

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator  
**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Laponis, Deputy County Administrator  
Lori Norton, Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Program Committee Recommendations

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the following County Federal Legislative Priorities for the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session 2003:

### **Comprehensive Advocacy Issues – Continue Advocacy**

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

### **Monitor and Report Issues**

- ❖ Beach, Shore Erosion Projects – Continue Monitoring
- ❖ Emerging Opportunities – Continue Monitoring
- ❖ Indian Lands (Fee-to-Trust), Tribal Gaming, Status of Indian Tribes – Continue Monitoring
- ❖ Base Realignment and Closure – Reinstate Monitoring

## **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:**

### **Background**

On February 17, 2004, the Legislative Program Committee (Committee.) considered, and recommended the Board of Supervisors consider and or adopt the actions listed above. The 2003 Committee membership is as follows: Second District Supervisor Susan Rose, Third District Supervisor Gail Marshall, County

Administrator Michael F. Brown, Auditor-Controller Robert Geis, and County Counsel Stephen Shane Stark. All members of the Committee were present at the meeting and the recommendations were supported by unanimously by the Committee.

The recommendations were forwarded to the Board at their meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup>. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Board deferred taking action on adopting the recommended Federal Priorities and directed staff to return with additional information, as a component of the Budget Update, to be provided to the Board on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Board also deferred taking action on the recommendation to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors to support legislation designed to work towards greater mental health and health realignment funding equity. Staff advised the Board that on February 20, legislation was introduced (AB 2766, Richman) to accomplish increased realignment equity. As such, the Board directed staff to return to the Legislative Program Committee to seek a position on AB 2766.

### **Federal Legislative Priorities**

Attachment 1 includes a memorandum to the Legislative Program Committee, which provides a summary of each of the proposed Federal Legislative Priorities for the 108th Congress, 2nd Session, 2004.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Board requested information regarding the term of the County's Federal Advocacy contract with Waterman and Associates. Attachment 1 includes a copy of the existing agreement with Waterman and Associates. The agreement is for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$116,000. The contract includes a thirty (30) day termination provision for convenience, for all or part of the contract. This provision could be exercised if the Board desired to curtail the County's federal advocacy efforts. The scope of services provides for the Contractor to provide:

- ❖ Comprehensive advocacy on no more that five specific issues or projects
- ❖ Track, monitor and report on an additional three issues

The recommended action before your Board is to select the issues and projects Waterman and Associates will advocate on behalf of the County on in the current legislative session.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The Legislative Program is not mandated and its service levels are discretionary.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

As discussed above, the County's agreement with Waterman and Associates for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, and is in the amount of \$116,000. Funding for the federal advocacy contract is included in the adopted FY 03-04 Budget, in the County Administrators budget, legislative program division (page D-14). The total adopted budget for the legislative program for FY 03-04 is \$256,378. In addition to the federal advocacy contract, the adopted budget includes funding for the County's contract with Governmental Advocates for state advocacy services for the period of November 1, 2003 – October 31, 2004, in an amount of \$ 58,280, and for staff support for the program.

**C: Ron Waterman, Waterman and Associates  
Department Directors**