

# 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: August 2, 2011
Placement: Administrative

Estimated Tme: N/AContinued Item:  $N_0$ 

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO**: Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** General Services Bob Nisbet (560-1011)

Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)

**SUBJECT:** Southern California Edison Energy Efficiency/Climate Planning Grant

County Counsel Concurrence Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:
As to form: None

### **Recommended Actions:**

That Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Southern California Edison California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract in the amount of \$492,766 awarded to the County of Santa Barbara to support energy efficiency projects in General Services.

### **Summary Text:**

The General Services Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$492,766 to support the development of a Climate Action Plan, which is Phase 2 of the Climate Action Strategy.

This proposal is focused on activities that support Strategic Plan Goal 3, "Local governments lead by example with their own facilities and energy usage practices". Funds awarded under the grant would be apportioned between FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13. All funds must be spent by October 2012.

#### **Background:**

Resolution 09-059 directed staff "to seek funding, including grants and rebates, to offset general fund costs of preparing the County's greenhouse gas emission reduction strategy and implementing programmatic actions that support climate protection". In response, County staff pursued a competitive grant with Southern California Edison known as the Flight #5.6: Local Government Strategic Plan Strategies Solicitation.

The County of Santa Barbara has been notified that it has received \$492,766 from the solicitation. The grant has specifically been awarded for projects which seek to increase energy efficiency in the County.

By funding these activities, the County will be able to take energy efficiency to a new, broader and more comprehensive level across its municipal facilities by developing policies and initiating processes to more accurately track the energy usage in each building and assure these buildings achieve maximum efficiency. This will be done through:

- Energy benchmarking: The County will have a baseline to gauge its building energy efficiency improvements.
- Utility Manager: The County will have a system that interlinks existing operating systems with staff allowing them to make regular improvements to the way they operate the buildings, based on real-time data.
- Commissioning/Retro-commissioning: The County can ensure continuous optimized building energy performance with Commissioning and Retro-commissioning policies.
- Energy Action Plan: The County will have an Energy Action Plan to help achieve its AB 32 compliance goals and a long-term energy management guide.

Acceptance of this contract does not commit the County to adopting an Energy Action Plan. Likewise, the County would not be obligated to spend the monies awarded by the grant.

### Performance Measure:

N/A

#### Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

## **Staffing Impacts:**

This grant funding represents a total of approximately 0.3FTEs in FY 2011-12 and 0.3 FTEs in FY 2012-13. These allocations are based on the proposed 2011-2012 Scope of Work. Grant funding is task based and all funds are to be spent prior to October 2012.

Legal Positions: FTEs:
Program Manager .3

#### **Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) copy of the certified minutes order and one (1) copy of the resolution to Roy Hapeman in the General Services Department.

<u>Attachments:</u> Southern California Edison California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract with the Scope of Work.

### Authored by:

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