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Legislation Text

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Environmental Management Department recommending the Board authorize Chair to sign Resolution and Agreement 10-002-250 with the State of California State Water Resources Control Board, in the amount of \$83,000 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 to provide services for the Local Oversight Program.

Resolution 040-2010

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$83,000
Funding		
Budgeted	\$	
New Funding	\$83,000	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$83,000	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

Revenue will be appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Recommended Budget. Revenue is generated from the California State Water Resources Control Board and there is no increase to Net County Cost.

Background:

In the State of California, petroleum underground storage tank (UST) release abatement activities and regulatory oversight are funded by a \$.01/gallon tax on motor vehicle fuels. In 36 California Counties, regulatory oversight is provided by the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards (CRWQCB). In 22 Counties, regulatory oversight is provided by local government agencies. 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 47 sites in El Dorado County that are currently implementing groundwater remediation activities. Since the conception of this program, the Environmental Management Department (EMD) has closed seven (7) contaminated sites.

Reason for Recommendation:

In 2006, the Environmental Management Department hired a Registered Professional Geologist. By having a Registered Professional Geologist on staff, EMD was able to contract with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to implement the LOP for Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-2010.

The SWRCB and EMD concur that continued local oversight for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 will result in expedited remediation activities, reducing water quality impacts and overall program costs. The LOP 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 continue to assume local oversight authority for 25 of the 47 EDC contaminated UST sites. The Central Valley Region Water Quality Control Board will continue oversight of nine (9) severely contaminated UST sites. The Lahontan Region Water Quality Control Board will continue oversight of 13 severely contaminated UST sites.

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

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Concurrences: County Counsel and Risk Management