

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2009-353, Agreeing to Participate in the Western Riverside Council of Governments' Contractual Assessment Program to Finance Distributed Generation Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency Improvements

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-353;
2. Direct staff to develop and coordinate the administration of an energy efficiency program to serve eastern Riverside County; and,
3. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or designee to execute documents necessary to facilitate the implementation of the program by WRCOG including but not limited to applying for grant funding on the County's behalf.

BACKGROUND: AB 811 was chaptered in July of 2008. It authorizes local governments to establish voluntary contractual assessment programs to fund an array of conservation and renewable energy projects for residential and commercial property owners. This legislation allows cities and counties to provide up-front low interest loans to fund improvements, provided the property owners voluntarily agree to (Continued on page 2)

Dan Martinez for

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Robert Field
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	no
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	09-10

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: no

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargeant*
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County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** all **Agenda Number:** _____

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: ~~KATHERINE A. LIND~~ 12/03/09 DATE
Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND:

a property tax assessment for the loan repayment. County staff has been researching ways to implement an AB 811 program in Riverside County and, given the varying needs of property owners, a comprehensive approach is recommended that would serve all the incorporated and unincorporated areas. Such a comprehensive approach would encourage maximum participation and enable the leveraging of resources.

In western Riverside County, the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) has been developing an AB 811 program in partnership with all of its member agencies and is seeking funding to provide loans for approximately 13,500 homes and businesses built prior to 2000. Due to the regional nature of the program, significant economies of scale can be achieved as they relate to staffing and administrative costs. As the coordinating agency, WRCOG would be responsible for all aspects of program administration. The WRCOG Frequently Asked Questions and Executive Summary are attached for reference. In order to implement this program, the County and WRCOG would need to enter into an Implementation Agreement outlining more detailed provisions of the program to be offered in the unincorporated areas of western Riverside County.

In eastern Riverside County, staff proposes that the County develop and coordinate the administration of a program to serve unincorporated areas, as well as any cities that may desire to participate in the County's program. This would allow for the same economies of scale that WRCOG would be providing in the western county area.