



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: BOS
Board of Supervisors
Department No.: 011
For Agenda Of: July 15, 2008
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 60 min. on August 26, 2008
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: - -
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Brooks Firestone, Third District Supervisor
Joe Centeno, Fifth District Supervisor

SUBJECT: State and National Energy Crisis – Discussion

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for August 26, 2008 to discuss the energy crisis now facing the nation and take action to communicate the position of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to appropriate State and Federal officials.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to provide for the County Board of Supervisors discussion of the national energy crisis and short and long term impacts of the crisis locally. This item is presented to provide the Board an opportunity to formulate and set forth a policy position and direct staff to further research energy strategies/technologies, i.e. wind, solar, etc., and appropriate actions to ensure the long term fiscal stability and welfare of the County and its citizens.

Background:

America requires enormous amounts of energy to keep going. Each year it consumes about 25 percent of the world's primary energy (petroleum, natural gas, coal, and electric power). In addition it is anticipated that the gap between the total US energy production and demand will double in the next 20 years.

It must be recognized that continuation of the escalation of oil and gas prices due to international oil supplies shortages may precipitate a federal effort to extract county oil resources that would not be in conformity with local environmental, esthetic and economic consideration.

This agenda item, scheduled for August 26, 2008 will provide for an overview of the current energy condition at a federal, state and local level. It will also provide an overview of current County practices

and provide for discussion options available to the County to improve efficiency and availability of energy resources, systems and technologies. It will further review policy regarding the environment, sound esthetic, sensitive and economic beneficial extraction of County oil resources.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No direct impact for considering this item. However, it is likely that the economic and social consequences of the oil costs (particularly as the impact of heating oil costs in the northeast and upper north will precipitate national policy for oil production development) The County should be in a position create policies to manage the impacts and assess available revenue opportunities for all energy choices available.

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 | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Narrative:

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Attachments:

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