

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 26, 2006

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee
RE: AQMD Board legislation

The SBCCOG with the sponsorship of Assemblyman Ted Lieu will be re-introducing legislation to expand the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board of Directors to provide more equitable representation for cities in the District. Before the legislative session begins, we are organizing our efforts and re-invigorating our coalition so that we can 'hit the ground running'.

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Last year, we had met with agencies throughout the region to try to develop a consensus, Assemblyman Lieu introduced AB 2015 to add four seats to the AQMD Board of Directors – one more seat for the cities of each of the four counties in the District. During the legislative process, the bill was amended to reduce the expansion to one seat for Los Angeles County cities.

At this point, consideration is being given to introducing the bill in the next session once again requesting four seats as before. Specifics of the legislation are being discussed with stakeholders during the next two months so that we strive for a consensus of support when the session starts.

BUDGET

The Steering Committee has set a budget for this effort which is on the attached worksheet. The following items are of note:

- The allocation shown in the worksheet for 06-07 reflects \$300 that has already been spent by Claudette Moody and \$6,000 that has already been spent by Tony Rice this fiscal year out of their previous agreements with the SBCCOG.
- The budget reflects a new agreement with Tony Rice for \$3350/month commencing November 1, 2006 until September 30, 2007. This agreement includes a commitment to carry the contract into the following fiscal year (07-08) to complete the legislation session.
- Also reflected is a new agreement with Claudette Moody for \$5,000 @ \$75/hour for ca. 67 hours commencing immediately.

The worksheet also reflects contributions that are being requested from our previous funding partners as well as from three additional ones. The funding requests to these six agencies have already been sent. Per Steering Committee direction, a minimum of \$5000 was requested from the LA LCC Division and \$2,500 from the other organizations.

The adopted budget for 2006-2007 includes \$30,000 for consulting services for this effort. As noted on the worksheet, the budget will not be exceeded if the requested contributions are received. If these contributions do not materialize, a budget amendment will be brought back to the Board in January.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Steering Committee direction and actions.