

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

REGULAR MEETING DATE: February 10, 2010

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures Generated Through the Renewable Energy Mitigation Program to Offer Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal Rebates and Energy Efficient Appliance Rebates for 2010.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Tony Fusaro, Chief Building Official

ISSUE STATEMENT: This is the second reading of a resolution that was passed on first reading on January 27, 2010. The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is asked to approve the expenditure of Renewable Energy Mitigation Program (REMP) funds so that the following rebate programs may be continued through 2010:

- \$75,000 for continuation of photovoltaic and solar thermal rebate programs, and
- \$35,000 for continuation of the energy efficient appliance rebate program

BACKGROUND: Since REMF funds may be spent only with approval by joint resolution of the BOCC and the Aspen City Council, the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) Board of Trustees requests that the BOCC approve \$110,000 to fund these rebate programs through 2010.

Staff was requested to make one revision to the two resolutions before you. The \$35,000 funding request for the appliance rebate program has been moved to this resolution approving the solar rebate program funding from the resolution approving funding for Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) operational expenses. It was thought that the appliance rebate program fit in more appropriately with this funding request for the continuation of rebate programs. The titles of these resolutions and the funding specifics have been revised to reflect these changes.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: Environmental Protection

KEY DISCUSSION ITEMS: Moving the appliance rebate program funding request to the resolution approving funding for the solar rebate program.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: No impact to the Pitkin County general fund.

RECOMMENDED BOCC ACTION: Approve resolution at second reading

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A, Resolution No. _____-2010.

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PITKIN COUNTY, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR FUNDS GENERATED THROUGH THE RENEWABLE ENERGY MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR A SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM AND AN ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM FOR 2010

Resolution No. _____ 2010

RECITALS

1. On January 26, 2000, the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County (BOCC) approved Ordinance No. 8 adopting the Aspen/Pitkin Energy Conservation Code (APECC), which established the Renewable Energy Mitigation Program (REMP).
2. APECC allows that funds collected under REMF be spent with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) and in accordance with a joint resolution by the BOCC and the Aspen City Council.
3. The REMF fund has a current balance of approximately \$2,050,000 as of October 20, 2009.

Because the REMF grant cycle has been postponed until May of 2010, the Board of Directors of CORE requests approval of the following funds in order to offer rebates for the photovoltaic and solar thermal programs and for the energy efficient appliance program for 2010:

1. Solar Rebate Program, \$75,000
2. Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program, \$35,000:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pitkin County, Colorado, that it does hereby approve the expenditure of \$75,000 for the Solar Rebate Program.

INTRODUCED, FIRST READ AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2010.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PUBLISHED IN THE ASPEN TIMES WEEKLY ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2010.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

PUBLISHED AFTER ADOPTION IN THE ASPEN TIMES WEEKLY ON THE
_____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PITKIN COUNTY, COLORADO

Jeanette Jones
Deputy Clerk & Recorder

By _____
George Newman, Chair

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MANAGER APPROVAL:

John Ely, County Attorney

Hilary Fletcher, County Manager