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Hello Supervisors,

Do not approve this scam which is non-routine. An item which will cost us over $25 mil if adopted and involve another county is not routine by any means. **Please pull it off the consent calendar**.

The basic plot is that The Board adopted a climate action plan (CAP) which directs the County to expand access to programs and services that will increase energy efficiency, energy resiliency, and electrification in the unincorporated area. Then,   the California Energy Commission selected LA County to be in charge of the State “Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Direct Install” (EBD) program. It proposes to decarbonize homes through the voluntary installation of energy-efficient appliances and upgrades directly to low-income households in under-resourced communities.

The MOU reveals that the service provider is actually the Southern California EBD Coalition (EBDC,) a non-profit org. So now, instead of homegrown solution, the Board wants to throw $500 thou at LA's EBD in hopes that it will devote $25 mil to San Diego over LA.

But then Section 2A says '5. The County (LA) will submit monthly invoices to San Diego County (COSD) for labor and expenses related to energy efficiency project work in additional unincorporated areas within COSD.   And I'm sure we will pay alot to EBDC (the actual workmen) for its tech services. Not sure if EBDC verifies the details, even. An audit can find out after we spend millions.

So, after the equity rant (as I call it) about trying to keep County business in the County, it turns out that the County would rather pay workers selected by an LA County non-profit. Watch our tax dollars as they leave the County.

The first line of the MOU says 'the County is the administrator of the EBD program' without even saying which County. And this of course goes on throughout, which can be very confusing. So this is a warning right there-the MOU is poorly drafted to begin with.

Regards,

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