

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Economic Development Agency (EDA) **SUBMITTAL DATE:** August 13, 2003

SUBJECT: Norco Ranch Refrigerated Trailer Electrification Project (Project)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the agreement between EDA and Norco Ranch for the Project; and
- 2) Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Project; and
- 3) Authorize the Assistant County CEO/EDA or his designee to sign all related documents; and
- 4) Authorize EDA to submit the Project Prefix Checklist, Finance Letter, Data Sheets, Field Review Forms, Environmental Document, Right-of-Way Certification, PS&E package and PS&E certification, and Local Agency Construction Contract Administration Checklist for approval from CalTrans and the U.S Department of Transportation

BACKGROUND:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) have identified diesel trucks as a target for emissions reductions through their Carl Moyer and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant programs, respectively.

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST: \$466,000
NET COUNTY COST: \$0
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: NO
COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: NO
SOURCE OF FUNDS: EDA Administration

ANNUAL COST: \$0
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: Yes
FOR FY: 2002-2003

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE

Rhonda Krug

County Executive Officer Signature:

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

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Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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The EDA has identified a partner, Norco Ranch, with whom to apply for grant funding through these programs. Norco Ranch owns and operates several egg production, processing, and distribution facilities in the Inland Empire, including two of which are in Western Riverside County, Norco and Lakeview. The Project proposes to reduce diesel engine idling emissions from 38 refrigerated trailers at the two Riverside County locations by retrofitting the trailers with electric standby motors and installing the required plant electric infrastructure and energy management equipment.

This project will reduce diesel emissions from the trailers by allowing drivers to refrigerate their trailers using electric power versus running diesel engines while their trailers are stationed at either of the two facilities. The EDA will install standby electric motors and associated infrastructure and the new equipment will be maintained and operated by the Norco Ranch.

The proposed project budget is \$600,000 and will be funded from a variety of sources. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) has approved and set aside \$466,000 in federal gas tax funds from its CMAQ account for this project. However, prior to actually committing the funds to EDA, CalTrans and the U.S. Department of Transportation must approve the attached package. In addition, the SQAQMD and Southern California Edison with its various partners will fund the remaining \$134,000 through cash or in-kind contributions. Norco Ranch is providing in-kind support to this project by furnishing their existing trailer refrigerated units for conversion, paying for the electricity to run them, and maintaining the units. The California Air Resources Board will assist with measuring air quality impacts.

As a condition of the RCTC grant, EDA will contribute the \$466,000 up front with the grant being fully reimbursable and repaid in full to the EDA within the first quarter of 2004.