



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Environmental Management Department recommending Chairman be authorized to sign Agreement 08-027-250 with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$118,700 for the term July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to allow said Department to provide services for the Local Oversight Program related to underground storage tank contamination monitoring, remediation activities and site closure.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve.

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$118,700
Funding		
Budgeted	\$118,700	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: There is no change in Net County Cost. The State of California will provide quarterly reimbursement for the implementation and continuation of this program. This funding has been included in the FY 2008-09 proposed budget.

Background: In the State of California the abatement activities and regulatory oversight of petroleum products released from underground storage tanks is funded by a \$0.01/gallon tax on motor vehicle fuels. In 38 of California's 58 Counties, regulatory oversight is provided by the various California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CRWQCB). In 20 Counties the cleanup oversight of contaminated underground storage tanks is administered by local governments. Programs administered by local agencies are known as Local Oversight Programs (LOP). Under annual, renewable contracts between the State and LOP agencies, fuel tax revenues are transferred to the local agencies for program implementation. The LOP staff work directly with property owners, business operators and third parties to remediate the effects of petroleum releases. There are 50 sites in El Dorado County where groundwater has been contaminated with motor vehicle fuel that are currently implementing remediation activities.

Reason for Recommendation: In 2006, the Environmental Management Department (EMD) had a personnel allocation change to add a Registered Professional Geologist. One of the program

requirements of the LOP program is to have a professional geologist or engineer on staff. Since the addition of the Registered Professional Geologist, EMD has been in contact with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to determine the feasibility of implementing the LOP in El Dorado County. The SWRCB and EMD concur that local oversight will result in remediation activities occurring in a more timely fashion, improve water quality impacts and reduce overall program costs.

The LOP program is closely tied to the hazardous materials, underground storage tank and contaminated soil remediation programs EMD has implemented for over 20 years. If this agreement is approved, EMD will assume local oversight authority for 30 of the 50 EDC contaminated underground storage tank sites. The Central Valley Region Water Quality Control Board will continue oversight of 14 severely contaminated underground storage tank sites. The Lahontan Region Water Quality Control Board will continue oversight of 6 sites severely contaminated underground storage tank sites.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Forward Agreement to the Department for processing.

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Concurrences: