



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #06-4-32
Receive & File

April 13, 2006

SACOG Board and Advocacy Budget for FY 2006-07

Issue: This is a progress report on SACOG's Board and Advocacy Budget for FY 2006-07.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Committee Action/Discussion: The Administration Committee at their April meeting received a draft of the Board and Advocacy budget and provided advice about its components. The revenue from dues will increase by \$20,126 from a combination of a natural increase in population as well as the addition of a CPI of 4.37%. The CPI component of member dues was approved by the Board at their April 14, 2005 meeting. However, despite the increase in dues, there are greater increases on the expenditure side, particularly for Board reimbursements, The Ferguson Group contract, and memberships in other organizations.

The Board has adopted a valuable pattern of sending alternates to Board and committee meetings, so this eliminates any meeting allowance savings due to absenteeism. We anticipate that Board members will continue to be reimbursed for committee meetings such as the Elk Grove-Rancho Cordova-El Dorado Hills connector, the flood advisory committee, and the unmet transit needs hearings. We also have about 25% of our Board members who request reimbursement for mileage to these meetings, which adds approximately \$5,600 to the budget.

There is also a cost increase for The Ferguson Group contract. In December 2005 the Board approved a monthly increase of \$600 for the contract, and we estimate that it will increase by an equal amount for the period January – July 2007. The total increase for FY 06-07 is \$10,800. We expect that staff will be able to negotiate to maintain the cost on the state legislative contract.

The other major area of cost increase is for memberships. The budget for the current year includes only the NARC (National Association of Regional Councils) and AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations) dues. However, we recently received information that the CALCOG dues were not eligible for funding through our Federal partners because CALCOG's primary activities are for lobbying efforts. We also received information that the California Transit Association dues are 60% directed toward lobbying efforts. The sum of these two amounts is \$15,200. To offset these increases, we received information from AMPO that if we indicate how much of the dues amount will be paid for with Federal funds, they will not use that amount for lobbying; therefore, we will budget the AMPO dues from indirect costs in order to relieve the pressure on the Board and Advocacy budget. All totaled the FY 06-07 budget for membership is \$25,200; the same budget in FY 05-06 is \$17,000.

Because the Board and Advocacy budget is so tight, the Administration Committee advised putting as a footnote to the budget, an authorization to use up to \$10,000 in interest earnings from the building fund account, if needed, in order to pay for any labor costs in excess of the budget or other costs that might arise during the year.

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