



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Supervisor Gross

Question: What would the \$100,000 for capital environmental initiative projects have been used if not proposed for reduction?

Response: As part of the FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan, an amount of \$100,000 was approved to support Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) actions/projects in direct support of the Board's Environmental Agenda. At that time, county staff was working to finalize recommendations for the Cool Counties Initiative and the Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) for FY 2009. The \$100,000 was earmarked while staff developed and finalized these two efforts. The FY 2009 EIP included a new theme area regarding Global Climate Change and projects/actions were developed to support the Board's energy efficiency and conservation goals in the Policy Plan of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, policy and goals relating to operational efficiency and conservation of resources were included in the revised edition of the Board's Environmental Agenda. The Cool Counties Initiative included policies and actions to support energy efficiency and conservation.

While it is difficult to determine which EIP actions/projects would have received funding from the \$100,000 set aside for EERE projects, it is safe to assume that energy audits of county facilities and buildings, energy star vending machine replacement and a continuation of the installation of energy management control systems would have been high on the list for consideration. In addition, there are many other EERE projects shown in Appendix 5 of the EIP for FY 2010 that could also have been considered for funding.