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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Watt, Nancy - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Helene Franchi, Principal Management Analyst, 253-4820
SUBJECT: Climate Change

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and staff will provide a status report of ongoing activities regarding global climate change activities, invite Board comments and direction regarding future activities, and recommend the following actions:

1. Adoption of a resolution approving application for membership in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability Program; and
2. Authorization of payment of Fiscal Year 07-08 membership dues in the amount of \$1,200.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff from Conservation, Development, and Planning, Public Works, Environmental Management, Public Health, and the Agriculture Commissioner together with representatives from NCTPA will present a summary of climate protection activities taking place in the County, including:

- | Health effects of climate change;
- | Statutory requirements and pending State legislation;
- | Status report on the baseline analysis and action plan associated with County operations;
- | Climate protection measures recommended in the proposed General Plan Update;
- | Activities occurring in other areas;
- | Discussion of the Cool Counties Initiative and;
- | Recommendation to join the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) - Local Governments for Sustainability Program.

Procedural Requirements

1. Announce the agenda item

2. Staff report on the item
3. Board questions for staff
4. Public comments
5. Invite a motion
6. Second for the motion
7. Board discussion and debate
8. Take the vote
9. Announce the result

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | No |
| What is the revenue source? | General Fund - membership in ICLEI's program is \$1,200 and if approved will be paid from Central Services. |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | <p>Joining ICLEI will assist the County to achieve sustainable development goals (i.e. air quality, climate, water) through a step by step process of generating political awareness of key issues, establishing action plans toward defined, concrete, measurable targets, and meeting targets through project implementation and evaluation. At the May NCTPA meeting, the Board of NCTPA unanimously passed a recommendation asking all member agencies to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Join the Cities for Climate Protection Program of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability; 2. Join the "Energy Watch" Program of Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and; 3. Sign the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. <p>To date, the City of St. Helena, City of Napa, and the Town of Yountville have taken all three actions. The Cities of Calistoga and American Canyon have had study sessions on the matter and further action is expected. The County has joined ABAG's Energy Watch.</p> |
| Is the general fund affected? | Yes |
| Future fiscal impact: | Recommended budgets will include annual membership fees. |
| Consequences if not approved: | The County will not be a member of ICLEI and will not benefit from the collective experience of many other jurisdictions who are also working to implement climate protection initiatives. |
| Additional Information: | |

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Over the past few years, there have been a number of initiatives, legislation and other activities regarding global climate change. Today's discussion will serve to update the Board on activities in Napa County to date, with a recommendation that the County join ICLEI's Local Governments for Sustainability Program for an annual membership fee of \$1,200. Membership in this Program will allow the County to benefit from the collective experience of many other jurisdictions who are also working towards implementing climate protection measures.

See attached document for details.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Climate Protection Activities Document
- B . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi