



Land Use & Housing Committee

Item #09-10-2
Action

September 24, 2009

RUCS Forest Management Contract

Issue: SACOG will be assisted by a contractor to conduct the Forest Management topic for the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy (RUCS) project.

Recommendation: That the Land Use & Housing Committee recommend that the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract for consulting services on the RUCS Forest Management topic given staff confirmation that the proposal is adequate.

Discussion: During the Land Use & Housing Committee meeting in August, staff described issues that will be addressed in the Forest Management topic for the RUCS project. Those issues range from challenges associated with development, fire, climate change, and water to opportunities in carbon sequestration, energy production, timber harvest and recreation. Approximately 1.18 million acres or 28 percent of the SACOG region is affected by this topic.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on September 4 and one response was received. That proposal is being reviewed by a selection committee. If the proposal is acceptable and the board authorizes execution of a contract, a series of papers and stakeholder meetings will be conducted and the committee will be provided reports from staff and the consultant. Given the short time between the RFP closing date and mail out of this agenda item, the necessary review has not been completed by the selection panel. Barring any scheduling difficulties, staff anticipates having a recommendation for award of a contract at the Land Use & Housing Committee.

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