



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: October 20, 2009
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 10 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO, 568.3412
SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 1536

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

That the Board receives status report on Assembly Bill 1536 – Energy Resources - and provide direction to staff.

Summary Text:

On October 6, 2009, an item was placed on the administrative agenda to oppose Assembly Bill 1536 (Blakeslee). The bill was then in reference to oil and gas leases and contained specific reference to creation of and Interim Resource Management Board to consider lease applications filed with the State Lands Commission and subsequently rejected by the commission. The bill was also set to annually appropriate monies to the Department of Conservation, Parks & Recreation. In addition, \$100 million in pre-paid royalties for leases was also required to be paid to the State of California Treasury, of this \$50 million was to go to Public Health for various programs. However, given the uncertain status of the legislation, on October 6, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return on October 20th with a status report on the proposed legislation.

On October 14, 2009, the California State Senate reconvened to consider a number of pressing legislative issues. At that time, the bill author, Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee, set forth amendments to AB 1536 which substantially changed the overall context of the proposed legislation. The legislation, as currently drafted, now pertains to the distributed energy resources incentive program and contains no further reference to the provisions contained within the prior version of the bill. The bill was amended its original version.

Fiscal Analysis:

Attachments:

1. Text of AB 1536 – Amended

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