

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the update on the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project.

BACKGROUND: The Executive Office is responsible for providing updates to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis concerning the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project. On March 20, 2008 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved transmission rate incentives for the Nevada Hydro 500 Kv transmission line portion of the LEAPS project.

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Departmental Concurrence

Michael R. Shetler

Michael R. Shetler, Senior Management Analyst

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2007/2008

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Gary M. Christmas*
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County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Consent
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- Consent

Dept't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 2.1 on 6/12/07,
2.14 on 102/07, 2.4 on 1/8/08

District: 1

Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND continued:

However, the FERC commission denied other incentives that Nevada Hydro had requested on the hydroelectric power plant portion of the project. The FERC's action does not constitute authorization to build the transmission lines. Yet by granting the financial rate incentives, the commission is signaling its support for an alternative that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has cited as being a preferred alternative over the Sunrise Powerlink project. The Sunrise Powerlink project is the preferred project by San Diego Gas and Electric as it bundles solar and geothermal sources of energy with the project.

The CPUC has ranked the LEAPS "transmission-only" alternative third and the Sunrise Powerlink project sixth in the 7,500 page draft Environmental Impact Report released January 2008.

No, final recommendations or approvals have been issued by either the FERC or the CPUC.

The Executive Office will continue to work with the Planning Department on monitoring this project and report to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis.