

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Annual renewal of contract with Waterman and Associates Governmental Relations

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Support the annual renewal of a contract with Waterman and Associates Government Relations (not a local vendor), for the provision of Federal Advocacy services for the period of July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005, for an amount not to exceed \$116,000 (the same as the current contract amount); and authorize the Board Chair to sign the attached Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and Waterman and Associates Government Relations.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity. They are also aligned with Goal Number 1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In March of 2004, the Board considered and adopted the County's Legislative Priorities for the 108th Congress, 2nd Session 2004. The four advocacy and four monitoring and reporting issues adopted are listed below:

Comprehensive Advocacy Issues

- Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Status
- Lake Cachuma Surcharge Impacts
- TEA-21 Transportation Project Funding
- Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) / Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)

Monitor and Report Issues

- Beach / Shore Erosion Projects
- Emerging Opportunities
- Indian Lands (Fee-to-Trust) / Tribal Gaming / Status of Indian Tribes
- Base Realignment and Closure

A brief description of each of these issues is provided in the attached staff memo (Attachment A) which was provided to the Legislative Program Committee in February and the Board of Supervisors in March.

The action before the Board is to authorize the annual renewal of the contract with Waterman and Associates, for the provision of federal advocacy services, on the above issues, for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Legislative Program including federal advocacy services are not mandated and the service level is discretionary.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended contract dollars amount is \$116,000, the same as the current contract. Funding for the annual renewal of the Federal Advocacy agreement with Waterman and Associates is included in the FY 04-05 Budget adopted by the Board on June 11, 2004, and is included in the Legislative Program Cost Center of the County Administrator's Budget (Page D-14).