



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: 1/11/11  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer, 568-3400 *Terri Nisich*  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Federal Legislative Report

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

Receive an annual report from Thomas Walters and Associates regarding federal legislative activities.

**Summary Text:**

Each year the Board of Supervisors identifies specific issues, projects and/or programs (priorities) that warrant targeted legislative advocacy and includes these priorities are part of its legislative platform for the upcoming calendar year. Once the platform is adopted by the Board, staff determines various legislative strategies centered on the identified priorities such as enacting or amending legislation, creating partnerships with federal agencies and exploring funding opportunities. One component of the County's legislative strategy has been to utilize the advocacy services of Thomas Walters and Associates to assist the County in implementing the legislative platform at the federal level.

**Background:**

This item is before the Board to receive a report on the key legislative actions that transpired at the federal level in 2010 that directly impacted the County (see attachment). The annual report contains a summary of federal legislation monitored on behalf of the County and the status of various appropriation requests related to County infrastructure and capital projects.

**Performance Measure:**

The measure associated with this contract is contained within the CEO Department Summary for the Legislative Advocacy program (page D-35 of the FY 10-11 Operating Plan), and states, "To seek

legislative solutions for addressing the County's critical issues, receive Federal funding for projects identified as part of the County's legislative platform.”

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The total contract cost for Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc. is \$86,772, is inclusive of a monthly retainer and travel and other related expenses.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Attachments:**

Federal Annual Report (prepared by Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc.)

**Authored by:**

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**CC:**

Thomas Walters, Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc.