

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: Federal Legislative Program: Change "Indian Lands/Gaming" from "Monitor" to "Advocacy"

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors: Consider changing the status of Indian Lands/Gaming from “monitor” to “advocacy” in the Federal Legislative Program.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County’s Federal Legislative Program Contract currently contains four advocacy matters: Community Development Block Grant; Conservation and Reinvestment Act; Transportation Equity Act; and FEMA/USFA Fire Grants. The contract also contains four Monitor/Report matters: Beach/Shore Erosion, Base Closures, Offshore Oil Leasing, and Indian Lands/Gaming.

Based upon current issues at the Federal level regarding Indian Lands/Gaming, particularly in the fee to trust land area, Supervisor Marshall has asked (and staff concurs) that the Board consider transferring the matter from monitor/report to advocacy. There are sufficient funds available in the existing contract dollar ceiling to accommodate the recommendation (\$5,000 is included in the contract to cover the cost of “unanticipated services;” and, \$3,000 is in the contract for travel relatively little of which has been expended). It is anticipated that these funds would cover the cost of additional advocacy by Waterman and Associates.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The cost of advocating the Indian Lands/Gaming matter through the end of this fiscal year is estimated to be \$5,000-\$6,000. Funds in that amount are allocated and available for “additional unanticipated expenses” and “travel related expenses” in the current Federal Legislative Advocacy contract with Waterman and Associates.

cc: Waterman & Associates, Federal Legislative Advocacy