

**SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY AGENDA  
BOARD LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**TO:** Board of Directors  
Santa Barbara County Water Agency

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery  
Public Works Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Thomas Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director, Ext. 3436  
Dennis Gibbs, Hydrologist, Ext. 3543

**SUBJECT:** **Site Use Agreement for the Cloudseeding Program**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** C.A. Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Board of Directors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Site Use Agreement No. 5015 with Community Radio, Inc. in the amount of \$1,200.00 to provide land to conduct ground based cloudseeding operations for the period November 1, 2004 through and including October 31, 2005.

**ALIGNMENT WITH BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5. Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & DISCUSSION:**

On October 19, 2004, your Board approved the Cloudseeding Program for FY 2004-05. The approval consisted of CEQA certification, consultant contract, and renewal of existing lease sites for the upcoming winter. At that time, staff was negotiating the proposed lease agreement with Community Radio but was not able to secure it in time to include in the October 19<sup>th</sup> Board action.

The proposed lease would provide an optimum aerodynamic site to conduct ground based cloudseeding activities for targeting of the eastern part of the watersheds that supply water to Jameson, Gibraltar and Cachuma Reservoirs on the Santa Ynez River. Staff is currently evaluating ground site locations and intends to soon add an additional site that would serve the watersheds that drain into Twitchell Reservoir.

**MANDATES & SERVICE LEVELS:**

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Cloud seeding is not a mandated program. The proposed program will result in no change in programs or service level compared to last year. The program's objective is to enhance regional water supplies and thus may be considered an important public service.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The program cost continues to be split between the Water Agency and local water districts with the Water Agency providing administration of the project. Costs associated with the Cloudseeding Program were included in the 2004-05 Adopted Budget in the Water Agency's cost center of the Water Resources Division as identified on page D-326 in the budget book. The lease agreements for the program will be paid from Dept: 054, Fund: 3050, Acct: 7560, Program: 3009.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please return three originals of the Lease Agreement and minute order to the Water Agency, Attn: Christina Lopez.

**Concurrence:** Auditor-Controller, County Counsel