



Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

March 26, 2009

Authorize a Sole-Source Contract with Peter Hathaway for Consulting Services

Issue: Whether to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Peter Hathaway for consulting services.

Recommendation: That the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Peter Hathaway for consulting services.

Discussion: Pete Hathaway retired from SACOG in December 2008, however, it quickly became clear that staff would benefit from his expertise on a limited basis. Mr. Hathaway has valuable and unique expertise in the field of transportation funding both at the state and federal level and has a depth of knowledge that can be used to further educate and inform staff about a variety of issues. He is uniquely positioned to provide that expertise to SACOG. The Executive Director initiated a contract with Mr. Hathaway under his \$20,000 signing authority (per Board adopted purchasing policy) that was intended to expire on June 30, 2009. Since that time, Mr. Hathaway has advised the transportation planning and project delivery staff and the Miller Owen & Trost office regarding various programming issues, the federal stimulus package, several complex projects that have been proposed by partners, and attended various meetings of the CTC and SACOG committees and Board at the request of staff. He has also provided a full day of training on transportation funding to the entire SACOG staff.

Recently Mr. Hathaway has been very active with the project delivery team working on the federal stimulus package and the projects that should be included. This has had the effect of spending down approximately two thirds of the initial \$20,000 contract. While it is not expected that Mr. Hathaway's involvement will continue at the same rate, staff is requesting that another \$20,000 contract be issued. If this contract extension is approved by the Board, it is expected that Mr. Hathaway's proposed services will include programming process assistance and legislation analysis. A focus for the efforts will be to assist in making SACOG's programming process more uniform and transparent. In support of this objective,

Mr. Hathaway may provide strategic advice and technical assistance on issues related to funding, programming and project delivery. Legislative analysis tasks may involve an evaluation of bill context, meaning, and consequences to SACOG.

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