

STAFF REPORT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2009
CONSENT AGENDA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: BRIAN FRAGIAO, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS 

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2009

RE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution authorizing the submittal of the application to the California Energy Commission's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for funds to execute the proposed project.

Issue Statement and Discussion

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, staff is applying for funds under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The formula used to determine funding allocations is based on population and county unemployment rates in accordance with the adopted EECBG program guidelines. The Town's base calculation provides a funding amount of \$37,403.

Staff has considered two projects that could utilize the grant funds. The first consideration would be to use the funds to provide solar facilities on the new town hall and maybe the Depot buildings. Should these projects not meet the cost-to-effectiveness ratio, the second proposed project would be looked at. The second project would replace traffic signal street lights with LED lights and also consider LED lighting in the Magnolia Street and Depot Parking lots.

The application deadline is January 12, 2010. A resolution must be adopted as part of the application process. Since the next Council meeting is on January 12, 2010, staff needs to adopt the resolution ahead of time to make the deadline. Because of the short timeframe, staff will be establishing cost estimates in the next few weeks which will determine which project will be cost effective.

CEQA Requirements

This project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15301(a,b &c) (Class 1), "Existing Facilities" of the guidelines.

Financial and/or Policy Implications

The EECBG Program will provide \$37,403 toward the preparation of the grant application, design and construction of the proposed project.

**TOWN OF LOOMIS
RESOLUTION NO. 09-**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS ADOPTING RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY
COMMISSION'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)
PROGRAM FOR FUNDS TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Loomis recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state, and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds are available through the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program for grants to eligible local governments for cost-effective energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loomis is eligible for EECBG funding under the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loomis is proposing to implement the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A in order to qualify for EECBG funds from the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loomis has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the CEQA, The Town of Loomis finds that the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A is a "project" under CEQA that is exempt under Section 15301(a, b & c) (Class 1), "Existing Facilities" of the guidelines.

Be it also resolved that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis authorizes the submittal of the application to the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program for funds to execute the proposed project described in Exhibit A.

Be it also resolved, if recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the Town Council of the Town of Loomis authorizes The Town of Loomis to accept a grant award up to the amount of this application for \$37,403, and, that The Town Manager acting for the Town of Loomis is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of The Town of Loomis, all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments hereto, to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the Town Council of The Town of Loomis this 10th day of December, 2009 by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:**

ATTEST:

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Clerk

Town Attorney