



County of El Dorado

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Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign the annual Agreements with the El Dorado County Resource Conservation District and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District, in the amount of \$74,422 each for a term to expire June 30, 2012 to identify responsibilities and establish areas of cooperative effort for all parties regarding erosion, sediment control, and watershed management.

FUNDING: General Fund.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Total Estimated Cost \$148,844

Funding

Budgeted \$148,844

New Funding \$

Savings \$

Other \$

Total Funding Available \$148,844

Change To Net County Cost \$0

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:

Funding of \$148,844 for the contracts is included in the Recommended FY 2011-12 budget in Department 15 as a General Fund net county cost.

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.

Reason for Recommendation:

Staff has reviewed the agreements and has found them to be consistent with the County's program for resource management. Historically the funding for these contracts has been increased each year based on the County's General Fund increase in assessed value. This is the second year that the County experienced negative growth. The recommended funding level for the RCD agreements is set at the prior year base level (\$78,857.50 for each district) decreased by the change in assessed value (5.96%) or \$4,435.50 per district.

Action to be taken following Board approval:

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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Concurrences: County Counsel and Risk Management