



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Environmental Management Department recommending the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of said Department to execute Agreement 11-003-250 with the State of California Water Resources Control Board, in the amount of \$96,337 for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 to provide services for the Local Oversight Program.

**FUNDING:** California State Water Resources Control Board.

### Resolution 091-2011

BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$
Funding		
Budgeted	\$ 96,337	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$ 96,337	
Change To Net County Cost		\$0.00

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: Revenue is generated from the California State Water Resources Control Board; there is no change to Net County Cost. Revenue will be appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Recommended Budget.

**Background:** In the State of California, petroleum underground storage tank (UST) release abatement activities and regulatory oversight are funded by a \$.02/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 44 sites in El Dorado County that are currently implementing groundwater remediation activities - the County LOP provides oversight for 23 of them. The Central Valley Region Water Quality Control Board provides oversight of 8 severely contaminated UST sites, and The Lahontan Region Water Quality Control Board provides oversight for the other 13 of the severely contaminated UST sites.

In 2006, the Environmental Management Department (EMD) hired a Registered Professional Geologist. With 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, 2009-2010 and 2010-11. The SWRCB and EMD concur that continued local oversight for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 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 Resolution is adopted, EMD will continue to assume local oversight authority for 23 of the 44 EDC contaminated UST sites.

**Reason for Recommendation:** The Environmental Management Department (EMD) is seeking authorization to execute Agreement 11-003-250 (Attachment B) with the State of California State Water Resources Control Board to continue to provide Local Oversight Program services for petroleum underground storage tank release abatement activities and regulatory oversight.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Forward executed resolution to Environmental Management Department for implementation.

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Concurrences: County Counsel