


TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Ken Johnson, ES Chief 
SUBJECT: CERT Grant Award
DATE: August 21, 2007

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider a Pacific Gas and Electric Company grant.

- FACTS:**
1. The Emergency Services Growth Management Plan confirmed the need to increase the level of citizen emergency preparedness education.
 2. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program was established in March 2007 to provide citizen training and extend the City's major emergency response capability.
 3. Program funding was such that all support equipment and material acquisitions were not possible.
 4. ES staff demonstrated intent to seek outside support to acquire the equipment and material necessary to enhance instruction.
 5. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) demonstrated its program support through a \$10,100 grant.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: Emergency Services Growth Management Plan analyzed community emergency response needs and concluded the department needed to make a greater effort in public instruction. The City Council subsequently authorized the establishment of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program within the department.

Funding capability, as determined in the most recent budget, was insufficient to meet all program needs. The ES Chief committed to identifying external support to enhance and support the program.

ES contacted PG&E to determine its willingness to assist in acquiring needed items. PG&E acknowledged their support of the program, the program's value to their customers, and pride in community partnerships; awarding a grant in the amount of \$10,100.

The department's request of PG&E was to purchase a portable fire extinguisher trainer and training materials.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Purchasing and Payment Procedures Manual, Section 7.0

FISCAL

IMPACT: None.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 07-xx accepting the award of a Pacific Gas and Electric Company grant for emergency preparedness instructional equipment and material and making the corresponding budget appropriation; or
- b. Amend, modify or reject above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
GRANT AND DIRECTING ITS EXPENDITURE

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Growth Management Plan outlines the need for citizen training in emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of citizen emergency preparedness education; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Department submitted a grant application to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to support citizen emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the City was notified by Pacific Gas and Electric Company of its grant award in the amount of the \$10,100 for emergency preparedness instructional equipment.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles as follows:

SECTION 1. Authorizes acceptance of a Pacific Gas and Electric Company grant in the amount of \$10,100.

SECTION 2. Approves one time budget appropriations as follows:.

100-220-5235-149	\$10,100
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SECTION 3. Authorizes the Emergency Services Chief to begin the acquisition process for instructional equipment which supports citizen emergency preparedness education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 21st day of August 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk