REPORT

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TO: The Regional Council
The Administration Committee

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SUBJECT: General Fund Authorization for SCAG Legislative Day in Sacramento

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the expenditure of up to $1,500 for the SCAG Legislative Day in Sacramento

SUMMARY:
In order to host a May 18th luncheon for legislators in Sacramento during a day of one-on-one briefings with Regional Council members on SCAG's positions and programs, Government Affairs staff is requesting the approval of an expenditure of General Funds of up to $1,500.00.

BACKGROUND:
The Regional Council adopted the 2005 State and Federal Legislative Program on January 6, 2005. As part of the implementation of the program, SCAG seeks to continue enhancing our relationships with members of the California State Legislature.

Consequently, Government Affairs is planning a Legislative Day in Sacramento in May. The objective of this visit is to bring together Regional Council members with state legislators from throughout the SCAG region for the purposes of informing, educating, and soliciting support for SCAG positions on bills and constitutional amendments currently proposed in the Senate and Assembly.

During a day of one-on-one meetings with senators and assembly members, SCAG would host a luncheon for legislators, providing an additional opportunity to meet with lawmakers, some of whom may be unavailable otherwise due to committee hearings. The tentative date is Wednesday, May 18th.

FISCAL IMPACT:
General Funds are available for the Legislative Day luncheon and no additional funds are required. This request is shown as budgeted under the Regional Council Special Projects Line Item in the General Fund Reconciliation Document.

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