

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For Agenda of: August 24, 2006

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Subject: **Resolution Sponsoring the Local Government Commission's
2007 Conference on New Partners for Smart Growth and
to continue sponsorship of the successful series of First
Thursday Dinners**

Recommendation:

Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Air Pollution Control Officer to provide \$10,000 in budgeted funding to the Local Government Commission (LGC) to partner in their 2007 Conference on New Partners for Smart Growth scheduled in Los Angeles February 8-10, 2007. In addition, this Resolution would authorize the APCO to provide funding for up to ten First Thursday dinners, hosted by the LGC, at \$2,000 each.

Background:

This conference is the premier event held yearly to highlight currently emerging ideas for improving many activities related to land use in the nation and to provide to local cities, counties and states useful information at the local level in making the best possible decisions for current and future generations. The conference usually has over 1,000 attendees and among the many topics covered are smart codes, financing strategies for implementing local visioning plans, and improved utilization of trees and parks.

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The LGC First Thursday dinners highlight important trends and information on smart codes, energy policy, and smart growth for local elected officials in the Sacramento region. They also provide a forum for a frank exchange of information between jurisdictions on successful strategies for meeting a range of community goals related to smart growth, energy efficiency and reducing traffic congestion. There are usually 20-30 attendees. The LGC receives funding from other jurisdictions and agencies, and it is likely that the full \$20,000 for the meetings will not be utilized.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds were approved for the 2007 Conference in the FY 2006-2007 SMAQMD Budget under Professional Services and this item was presented to the Budget Subcommittee as a line item in the Professional Services Detail. Funding for the First Thursday Dinners will come from settlement revenues. These amounts are in addition to the \$25,000 approved in the budget for sponsorships that the Air Pollution Control Officer has the authority to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Greene
Air Pollution Control Officer

Reviewed by,

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