

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER
FROM: DOUG MONN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PG&E ENERGY WATCH PARTNERSHIP
DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2010

Needs: For the City Council to consider joining the PG&E Energy Watch Partnership Program.

- Facts:**
1. PG&E sponsors an energy efficiency incentive program, entitled the “Energy Watch Program”, to assist communities in being more energy efficient.
 2. The Economic Vitality Corporation has partnered with PG&E, and hired staff to help coordinate the Energy Watch Program with local jurisdictions in San Luis Obispo County.
 3. Assistance offered with this program include building energy audits, retrofits and retro-commissioning existing buildings, installation of energy efficient equipment for homes and small businesses, and education and outreach programs.
 4. Energy efficiency programs such as those being offered through this program help reduce energy costs and green house gas emissions.
 5. By partnering with PG&E, the City can demonstrate its leadership in reducing energy use and associated costs, and its commitment to a clean environment.

Analysis and

Conclusions: City staff has worked with PG&E in the past on building energy audits, however there are additional services and incentives that would be available to the City if it becomes a formal partner in the Energy Watch Program. The County has been a partner with PG&E for the last few years. PG&E is now reaching out to all the cities in the County to also join this program.

The Energy Watch “point person” assignment would reside with the Public Works Events manager position where there is intermittent capacity for the added duty. Because the City could participate in this program as much or as little as it has resources to do so, impacts to existing City services/duties are not anticipated.

Fiscal

Impacts: Participation in the program would not require any out-of-pocket expense for the City. However, the City would need to designate an existing staff member to coordinate with PG&E on building audits, training, outreach, etc., on an as needed basis.

Options: The City Council is requested to take one of the actions listed below:

- a. Adopt the attached resolution approving the City to become a partner in the PG&E Energy Watch Program.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above-listed action.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-xxx

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PG&E
“ENERGY WATCH PROGRAM”**

WHEREAS, local demand for electricity has grown, and it is expected to continue to grow in the future to support growth in the economy and population; and

WHEREAS, it makes economic sense to conserve energy and for buildings to become as energy efficient as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to incorporate innovative energy conservation practices into everyday business, and reduce energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of El Paso de Robles to lead by example and demonstrate its commitment to energy efficiency, cost and emissions reductions by participating in the PG&E Energy Watch Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of El Paso de Robles:

1. Supports the PG&E Energy Watch Program; and
2. Authorizes participation of the City of El Paso de Robles in the PG&E Energy Watch Program; and
3. Approves designating a City staff person as part of their regular daily workload to represent the City in coordinating participation in the PG&E Energy Watch Program.

Approved and adopted the 19th, day of October 2010. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. XXX, was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles.

Following Roll Call Vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk