

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: In-depth Case Studies of Advanced Modernization Initiatives.

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Summary of Collection: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a critical source of support for many low-income families and individuals. In recent years, states have implemented new procedures and policies in order to reduce SNAP administrative costs while maintaining or improving program access. These changes often referred to as modernization-incorporate technology, administrative restructuring, community partnering, and policy simplification. Together, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, which amended Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2020, and the Food Nutrition Act of 2008, which amended Section 17 of 7 U.S.C. 2026, authorizes the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to develop standards for identifying major operational changes, require States to provide any information required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and authorizes FNS to undertake research that will help improve the administration and effectiveness of SNAP.

Need and Use of the Information: Information for the In-depth Case Studies will build on the findings from a previous data collection effort, Enhancing Food Stamp Certification: Food Stamp Modernization Efforts. To obtain a detailed and comprehensive view of the implementation of SNAP modernization initiatives, data will be collected via in-person interviews, focus group discussions, and through administrative case records, application statistics, performance data, and other relevant materials. The project has seven research objectives: (1) Update the existing state profiles of modernization efforts and identify the geographic and caseload coverage affected by modernization changes; (2) describe how key certification, recertification, and case management functions have changed; (3) describe the current roles and responsibilities of state and local SNAP staff, vendors, and partners and how they have changed; (4) document the relationship between SNAP modernization initiatives and stakeholder satisfaction; (5) describe the current performance of each state's modernization initiatives and the level of outcome variability within each state; (6) compare performance before, during, and after modernization; and (7) document the main takeaway points for use by other states and for future study

consideration. Without the detailed case study, FNS would need to rely on the states' general statements regarding program operations and aggregate statistics on modernization initiatives, resulting in an incomplete understanding of how modernization has affected the implementation of SNAP.

Description of Respondents:

Individual or households; not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,353.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one time only)

Total Burden Hours: 1,802.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Madera County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Madera County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting in North Fork, California on March 9th and March 16th, 2011. The purpose of these meetings will be to discuss and approve submitted proposals for funding as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 110-343) for expenditure of Payments to States Madera County Title II funds.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 9th, and March 16th, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in North Fork, CA.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, California, 93643. Send written comments to Julie Roberts, Madera County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, at the above address, or electronically to jroberts@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Roberts, Madera County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 877-2218 ext. 3159.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Madera

County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meetings.

Dated: January 24, 2011.

Dave Martin,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Placerville, California. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The RAC will deliberate and recommend projects for the Forest Supervisor's approval.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 21, 2011 beginning at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College, Community Room, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, CA 95667.

Written comments should be sent to Frank Mosbacher; Forest Supervisor's Office; 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667. Comments may also be sent via email to fmosbacher@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 530-621-5297.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at 100 Forni Road; Placerville, CA 95667. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 530-622-5061 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Mosbacher, Public Affairs Officer, Eldorado National Forest Supervisors Office, (530) 621-5268. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: The RAC will deliberate and recommend projects for the Forest Supervisor's approval. More information will be posted on the