

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

For the Agenda of May 24, 2007

To: Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

From: Larry Greene, Air Pollution Control Officer
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

Subject: Amendatory Contract with the Local Government Commission to Add
Climate Change Event Planning Services

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Directors to sign an amendatory contract with the Local Government Commission (LGC).
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to transmit the fully executed documents to the concerned parties.

Purpose:

The attached resolution will authorize the Chair of the SMAQMD Board of Directors to sign an amendatory contract with the Local Government Commission (LGC). Under the contract amendment, the SMAQMD will pay the LGC up to an additional \$38,160 to provide planning services associated with the Fall 2007 climate change event for the region's decision-makers. In addition, the resolution delegates authority to the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to enter into subsequent agreements, in consultation with District Counsel, with other agencies, businesses and organizations to accept co-sponsorship funding to help pay for the October 11 climate change event. Further, the termination date for the contract will be extended from December 31, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Background

On October 26, 2006, the SMAQMD Board of Directors approved Resolution No. AQMD 2006-061, which authorized the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to enter into an agreement with the LGC for outreach services regarding the benefits of smart growth design principles. Based on that authority the APCO executed Contract No. E2006018 in December 2006. On March 23, 2006, the SMAQMD Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2006-021, establishing the SMAQMD's Climate Protection Program.

This program was established “to address climate change and climate protection through District activities, including outreach and education, data collection and analysis, technical assistance, participation in the Climate Action Registry, review and comment on proposed legislation, and support and leadership for local efforts in Sacramento County and the region to reduce emissions and implement mitigation measures, such as “Cool Community” actions to contribute to climate protection.”

Climate Event Planning

Consistent with this authority, in June 2006 the APCO and staff began meetings with other local agencies, businesses and organizations to coordinate efforts on climate protection. Participants in these meetings include the City and County of Sacramento, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the League of Women Voters and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments among others. The other air districts in the region and the other incorporated cities in Sacramento County were also invited to attend.

Over the last several months this group has been planning a Fall 2007 event to bring the decision-makers of the Sacramento region together to learn more about climate change. The goals and details of the event have continued to evolve, but to date have settled on the following:

1. The event will be aimed at decision-makers from throughout the SACOG region and Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area. Decision-makers would include elected officials from city councils and boards of supervisors, as well city managers and county executives.
2. The event would be Thursday, October 11 and would be in the evening, starting at 4:00 pm with registration, networking and dinner. The first speaker would start at 5:00 pm with the event ending no later than 9:00 pm.
3. The event will be focused on the decision-makers, but open to the public. We’ll want to maximize the amount of interaction among the decision-makers.
4. The event will likely be in Downtown Sacramento, though other venues such as CSU-Sacramento will be considered.
5. We believe we can afford to put on the first event with already-identified funding sources. The Air District will likely contract with the Local Government Commission to do the actual event planning.
6. We do not anticipate trying to get the governor or one of California’s U.S. Senators to this first event as a keynote speaker as was originally planned.
7. A “save the date” postcard will need to be developed and mailed ASAP. The Air District will take the lead on this.
8. In order to encourage elected officials to participate, we’ll characterize the event as a “discussion” rather than a summit. We are not looking for any official commitments or decisions at this event, but merely to start a dialogue and begin the education process.

9. The current vision is that this will be the first in a series of events. Future events could be expanded to include a broader list of stakeholders.
10. The objectives of the discussion will include:
 - a. Helping decision-makers understand climate change, focusing on the science, separating fact from fiction, so that everyone has a base level of knowledge on the subject.
 - b. Describing the potential/anticipated impacts to our region, including, but not limited to: ozone levels, electricity demand, hot weather, flooding, water supply, snow pack/recreation, pest infestations.
 - c. Helping decision-makers understand how local government fits into the larger picture of helping the state and nation meet its carbon reduction goals.
 - d. Enabling elected officials to leave the event with some ideas about what local governments, businesses and individuals can do now and in the future to reduce carbon levels. This could include a summary of “best practices” already being implemented.
11. Since there are so many topics that could potentially be included we’ll try to focus the agenda for this first event, with the idea that we can go into more detail at future events on topics of interest to the decision-makers.

Local Government Commission

Due to the existing work being performed by the LGC under Contract No. E2006018, and their extensive experience and knowledge in planning such events, the LGC was the logical choice to assist us in putting on the October 11 event. The attached amendatory contract includes a new Task No. 4 in the Scope of Services that describes the services the LGC will provide.

Fiscal Impacts

Funding for the new Task No. 4 will be provided by appropriate sources contained in the SMAQMD’s FY 2006-2007 budget. Since costs for the October 11 event will be shared among the sponsoring agencies, the attached resolution also delegates authority to the APCO to enter into agreements, if needed, with these other sponsors to accept their funding support.

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Attachments

The following attachments accompany this Board letter:

- Resolution approving amendatory contract E2006018-A
- Amendatory contract E2006018-A, which includes a revised scope of services and budget
- Copy of original contract E2006018 for your reference

Respectfully submitted,

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