

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON**

Subject: **GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION: SHERIDAN SEWER**

**ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution to:

- 1) Designate the Director of Facility Services as authorized representative to apply for a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utility Services (RUS) grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and
- 2) Authorize the Director of Facility Services to negotiate and execute a grant contract and any amendments upon review and approval by Risk Management and County Counsel, and certify grant disbursements.

**BACKGROUND:** The County has embarked on a two-phase project to meet requirements of the State of California for operation of the Sheridan Wastewater Treatment Plant. To implement Phase 1, on August 1, 2006, your Board approved construction of a new seasonal storage reservoir. This work is complete. Staff has started planning for Phase 2, which requires construction of additional treated water disposal facilities (primarily sprayfields).

Funding for Phase 1 was provided via a loan from the General Fund. Funding for Phase 2 was requested through a Small Community Wastewater Grant (SCWG). On December 19, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of Facility Services to apply for a SCWG. A planning grant in the amount of \$62,492 was awarded to Placer County. Unfortunately, staff was recently informed that SCWG funds were on the verge of being committed to other projects and there was little or no hope that sufficient funds would remain for the construction portion of the Sheridan project.

In order to complete the Sheridan project, Staff has identified the USDA RUS loan/grant program as a possible source of grant funds. We are also investigating other loan and grant sources. The attached Resolution is the first step in making the grant request.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** The Resolution and grant application are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines. On December 20, 2007, the Placer County Zoning Administrator approved the Negative Declaration for the proposed project. Additional federally mandated environmental clearance must be performed pursuant to the terms of the granting agency and will be brought before the appropriate agency when completed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The USDA RUS grant program requires the receiving agency to provide 25% local matching funds. If the County is awarded a grant for the Sheridan project, staff will return to your Board with a separate request for a loan from the General Fund for the required 25% local match (up to \$250,000). This request may be in addition to other loan requests for this district.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION  
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CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES TO SIGN AND FILE  
A USDA RURAL UTILITY SERVICES GRANT ON  
BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY OF SHERIDAN

Resol. \_\_\_\_\_

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_  
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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**WHEREAS**, The Community of Sheridan has a need to acquire funding to construct reliability improvement features at its wastewater treatment plant; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Agriculture administers the Rural Utility Services Grant program on behalf of the people of the United States of America and has money available for eligible wastewater projects; and

**WHEREAS**, The United State Department of Agriculture requires that, in order to apply for a Rural Utility Services Grant program, the governing Board of a community designate an authorized representative to negotiate and execute a grant contract.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors, County of Placer, State of California, that the Director of the Department of Facility Services is hereby authorized to sign and file on behalf of County Service Area 28 Zone 6, Sheridan, all documentation required by the USDA to apply for a RUS grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the design and construction of the Sheridan Wastewater Disposal Improvement Project.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Department of Facility Services hereby agrees and further does authorize the Director or his designee to certify that the Department has and will comply with all applicable State and federal statutory and regulatory requirements related to any federal and State grants received; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Facility Services or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a grant contract and any amendments or change orders thereto and certify grant disbursements on behalf of the Department of Facility Services.

