

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



ITEM
3.17
(ID # 3727)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Initiation of an ordinance establishing regulations and procedures for net-energy metering by irrigation districts providing electrical power, All Districts. [\$10,000 Total - General Fund 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating a new ordinance that would establish regulations and procedures for Net-energy Metering by Irrigation Districts providing electrical power outside their boundaries in the unincorporated areas of the County; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to work with County Counsel to prepare the new ordinance, and bring it back to the Board for consideration.


ACTION: Policy


Brian Nestande 3/1/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 7, 2017
xc: E.O., Co.Co.

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:
COST	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ N/A
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 16/17	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Net-energy metering (“NEM”) is a special billing arrangement offered by electric utility providers that offers credit to customers for the full retail value of the electricity the customers generate at their own homes or businesses, whether through a photovoltaic solar energy system, a wind energy conversion system, or some other renewable energy system. Under NEM, the customer’s electric meter keeps track of how much electricity the customer consumes, and how much excess electricity is generated by the customer’s system and sent back into the electric utility grid. Typically, over a 12-month period, the customer has to pay only for the net amount of electricity used from the utility over-and-above the amount of electricity generated by the customer’s onsite energy system. The customer is also responsible for the monthly customer transmission, distribution, and meter service charges incurred by the customer.

Southern California Edison (“SCE”) is the main electric utility provider in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. SCE has a NEM program available to its customers. Pursuant to an agreement between SCE and Imperial Irrigation District (“IID”), IID is the electric utility provider in several unincorporated areas of the eastern part of the county. In February 2016, IID closed its net-energy metering program to new applicants, which left many of IID’s customers in Riverside County in limbo, including customers that had already applied for IID’s NEM program and purchased solar panels for their homes. In response to IID’s closure of its NEM program, Assembly Bill No. 2163 (2015-2016) was introduced which would have required IID to provide NEM service to all eligible customers. In August 2016, presumably in an attempt to avoid AB 2163 being enacted, IID committed to expanding its NEM program to allow additional customers. However, this expansion was only for individuals that met certain criteria and had submitted interconnection applications to IID by October 1, 2016.

Therefore, in an effort to ensure that residents in the unincorporated areas who are served by IID have the same opportunities to join a NEM program as residents in the unincorporated areas that are served by SCE. We recommend preparation of an ordinance that would establish regulations and procedures for NEM by Irrigation Districts providing electrical power outside their boundaries in the unincorporated areas. As per Water Code section 22123 which states that any irrigation district providing electric power outside of the irrigation district boundaries, as IID does in Riverside County, “shall be subject to reasonable rules, regulations, and orders of

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the governing body of the city or county area being served, but, in no event, more restrictive than the rules, regulations, and orders of the Public Utilities commission upon utilities providing electric power to cities or counties.” Furthermore, as expected growth within the IID is expected through an additional 500, high paying (\$20+), skilled jobs by end of year 2018 by the implementation of this ordinance. It is the county’s intent that the ordinance will require irrigation districts providing electric energy in the county to offer a NEM program to county residents that is as expansive but in no event more restrictive than the rules, regulations, and orders of the California Public Utilities Commission applicable to SCE for SCE’s NEM customers.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that all residents of the unincorporated areas of Riverside County have the same opportunities to participate in a NEM program.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

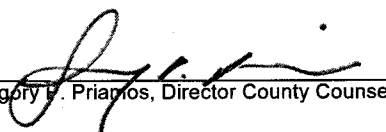
Additional Fiscal Information:

The fiscal impact to the county in preparing and adopting the new ordinance would be approximately \$10,000, mainly for staff time researching, drafting, and processing of the ordinance through adoption by the Board.

This item will not require a budget adjustment. All work can be performed within current budget allocations; therefore, no new general fund costs are necessary to develop the ordinance.


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3/1/2017


Gregory P. Priamos, Director County Counsel

3/2/2017

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Date: 3/7/17 Agenda #: 3.17

SPEAKER'S NAME: Emmanuel Martinez
(Print Name)

Address: 81-600 Avenue 58
(Only required if follow-up mail response is requested)

City: La Quinta, CA Zip: 92253

Phone #: (760) 398-5834 Email: emmartinez@iid.com

- I AM:
- The Applicant A Neighbor
- Applicant's Representative Other Interested Party

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

- I wish to speak I DO NOT wish to speak
- I wish to speak with a Media Presentation
- I YIELD my 3 minutes to the following speaker:
(Maximum 2 Yields per Speaker)

(Name)

- Position on Agenda Item:
- In Favor Neutral Opposed

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Vincent Battaglia
(Print Name)

Address: 75181 Mediterranean
(Only required if follow-up mail response is requested)

City: Palm Desert Zip: 92211

Phone #: 760-568-3413 Email: vbattaglia@renova
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