



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Joe Valentine, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: January 12, 2010

Subject: Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity Program Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Contra Costa to apply for and accept California Workforce Investment Act (WIA), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding from the Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity grant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to support research and evaluation of green industry clusters specific to renewable energy and water for the period of June 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If granted, County to receive \$250,000, 100% State American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. No required County match.

BACKGROUND:

The Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa will serve as fiscal agent to the Tri-County Renewable Energy and Water Technology Collaborative, a business driven public-private partnership dedicated to keeping the region economically competitive through innovation, workforce training, entrepreneurship, and collaboration. The

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/12/2010** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Gayle B. Uilkema, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Susan A. Bonilla, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 12, 2010

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Katherine Sinclair, Deputy

Contact: Stephen Baiter,
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cc:

Tri-County region includes Contra Costa

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

County, Solano County, and Alameda County. The collaboration will be organized and led by the region's economic development organizations in partnership with the workforce development boards and includes stakeholders from the private sector, such as laboratories, colleges and universities, public utilities, labor organizations, community colleges, municipal economic development departments and small business development centers.

The primary outcome of the proposed project and grant funding is the growth and expansion of the target industry clusters of opportunity, resulting in a significant increase in the the number of jobs in the renewable energy and water technology sectors within the Tri-Valley County Regions.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT: