

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 01/03/03
Department Name: County Administrator
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Placement: Departmental
Estimate Time: 45 Minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Federal Advocacy Report

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors receives a report from Waterman and Associates, regarding Federal Legislative issues of interest to the County.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On September 1, 2001, the County contracted with Waterman and Associates, a Washington D.C. based firm, for federal advocacy services. On July 1, 2002, the County renewed our agreement, which currently extends through June 30, 2003. Our agreement with Waterman and Associates provides for comprehensive advocacy on five specific issues and monitoring and reporting on an additional three issues.

Attached for your review is a copy of the 2002 Program Highlights (Attachment A). Also attached is a copy of the Fourth Quarter 2002 Report, which provides a year-end summary of activities for each of our federal issue areas. On January 14, Ron Waterman, Diana Waterman, and Mike Hollon of Waterman and Associates will present an overview of the Highlights and Fourth Quarter Report and will be available to respond to questions the Board may have regarding our federal program and issue areas.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Legislative Program is not mandated. However, each of the Federal issue areas is directly related to one or more of the County's strategic goals.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts arising from the above recommended action.

C: Department Directors