



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-12

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** February 17, 2009  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**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 2008/2009; All Supervisorial Districts**

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**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:

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 2008/2009.

**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 2008/2009. 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 schedule. This street tree database can 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 can also assist the County in having better access to maintenance records when responding to trip and fall claims, as well as damage claims surrounding tree limbs which have fallen and damaged property. Funding is also included for field computers which would allow our urban foresters to access the street tree database for baseline information on the areas where they work, and to update the database directly from the field on their maintenance activities and other observations regarding the urban forest and adjacent hardscape.

**Background:**

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 may apply 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%. If your Board approves the attached resolution, the County will submit an application in the amount of \$48,000 to be reimbursed by this grant. If the County receives an award of funding, the County's existing Measure D Transportation sales tax revenue would provide the necessary matching funds to complete the project in the amount of \$48,000.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

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

Narrative:

Should the County receive an award of funding, CalFire grant funds will be accepted and deposited into: Dept. 054, Fund 0015, Account 4339, and Program 2350.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order to the attention of Erin Maker, Public Works Traffic Section, #568-8073.

**Attachments:**

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

**Authored by:**

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c: Donna Manuel, Public Works Accounting  
c: John McGray, Roads Maintenance Manager

**ATTACHMENT A**

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING )  
THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT )  
APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ) RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE )  
PROTECTION FOR FUNDING FROM THE )  
URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM )  
ENTITLED, "AN URBAN FOREST FOR )  
EVERY CITY," AS PROVIDED THROUGH )  
PROPOSITIONS 40 AND 84 )**

**WHEREAS,** WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California, in cooperation with the California State Legislature, has enacted Propositions 40 and 84, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban forestry programs; and

**WHEREAS,** the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program, and

**WHEREAS,** said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

**WHEREAS,** the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban forestry project.

**NOW, THEREFORE** the Board of Supervisors does resolve as follows:

1. Approves the filing of an application for "PROPOSITION 40 and 84" urban forestry grant program funds.
2. Certifies that the County has or will have sufficient matching funds to complete the project.
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors are available to begin the project.
4. Certifies that the County will expend grant funds prior to March 31, 2011.
5. Appoints the Department of Public Works, Scott D. McGolpin, Director as agent of the Board of Supervisors to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County Santa, State of California, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

ATTEST:  
MICHAEL F. BROWN  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

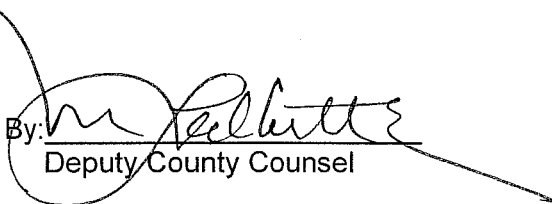
ACCEPTED AND AGREED:  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Centeno, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DENNIS A. MARSHALL,  
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING  
ROBERT W. GEIS,  
AUDITOR CONTROLLER

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

By:   
Auditor Controller