

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For Agenda of: March 24, 2005

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Subject: Request for District Sponsorship of the SACOG "Blue Print Project" Workshop in Washington, DC on the Capitol to Capitol Trip, April 9-13, 2005

Recommendation:

That the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Resolution authorizing a \$2,500 co-sponsorship with SACOG for the Blue Print Workshop being held on the Capitol to Capitol Trip to Washington, DC.

Background:

At the Capitol to Capitol Steering Committee meeting on March 11th, I discovered that a Blue Print Workshop was being planned during the trip. Since there are significant coordinated activities underway between SACOG and SMAQMD related to Blue Print and the 8-Hour Ozone SIP, I called SACOG to suggest a joint workshop. This suggestion was welcomed and I asked the Air District Board Chair for advance approval for a co-sponsorship since the deadline for such action was March 16th. I received that approval, if funding was available. I submitted to the Metro Chamber our co-sponsorship suggestion since funding is available.

Benefits to AQMD:

Working with SACOG on this important regional issue is vital in meeting air quality goals for the 8-hour ozone Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP). While we can partially address mobile generated air pollution with incentive programs that advance the replacement of old engines with new, this does not address the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by these vehicles. Only changes in land use to encourage fewer trips and to support other modes of travel will reduce VMT, congestion and improve air quality. These changes are also long term, providing the improvements for the life of the building or home.

Funding:

Sufficient funds are budgeted in the District 2004-05 Budget under Contingency Appropriation Funds, Account No. 79790100.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Greene
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