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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 19, 2007

TO: MGSA Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Garvey, Interim Executive Officer *MPH*

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM H: CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MARIN CLIMATE AND ENERGY PARTNERSHIP AND CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYING A DIRECTOR FOR THE PARTNERSHIP

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the concept of establishing the Marin Climate and Energy Partnership and consideration of employing a Director of the Partnership

Background:

Earlier this week representatives from all the Marin Cities and the County met to discuss establishment of the Marin Climate and Energy Partnership in support of a grant opportunity. Representatives from ICLEI and the BAAQMD were also present as partners. The Partnership has proposed support of the grant application, as a logical evolution to attain the necessary goals.

The goals relate to working together to achieve hard and fast greenhouse gas emission reductions. A Climate Action Plan is to be a fundamental part of each Agency's General Plan and the proposed grant looks to hire on a Regional Climate Action Director position to facilitate the development of programs, policies, and resources that each jurisdiction could use to fulfill its obligations.

As with other projects, the MGSA is a natural fit for this type of collaborative effort. As the grant proposal evolves and upon determination of funding, the MGSA will likely be looked to as a body under which the Climate Action Director could work. This could be one more contractor/consultant opportunity for the MGSA Executive Officer to manage. Each Agency would contribute funds based on a representative formula for successive years of program development if necessary.

Gary Broad and I will plan to talk further on this issue at the Board meeting.