



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
M-1

For the meeting of: November 10, 2015

Date: November 4, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Administrative Officer *PSH*
Subject: County Administrative Officer Report: Biomass Meeting and Various Other Topics

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors receives an oral report from the County Administrative Officer regarding an upcoming meeting on biomass energy production, and various other topics, and takes action as may be required.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION:

The County Administrative Officer will provide a brief oral report to the Board on various topics. Anticipated topic for November 10 is:

1. Biomass Meeting

The County Administrative Officer recently received the attached letter from Imperial County regarding a meeting on biomass energy production to be held during the California State Association of Counties annual conference in Monterey. Staff requests that your Board designate one Board member to attend the meeting and inform the County Administrative Officer so he can

Prepared by Phillip Smith-Hanes CAO Approval *Amy Olsen*
REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor _____ Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes
Nays
Abstain
Absent

Per Order of the Chair

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____
Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Nov. 10, 2015
By: *Kathy Hayes*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

respond.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

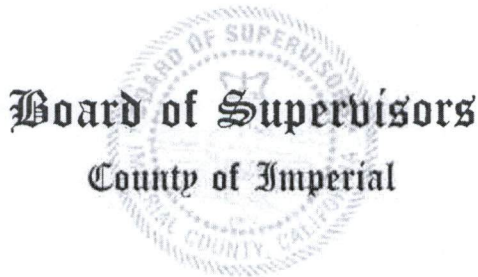
There is no financial impact to hearing the oral report. Some topics discussed may have positive or negative financial impact on the County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board's discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Imperial County

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October 29, 2015

Dear County Representatives,

I write today to ask for your participation in a meeting we are organizing for counties who have geothermal or biomass operations/facilities within their boundaries. In recent legislative sessions, significant actions regarding renewable energy have occurred which will greatly impact the lives and businesses of our State, and particularly, our counties for many years to come. In these actions, our Legislature and Governor have provided direction for the increased diversity of our electrical supplies, provided incentives or reduced tax exposure for certain renewable industries, created rules and regs in the field of carbon credits, taken new strides to reduce green house gases, and much more. Missing from the mix of renewable energy options are the only renewable resources that can provide base load energy solutions for California.

Numerous efforts have been pushed in our Legislature to include renewable base load energy in the efforts to achieve the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard goals. Only geothermal and biomass energy production fits within this narrow but critical type of renewable energy production. For the Counties with these resources, the renewal of existing power purchase agreements (PPA's) and the development of new facilities is a very significant issue. These facilities provide large tax revenues, a significant number of construction and permanent jobs, balance to the state's electrical grid, and certainty for California's energy demands. This meeting is the beginning of an effort to organize the Counties with these resources, organize the Legislators who represent those Counties and develop strategies that will lead to the inclusion of base load resources in the RPS planning.

This meeting of geothermal and biomass counties will occur at this year's CSAC Annual Conference in Monterey. It will on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at 7:30 – 8:30 AM in the Bonsai 1 Room in the Portola Hotel. Your participation will be very important to this effort to find solutions for the Geothermal and Biomass industries in our counties. Please contact Gary Wyatt at 442-265-1006 or at cgwyatt@co.imperial.ca.us with your RSVP or any questions or comments. I look forward to seeing you in Monterey.

Sincerely,

Ryan E. Kelley, Chairman

Imperial County Board of Supervisors