

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Environmental Resources

BOARD AGENDA # *B-7

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE January 29, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Sponsor the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District "Clean Green Yard Machines" Lawnmower Incentive Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources' sponsorship of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District "Clean Green Yard Machines" Lawnmower Incentive Program.
2. Authorize the Director of the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources to donate \$10,000.00 to the "Clean Green Yard Machines" Lawnmower Incentive Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to the Department of Environmental Resources is \$10,000.00 and will come from the General Fund's Contribution of Environmental Resources Budget. Sufficient funds are appropriated in the existing Environmental Resources Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget to cover the cost of sponsoring the "Clean Green Yard Machines" Lawnmower Incentive Program.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-065

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

On December 17, 2007, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Air District) requested the County's participation in the "Clean Green Yard Machines" Lawnmower Incentive Program. The purpose of this program is to reduce air pollution by replacing gas-burning mowers with non-polluting, electric mowers through an incentive program and educate the public on the pollution caused from all gas-powered yard equipment. Customers can trade in their gas-powered mower and receive a cordless, electric mower at less than half the regular price. As a sponsor of this program, Stanislaus County would receive publicity as a sponsor and be associated with a successful and long-running air quality improvement program.

The San Joaquin Valley is classified as serious non-attainment for ozone pollution by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Incentives are one of the vehicles the Air District uses in an effort to reduce air pollution and protect public health. The Air District has held previous "Clean Green Yard Machine" programs dating back to 2001. According to the information provided by the Air District, Clean Green Yard Machines have proven very successful in past years, removing thousands of polluting mowers from the Valley and reducing many harmful, smog-forming emissions. The County sponsored the program in 2005 and again in 2007, with donations of \$10,000.00.

For the 2008 program, residents can request a voucher from the Air District. After receiving the voucher, they can drop off their old gas mowers at a participating recycler. There will be drop-off points in every county, from San Joaquin to Kern. Using the code on the vouchers, residents can then order their mower and have it delivered to their home. The 2008 program will likely begin in late April and end on May 31, 2008.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisor's approval to sponsor this program will allow the County to model community leadership in helping to reduce smog-forming emissions in the Valley and achieve multi-jurisdictional cooperation with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this request.