

**Resource Management
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 9, 2008

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)						
	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 733-6291						

SUBJECT: Authorization to investigate a three-year Energy Partnership with Southern California Edison

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Resource Management Agency Director or designee to investigate the potential of entering into a three-year Energy Partnership with Southern California Edison that would promote energy efficiency throughout Tulare County.
2. Direct staff to return to the Board with findings for consideration at a future date.

SUMMARY:
The proposed Energy Partnership is to be named "San Joaquin Valley Energy Leader Partnership (SJVELP)." The SJVELP will have a budget of at least \$1.7 million to carry out an outreach program for Tulare County. The City of Visalia has agreed to be the lead agency in the partnership with several other cities in Tulare County expressing interest in joining. The Partnership is a three-year program that would target energy savings between 2009 and 2011 and would be funded through the participating utilities (Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas and Pacific Gas & Electric). The purpose of SJVELP is to provide utility cost savings, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce energy usage and enhance the level of comfort in governmental and commercial buildings and homes throughout Tulare County.

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This partnership will provide general marketing and outreach to the community at large, leveraging the existing local government infrastructure to communicate and encourage participation in a wide variety of energy efficiency and demand reduction programs. The emphasis of the partnership will be to provide: audit and retrofit programs for governmental facilities, local businesses and underserved household populations including seniors, minorities, young adults and low income households; provide governmental staff training; and provide general education and information outreach to other government agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund for investigation or for any participation in Energy Partnership, should County choose to participate.

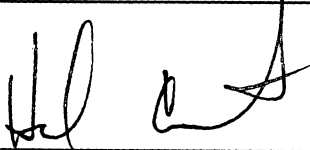
LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes Strategic Initiative 3: Quality of Life, to promote natural resource management strategies that ensure environmental preservation and economic development. Investigating participating in the Energy Partnership helps fulfill this initiative by exploring possible energy efficiency programs in Tulare County.

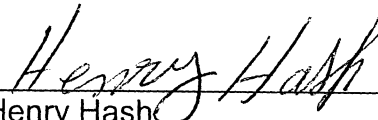
ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not investigate the Energy Partnership with Southern California Edison. Staff does not recommend this because it could preclude participation in the proposed Energy Partnership and participation in potential increased utility incentives for energy efficiency projects.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Hal Cypert,
Assistant Director – Support Services



Henry Hash,
Director

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s)

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION)
TO INVESTIGATE A THREE-YEAR)
ENERGY PARTNERSHIP WITH)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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