

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

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FROM: Fire

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Solar Power Plant Projects Impact Funding for Fire Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisor's:

1. Accept a one-time \$850,000 from Palo Verde Solar I, LLC, for fire protection/response infrastructure related to the Blythe Solar Power Project.
2. Accept an annual amount of \$375,000 from Palo Verde Solar I, LLC, for Fire's mitigation of the Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP).
3. Accept a one-time \$850,000 from Genesis Solar, LLC, for fire protection/response infrastructure related to the Genesis Solar Energy Project.
4. Accept an annual amount of \$375,000 from Genesis Solar, LLC, for Fire's mitigation of the Genesis Solar Energy Project (GSEP).
5. Authorize the Riverside County Fire Chief, or his designee, to administer all actions necessary and sign all documents related to the receipt of these funds.

Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: (continue)

John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	10/11

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: _____
Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

Consent Policy
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Buster and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: Tavaglione
 Date: January 25, 2011
 xc: [unclear] Fire \$: 00

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By:
 Deputy

Dept's Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

BACKGROUND: (continued)

California's electric utility companies are required to use renewable energy to produce 20 percent of their power by 2010 and 33 percent by 2020. A main source of renewable power will be solar energy. The California Energy Commission has approved two (2) projects located within Riverside County; the Blythe Solar Power Plant Project (BSPP) and the Genesis Solar Energy Project (GSEP). These projects will impact the area and each is providing funding to mitigate those impacts. The funding being provided by both projects is required to be utilized by the Fire Department within the impacted area.

Both projects (BSPP & GSEP) will provide one-time infrastructure funding in the amount of \$850,000 and provide an annual payment of \$375,000 to the Fire Department for the support of Fire Department staff and operations and maintenance commencing with the start of construction and continuing annually thereafter on the anniversary until the final date of power plant decommissioning.

The BSPP is to be located in the inland desert, approximately eight (8) miles west of the City of Blythe and two (2) miles north of the Interstate-10 freeway in Riverside County. The northern and western boundaries of the proposed project site abut vacant desert lands. Blythe Airport is about one (1) mile south, and irrigated agricultural lands are located approximately one (1) mile east of the proposed site. The BSPP construction is expected to occur over a total of sixty-nine (69) months. Project construction will require an average of 604 employees over the entire construction timetable.

The GSEP is to be located in eastern Riverside County, approximately twenty-five (25) miles west of the City of Blythe and approximately thirty-five (35) miles west of the California-Arizona border. The City of Desert Center is located approximately twenty-seven (27) miles west of the proposed GSEP site. The surrounding area consists of undeveloped desert land. Project construction is expected to occur over a total of thirty-seven (37) months. It will require an average of 646 employees over the entire construction timetable.

The Fire Department is not requesting a budget adjustment at this time.