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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 26th, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: The development of a County Energy Action Plan by the Sierra Business Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Chief Information Officer to sign a participation agreement with Sierra Business Council (SBC) to prepare an Energy Action Plan (EAP).

FUNDING: Estimate 20 hours staff time required between the Planning and IGS Departments. There is no further impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: An EAP is a planning document that provides recommendations to local governments on ways to reduce energy use in a community. It is a plan that can help address multiple state-mandated issues that the County will need to address including those related to climate change, greenhouse gases, and other climate protection initiatives. The program is funded by California utility ratepayers and is administered by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The SBC has assisted several local government agencies including Sierra and Placer Counties, Nevada City and the City of Grass Valley in the preparation of EAPs. SBC will provide a presentation on the program and the contents of an EAP at the Board meeting. Staff is in general support of the plan's concept and believes it will provide some useful information that can be incorporated into future planning documents such as the County's Housing Element and pending Facilities Energy Plan update to reflect the post solar and energy project impacts. It is important to understand that the plan will need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors and any objectives or implementation programs will be fully vetted prior to adoption.

Agreement attached.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Steve Monaghan

Submittal Date: May 30th, 2018

Revision Date: