

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For Agenda of: July 27, 2006

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Larry Greene  
Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: Amending Contract with the Mason Group, LLC for Legislative Services  
and Advocacy

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Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve the attached resolution, which authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign the amendatory agreement, in the sample form attached, on behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD).
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute copies of the fully executed amendatory agreement to the interested parties.

Background

On January 17, 2006, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) entered into an agreement with the Mason Group for legislative services and advocacy. Objectives of Contract No. E2005036 included:

- Protect current SMAQMD funding and acquire additional long term funding for the Moyer and Particulate Matter programs.
- Establish a permanent Sacramento region air district board member on the California Air Resources Board
- Advocate for programs and legislation to improve air quality consistent with the SMAQMD Board adopted policies for state and federal legislation.

The SMAQMD entered into Contract No. E2005036 with the Mason Group after they successfully responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP), which was released on December 14, 2005. The Air Pollution Control Officer signed the \$50,000 agreement on behalf of the SMAQMD consistent with Resolution No. 2001-056, which authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to sign agreements for services that do not exceed \$50,000. Contract No. E2005036 expires on December 31, 2006 and the SMAQMD will release another RFP for legislative services in the coming months.

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Proposed Amendment

Staff would like to amend Contract No. E2005036 to add \$5,000.00 to the contract total to cover these additional tasks:

- Advising 2006 Cap-to-Cap participants regarding congressional priorities and which congressional committees to meet with to maximize the effectiveness of the annual Cap-to-Cap effort.
- Advising 2006 Cap-to-Cap participants on the most effective strategies to get the region's clean air message to the Congress.
- Working with the SMAQMD's federal partners to restore the President's proposed reduction in federal fiscal year 2007 grant money for local air quality programs.

Because the amended contract would now exceed the \$50,000 signature authority of the APCO, staff is asking the Board to approve the requested amendment. The additional \$5,000 will be funded by DMV Surcharge Fee revenue or other SMAQMD funding as needed and appropriate.

Attachments

Attached to this letter are:

- Resolution approving Contract Amendment No. E2005036-A, and delegating authority to the APCO to sign it on behalf of the SMAQMD.
- Sample Contract Amendment No. E2005036-A between the SMAQMD and the Mason Group for legislative services and advocacy.
- Original Contract No. E2005036 for your reference.

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Respectfully submitted

Reviewed by:

Larry Greene  
Air Pollution Control Officer

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Kathrine Pittard  
District Counsel

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDATORY AGREEMENT NO. E2005036-A,  
BETWEEN THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT AND THE MASON GROUP, LLC,  
FOR LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AND ADVOCACY**

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) is the local agency within the boundaries of Sacramento County with the primary responsibility for developing, implementing, monitoring and enforcing air pollution control strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMAQMD is in need of legislative and advocacy services associated with its state and federal funding sources to maintain adequate funding to implement cost-effective air pollution reducing programs and projects; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2005, the SMAQMD released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to perform advocacy and governmental relations services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mason Group, LLC responded to the RFP and based upon their response was chosen to perform the required services for the SMAQMD; and

**WHEREAS**, SMAQMD Resolution No. 2001-056 authorizes the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to retain the services of firms or individuals in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year when the expertise required is not possessed by personnel employed by the SMAQMD; and

**WHEREAS**, the APCO entered into Contract No. E2005036 with the Mason Group, LLC on January 17, 2006 in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMAQMD subsequently determined that additional services were needed to improve the effectiveness of the region's annual Cap-to-Cap advocacy effort in Washington, D.C. and to work to restore proposed reductions in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Section 103 and 105 grant funding used to implement SMAQMD programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the SMAQMD wishes to amend Contract No. E2005036 with the Mason Group to add an additional \$5,000.00 to the total compensation of the contract to cover the additional services.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District that Amendatory Agreement No. E2005036 is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District authorizes and directs its Air Pollution Control Officer sign the amendatory agreement, in the sample form attached, on behalf of the SMAQMD, and to do and perform everything necessary to implement the provisions of Agreement No. E2005-036 and its amendment.

**ON A MOTION** by Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, State of California the twenty-seventh day of July, 2006, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

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Chairperson of the Board of Directors  
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality  
Management District

(SEAL)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board