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Board of Supervisors
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**Re: Consideration of Resolution Establishing the El Dorado County Federal Coordination
Advisory Committee**

Honorable Supervisors:

Recommendation:

County Counsel recommends that the Board consider for adoption the attached Resolution establishing the El Dorado County Federal Coordination Advisory Committee.

Reasons for Recommendation:

On June 12, 2012, the Board directed County Counsel and staff to work on establishment of an advisory committee to advise the Board on matters related to federal coordination. In developing the resolution, we worked with Supervisor Nutting, Tim Roffe, Shawna Purvines and Mike Applegarth. Much of the resolution is standard. We recommend you focus on three aspects of the resolution: (1) the Purpose and Duties of the Committee (Section 2); (2) the composition of the Committee (Section 3(a)); and, the manner of appointment (Section 3(b)).

As to the Purpose and Duties of the Committee, we made it clear that it is advisory to the Board. We did give them the right to meet with federal officials for information gathering purposes with advance approval from the Board. Similarly, in meeting with federal officials Committee members are to gather information only and not state positions of the County, unless authorized in advance by the Board.

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As far as Committee membership goes, the Committee consists of twelve members, each selected from one of a list of specialties or interests. The Board should determine if that is the correct size for the Committee and whether the list of specialties is appropriate.

The resolution provides for selection of Committee members to be made by the full Board rather than by nomination of Supervisors from each district. It seemed somewhat problematic with each Committee member to be selected from the list of specialties to have it done by each individual Board members given the likelihood of conflicts among the different specialties. This manner of appointment (by the Board as a whole) is the same as is used for the Agricultural Commission whose members are also appointed from categories of specialties or interests. I know there are Supervisors who prefer to have individuals appointed by district. Staff would be happy to take any direction the Board wishes to give.

Fiscal Impact:

None, due to the establishment of the Committee.

Actions to be Taken After Approval:

Staff will post the availability of positions on the Committee in accordance with law.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the Board might have.

Respectfully submitted,



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Att.

Cc: Tim Roffe

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