their maintenance activities and other observations regarding the urban forest and adjacent hardscape, directly from the field.

Background:

In early 2009, CalFire issued a call for projects under the State’s Urban Forestry Program. Funding for this program is from Propositions 40 and 84, passed by the voters in 2002 and 2006, respectively. Eligible jurisdictions from across the State applied in a competitive process. The Urban Forestry Program will pay for up to 50% of the cost of the Management Plan, with local jurisdictions funding the remaining 50%. With the Boards approval of the attached Resolution, the County will qualify to receive funding in the amount of \$48,000 to be reimbursed by this grant. Existing Measure D Transportation sales tax revenue will provide the necessary matching funds, in the amount of \$48,000, to complete the project.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| CalFire | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees: | | | |
| Other: | | | \$ - |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative:

At the time the grant funding is transferred to the County, a budget revision will be completed to budget these funds.

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Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please return one original executed Resolution and a certified, stamped Minute Order to the attention of Gena Valentine Felix, Public Works Transportation Administration, 568-3064.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution in Support of an Urban Forestry Program Grant Application (2)

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