

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Request for \$15,000 by the Community Energy Alliance

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors: By request of the Community Energy Alliance, consider transferring \$15,000 from the 2001/2002 General Fund Contingency allotment to the Transfers to other Governments and Organizations division of the general county programs budget to help finance a Comprehensive Energy Plan.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

As detailed in the attached letter from Laurence L. Laurent, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Environmental Council on behalf of the Community Energy Alliance this expenditure would be combined with contributions from other entities to create a "Comprehensive Energy Plan" (CEP)... "In a twelve month process which will provide the blueprint for creating the region's energy self-reliance using sustainable and environmentally preferable means."

Mandates and Service Levels:

This program is not mandated.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Authorization of this expenditure will reduce the 2001/02 unrestricted contingency by \$15,000 or from the current balance of \$357,904 to \$342,904. The long-term effect is to reduce the amount available for carry-

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over from the current fiscal year to help balance the budget for fiscal year 2002/03. This transfer requires four votes as it reduces the General Fund Contingency and increases the total appropriation for the General County Programs departmental entity. It is placed on the agenda at this time since this office will be recommending no budget expansions beyond those which bring base county services back to current year service levels at budget adoption. Since the Community Energy Alliance is attempting to start its program it would seem fair that it know now if the Board is inclined to fund its request.

Attachment

cc: Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel
Jim McClure, Director Budget and Research
Laurence L. Laurent, Chief Executive Officer, Community Environmental Council