

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: CONTINUED FROM 9/11/13 AGENDA NO. 4:
COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW:

On September 11, 2013 (4), the Board of Supervisors continued the item to September 25, 2013.

On April 10, 2013 (3), the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to research and develop options for a comprehensive renewable energy plan, prepare a work plan including time and cost estimates and return to the Board within 120 days. Today's Board Letter is in response to the Board's direction and details a work plan for a comprehensive renewable energy plan including time and cost estimates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in total costs and revenue of \$370,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-14. The funding source is the General Fund fund balance. There will be no change in net General fund cost and additional staff years as a result of the recommended actions.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed project will further County, state and federal goals of utilizing alternative renewable energy resources. Facilitating renewable energy development provides alternatives for consumers, protects the environment and will help reduce the potential for energy shortages and outages which could negatively impact regional businesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive presentation on options for a Comprehensive Renewable Energy Work Plan.
2. If the Board directs staff to commence Phase One of the Renewable Energy Work Plan:
 - a. Find that implementing the Renewable Energy Work Plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15262 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is a project involving only planning studies for possible future actions that the Board has not approved, adopted or funded.
 - b. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate Phase One of the Renewable Energy Work Plan and return to the Board within 14 months of executing all required consultant service contracts.

- c. Establish appropriations of \$370,000 in the Department of Planning & Development Services, services and supplies, to fund Phase One of the Renewable Energy Plan based on Fiscal Year 2012-13 General Fund fund balance available. **(4 VOTES)**
- d. Direct the Director of Planning and Development Services to form a Renewable Energy Advisory Committee.
- e. Provide direction to staff regarding the preparation of a “pipelining” provision for discretionary renewable energy projects under review and include a provision for the Board’s consideration when staff returns with the Phase One report.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Jacob, seconded by Supervisor D. Roberts, the Board took the following action:

1. Received a presentation on options for a Comprehensive Renewable Energy Work Plan.
2. Found that implementing the Renewable Energy Work Plan is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15262 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is a project involving only planning studies for possible future actions that the Board has not approved, adopted or funded.
3. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate Phase One of the Renewable Energy Work Plan excluding 3b and 3c, and return to the Board within 14 months of executing all required consultant service contracts.
4. Established appropriations of \$300,000 in the Department of Planning & Development Services, services and supplies, to fund Phase One of the Renewable Energy Plan based on Fiscal Year 2012-13 General Fund fund balance available.
5. Directed the Director of Planning and Development Services to form a Renewable Energy Advisory Committee.
6. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a “pipelining” provision for discretionary renewable energy projects and to include a provision for the Board’s consideration when staff returns with the Phase One report; and directed that the “pipelining” provision provide that any application for a discretionary renewable energy project filed prior to new rules taking effect shall be governed by existing rules and that the new rules shall not be retroactively applied to such projects.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts, Horn

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

THOMAS J. PASTUSZKA
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By *Andrew Potter*
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