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Legislation Text

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Agriculture, Weights and Measures Department recommending Chairman be authorized to sign an Agreement with the County of Placer in the amount of \$20,000 to participate in making a one time contribution for the joint purchase of a new weight truck to be used by the Counties of Placer, El Dorado and Amador; and recommending Budget Transfer 29088 for same.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve.

FUNDING: General Fund included in Fiscal Year 200820-09 budget.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No change to net County cost. Funding is included in the Departments budget for repairs to exiting weight truck to retrofit the Diesel Particulate Trap.

Background: The Department currently uses a 1990 International Medium Capacity Weight Truck that is mandated by California Air Resources Board Regulations to be retrofitted with a Diesel Particulate Trap prior to December 2009. Preliminary estimates for the kit with installation by A to Z Services (Contracted through Department of Transportation) will cost the Department \$21,488 (\$20,000 has been budgeted). The age, rapid decline in value and high cost of maintenance each year coupled with the additional cost of the mandated particulate trap makes it extremely difficult to justify the overall expenditure by the Department on a vehicle that will require replacement in the very near future. The total amount of inspections we are mandated to perform does not justify the purchase of a new Medium Capacity Weight Truck solely for our use.

Reason for Recommendation: The Department currently has rental agreements with Placer County and Amador County which allows both counties to use our medium capacity weight truck, equipped with hoist, motorized weight cart, and (10) 1,000 pound certified weights. Each county currently uses the weight truck an average of four to six weeks per year for the specialized testing/inspecting of commercially used vehicle, winery, livestock and large capacity shipping and receiving scales.

Placer County's Board of Supervisors has approved partial funding for the purchase of a new weight truck by their Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures. Enough funding for the new weight truck will be available with the additional El Dorado County contribution of \$20,000. To complete the functionality of the new truck without additional expense, the use of our (14) 1000 lb certified weights and motorized weight cart will be included in the agreement. The participating counties will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the use of the new weight truck whenever necessary each year.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

1. Chairman to sign two (2) Agreements and return to Department.
2. Department will distribute Agreement to Placer County for signatures and upon completion will return one fully executed Agreement to the Board Clerks office.
3. Board Chaiman will sign Budget Transfer to reallocate Appropriations in Contributions to

Non-Governmental Agencies from Maintenance Vehicle and forwarded to the Auditor
Controllers Office for posting to FY 08/09 Budget.

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Concurrences: County Counsel, Chief Administrative Office & Risk Management .