REPORT

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TO: Administrative Committee

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SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Sustainability Conference

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Co-fund $10,000 toward the cost of hosting a Regional Comprehensive Plan Sustainability Conference in January 2008.

BACKGROUND:
The pending update to the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) will lay out a vision for how Southern California can achieve sustainability in nine areas of policy, including Transportation, Land Use and Housing, Water, Air Quality, Solid Waste, Energy, Open Space, Economy, and Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Staff proposes a one-day conference in January to highlight the challenges and opportunities associated with the RCP and sustainability mandates from AB 32. Speakers would include high-profile leaders active in developing sustainable policies and programs associated with natural resources, the economy, and quality-of-life initiatives. Invited attendees would include Regional Council and policy committee members, other elected officials, and other public and private sector stakeholders involved with transportation, land use, economy, security, water, solid waste, air quality, and other resource planning industries.

FISCAL IMPACT:
The co-sponsorship budget is captured in the approved FY07-08 General Fund Budget within work element 08-800.SCGS9. Any additional funding requirements will be secured through sponsorships and conference registration.

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