

Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the annual Agreements with the El Dorado County Resource Conservation District and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District pending County Counsel and Risk Management review and approval in the amount of \$77,363 each for a total cost of \$154,726 for a term to expire June 30, 2016 to identify responsibilities and establish areas of cooperative effort for all parties regarding erosion, sediment control and watershed management.

FUNDING: General Fund.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

The attached agreements cover the contributions to the RCDs for FY 2015-16. Historically the funding for these contracts has been increased each year based on the County's General Fund change in assessed value. The FY 2015-16 contribution is based on growth of 4.8%. The recommended funding level for the RCD agreements is set at the prior year base level (\$73,819 for each district) increased by the change in assessed value 4.8% or \$3,544 per disrict.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Before Proposition 13 was enacted, State legislation through Division 9 of the Public Resources Code gave RCD's the option of regular assessments to contribute to the support of the RCD's programs. This assessment was limited to two-cents (\$.02) on each hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of land within the RCD's boundaries. During the 1960's the RCD's were requested by the then Board of Supervisors to relinquish this capability and be funded by the Board of Supervisors. The RCD's agreed to continue on this basis, rather than divert a share of taxes after Proposition 13. Each year, the RCD's bring forth an annual agreement with a budget based on the percentage change of the prior year's general fund growth in assessed property valuation. This annual contribution supports the districts' programs.

The El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) have submitted their annual agreements for consideration and approval by the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of the annual agreements is to identify responsibilities and establish areas of cooperative effort for all parties regarding erosion and sediment control and watershed management. The RCDs have played an important role in the project review process and have been instrumental in assisting the County in the development of erosion and sediment control measures and policies.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION

The Chief Administrative Office recommends the Board approve and authorize the chair to sign the attached agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The FY 2015-16 amount of \$154,726 is included in the Recommended budget funded with General Fund.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Upon execution by the Chair, the Board Clerk's office will forward copies to the Chief Administrative Office for distribution and administration by the Chief Administrator's Office and Development Services Department.

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