REPORT

DATE: March 6, 2008

TO: Policy Committees (CEHD, EEC, TCC)

FROM: Membership & Communications Subcommittee

SUBJECT: 2008 Regional Champion Awards

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Select a Regional Champion and seek Regional Council approval.

BACKGROUND:
In 2005, the Regional Council authorized the establishment of the Regional Champion Awards recognizing Leadership and Regionalism related to SCAG's work. Each policy committee has an award to bestow upon a leader in one of their subject areas of focus. The intent is to recognize non-elected individuals for their service to the region, often as a volunteer. An award for excellence in Media and Communication, nominated by the Membership & Communication Subcommittee was also established.

Regional Champions honored since 2005 include: from CEHD – Randall Lewis of the Lewis Operating Companies, Art Gallucci, City Manager of Cerritos, and Hunter Johnson from LINC Housing; from EEC – Kay Martin from the BioEnergy Producers Association, James Stahl, General Manager of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and Mike Mohajer, volunteer and retired Los Angeles County Waste Management official; from TCC – Dr. Geraldine Knatz and Richard Steinke, respective Executive Directors of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The Media & Communication awards have recognized Tony Valdez of KTTV Fox 11, Ray Gonzalez from KTLA Channel 5, and Lisa Howard, reporter from Antelope Valley Press.

Regional Champions will be invited to the General Assembly on May 8th to be recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the Ontario Convention Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There are nominal costs in acquiring the actual awards.

Reviewed by:
Division Manager

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Department Director

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Chief Financial Officer

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