

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: March 17, 2015

Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: General Services Matthew P. Pontes, Director (805) 560-1011
Contact Info: Scott Hosking, Facilities Manager (805) 568-2533
SUBJECT: South County Energy Efficiency Partnership Second Amendment; All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management: As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Second Amendment to the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership Program with Southern California Edison; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a “project” and thus not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b) (5).

Summary Text:

The current South County Energy Efficiency Partnership (SCEEP) between the County and Southern California Edison (SCE), initiated on April 6, 2010, expired in December 2014. A signed Agreement is necessary to continue participation during the 2015-2016 funding cycle. This Agreement has been approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

SCEEP is a partnership of Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and the County of Santa Barbara. SCEEP’s objective is to make Santa Barbara’s South County a progressive leader in energy efficiency. Through local outreach events and educational resources, SCEEP provides real solutions to reducing energy use.

Background:

On August 1, 2006 the County Board approved, passed and adopted Resolution No.06-00732 supporting and endorsing the SCEEP program, and approved the County as a Program Participant with SCE. On

April 6, 2010 your board approved and executed the second agreement with the SCEEP program and the first Amendment to that agreement was passed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2013.

Since our involvement, the Partnership has provided outreach to Santa Barbara businesses in the form of training in various areas. The Partnership has also initiated several residential programs, including Holiday Light Exchange, Refrigerator and Freezer Pickup, Lamp Exchange and Compact Fluorescent Giveaways. Another SCEEP program goal is for all SCE customers in South Santa Barbara County to replace their older refrigerator or freezer with a more efficient appliance or dispose of a spare. SCEEP promotes the SCE FREE weekday refrigerator pick-up program. SCE will pick up old, working units and recycle them. SCE will also pay you \$35 for a refrigerator and \$35 for a freezer; limit two units per qualifying customer. For more information on SCEEP and how you can save energy, save money, and help protect the environment, please visit the website at www.sceep.org to learn more.

CEQA Review:

General Services has determined that this action is not a “Project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15378(b) (4): CEQA defines a “project” as an action that has the potential of resulting in either direct or indirect physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment or a commitment to a specific project as a result of board action. The request before the Board is to approve a “Government Funding Mechanism,” which is not a commitment to a specific project and therefore “no project” under CEQA.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts by being a member of the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership program.

Key Contract Risks:

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward four (4) copies of the certified Minute Order to Roy Hapeman, General Services Department.

Attachments

1. South County Energy Efficiency Partnership Amendment
2. South County Energy Efficiency Partnership 2010 Agreement
3. CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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