<u>**Department of Natural Resources**</u>
<u>**Field Office Compliance Database Project**</u>

Request for transition funding - $10,000

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At the November, 2006 meeting, the Council approved $20,000 in Planning Phase funding for this project. This request and approval were made under the 'old' two-step funding request process. At the present time we have about $3,000 of that funding remaining and have been able to make significant progress against tasks that would be considered in the Design Phase of the new process.

Therefore, we are looking to transition into the 'new' three-step funding request process. To enable that transition we are requesting $10,000.00 to complete the Design phase. This amount, combined with the remaining funds from the original funding, will allow the team to complete the Design phase and come into alignment with the new process. It is our intention to present a well-defined request for Implementation funding at the May meeting.

Based on our current understanding of the system, our best guess at a cost for the Implementation phase is $125,000. One of the requirements is to incorporate existing data from 6 to 10 different databases. Since data conversion and cleansing can vary dramatically in cost depending on the complexity and consistency of the data, the $125,000 figure is strictly an estimate based on current information and may be much higher or lower.