



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: 02/12/08
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Robert Nisbet, General Services Director
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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Energy Watch Partnership Program in the 3rd, 4th and 5th district.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution establishing an Energy Watch Partnership (“Partnership”) with Pacific Gas and Electric.

Background: Pacific Gas and Electric Company, incorporated in California in 1905, is one of the largest combination natural gas and electric utilities in the United States. There are 20,300 employees who carry out Pacific Gas and Electric company’s primary business—the transmission and delivery of energy. The company provides natural gas and electric service to approximately 14 million people throughout a 70,000 square mile service area in northern and central California. Customers include 20,833 schools, 3,239 hospitals, 20,698 high-tech companies and 768 military facilities.

PG&E’s “Energy Watch” partnerships can lead to significant energy savings for local governments and communities. The Energy Watch Partnerships throughout the PG&E service area help Californians lower their energy bills and enjoy a cleaner environment. By passing the Energy Watch Partnership resolution, the County will join forces with PG&E, along with approximately eighteen other cities, counties, and agencies, to extend the reach and effectiveness of energy efficiency programs and to provide information to the public about demand response programs and renewable energy.

The program includes no-cost energy audits of selected facilities owned or operated by the County of Santa Barbara that will identify energy-efficient project opportunities. Financial incentives are provided for identified equipment purchase and installation.

The Energy Watch Partnership with PG&E has several affable program elements that will assist the County in improving the energy efficiency of the County's facilities. These philanthropic program elements include:

Direct Installation - This includes both select energy saving devices and their installation at no cost to the County.

Direct Delivery - This includes select energy saving devices and their delivery at no cost to the County. Installation of the devices would be the responsibility of the County.

Enhanced Incentives for Retrofit Projects - For energy saving retrofit projects that would not qualify for the Direct Installation and Direct Delivery elements, PG&E is offering the County enhanced incentives to assist in offsetting the cost of these projects. The enhanced incentive rate that is being offered until December 31, 2008 is triple the amount that is being offered through PG&E's Core Incentive Program. The Enhanced Incentive Rates being offered the County for energy efficient improvements to County facilities are: \$0.15 per kwh for Lighting (Core Rate is \$0.05 per kwh), \$0.24 per kwh for Motors/Other (Core Rate is \$0.08 per kwh) and \$0.42 per kwh for HVAC (Core Rate is \$0.14 per kwh). These incentives are calculated based on the first year energy savings.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Partnership does not require any specific expenditure by the county. The Partnership does make available to the county funds for energy saving equipment that may not have been available otherwise.

To the extent energy efficiency projects are conducted on county buildings, the Partnership will have a positive impact on the operation of county facilities, likely generating savings in energy costs.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Attachments: Resolution

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING ITS) RESOLUTION NO.
SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT)
OF AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN)
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)
AND THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)

WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric Company has a successful Local Governmental Partnership Program that provides powerful financial incentives to local governments for energy efficiency in many counties throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has a long history of successfully implementing energy savings projects throughout its own facilities and earning significant rebates from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's public purpose programs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara seeks to continually improve the performance while reducing the operating costs of its many public facilities to serve its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara can earn triple incentives for such public benefit projects through 2008 by participating with Pacific Gas and Electric Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, resolved by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors that the County of Santa Barbara join Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Local Government Partnership Program through 2008 to pursue energy savings throughout county run facilities benefiting both the environment and fiscal health of the county.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Michael F. Brown
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel J. Wallace, Esq.
Acting County Counsel

By _____