



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICE  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 20, 2019

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| Public Hearing Required   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Published Notice Required   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertised Published Notice   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Meet & Confer Required  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Electronic file(s) has been sent  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Personnel Resolution attached   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| CONTACT PERSON: Denise England    PHONE: 559-636-5000                                 |   |   |

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding with the Local Government Commission

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Local Government Commission for a CivicSpark Fellow from September 10, 2019 through September 9, 2020; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign two copies of the MOU.

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Government Commission (LGC) is a non-profit organization with a mission to build livable communities and local leadership by connecting leaders via innovative programs and opportunities. One such program is the CivicSpark Fellows (Fellows). The Fellows program, administered by the LGC as part of the federal AmeriCorps program, provides capacity-building services to local governments in California through project implementation activities. Fellows can only work on contracted and allowable service activities. CivicSpark will provide this service to local governments by conducting assessments, implementing planning or action projects, engaging volunteers, and transferring knowledge to local government staff.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Division of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning, applied for Fellows to assist them with their statewide disadvantaged community water needs assessment. The County of Tulare is the recipient of a \$3.4 million grant from DWR to implement a Disadvantaged Community IRWM Involvement (DACII) program for the Tulare-Kern

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Funding Area. The DACII program includes a water needs assessment for disadvantaged communities in the Tulare-Kern Funding Area. This needs assessment will eventually roll into the statewide needs assessment compiled by DWR.

DWR received feedback from LGC regarding their application for Fellows. The LGC requested at least one Fellow work in a region with an intense disadvantaged community population, as well as, in close proximity to a federally recognized tribe. DWR reached out to County staff to request one of their Fellows work in a Tulare County office. To that end, staff worked with DWR to interview and select a Fellow to be assigned to the Tulare County area.

LGC and DWR will bear all of the costs of the Fellow and the Fellow will spend 80% of their time working on the statewide needs assessment. The remaining 20% of the Fellow's time can be spent on the County's grant funded Tulare-Kern needs assessment at no cost to the County. The Fellow is also tasked with building networks and relationships with tribal governments and representatives, in addition to disadvantaged community agents. There is a benefit to Tulare County in this partnership both with the relationships and networks the Fellow will develop, but also with the working relationship with DWR and access to their resources.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate:

The County will be signing first.

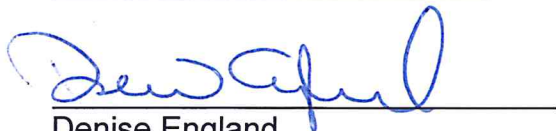
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The costs associated with participation in the MOU will be borne by the California Department of Water Resources.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public, which includes the goal of providing an adequate and safe water supply.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Denise England  
Water Resources Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s)  
MOU

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF )  
UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSION ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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