RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-626

MEETING: December 2, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: Energy Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program Participation Agreement Regarding the 2015 Energy Action Plan Program, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement. Mariposa County Planning Department received an invitation to participate in the second phase of the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program. This phase is for the preparation of an Energy Action Plan for the County. This second phase of the program is available only to jurisdictions which have participated in the first phase of the program (Greenhouse Gas Inventory). The work will be done at no direct cost to Mariposa County although staff support will be necessary during the program.

Through the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program, the Sierra Business Council assists local governments in the Sierra Nevada in meeting Statewide goals for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Growing awareness of the impacts of climate change on California communities along with State mandates has led to the need for reducing energy use and emissions. The program is aimed at supporting local governments in that process.

The Sierra Nevada Partnership Program is a collaboration between Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) company and the Sierra Business Council and is funded by California utility rate payers and administered by PG&E under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

If the Board is interested in participating in the program, the Board will need to authorize the Chairman to execute the attached participation agreement.

Supporting documentation and information is included for the Board’s consideration including: 1) an invitation letter, 2) a program summary, 3) a draft participation agreement, 4) a template outlining potential content in the Energy Action Plan, and 5) a sample portion of an administrative review document (chapter 4) prepared for the City of Jackson.
BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On June 13, 2013, the Board of Supervisors endorsed an application for phase one of the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program for preparation of a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory. The Board also authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign a Participation Agreement.

On April 8, 2014, a presentation was made to the Board of Supervisors by the Sierra Business Council regarding the results of the Mariposa County Community Wide and Municipal Operations 2010 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
No action would result in the county not participating in the next phase of the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program and an Energy Action Plan would not be prepared using program funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS:
2014 Invitation Letter (DOCX)
2014 Program Summary (DOCX)
2014 Participation Agreement (DOCX)
2014 Energy Action Plan Template (DOC)
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CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hosson, Interim CAO 11/26/2014

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier