

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** APRIL 26, 2006

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-1412, IN SUPPORT OF AB 2015, WHICH ENHANCES MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIP ON THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD).

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At the request of the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments, staff has reviewed and is recommending support of AB 2015 through the adoption of Resolution No. 06-1412 which enhances municipal membership on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board. The current structure to decide Board membership is based on legislation that was passed almost 20 years ago and reflects population, cities & urban development and major sources of air quality concern at that time. Twenty-four smaller cities in LA Western Sector gain the opportunity for direct representation on the Board, Los Angeles City receives its own seat, and the other 87 cities realign themselves based on current & future population. Currently, all 24 cities in the Western Sector are represented by a Los Angeles City representative due to selection rules weighted toward cities with greater population. Malibu and Calabasas, being the two western-most cities, are in the Eastern Sector because they incorporated after the current SCAQMD Board legislation was enacted. There has not been a realignment of representation to match the growth in population.

Assembly Bill 2015 is legislation authored by Assemblyman Ted Lieu that will modify the composition of SCAQMD by adding four city government representatives (1 each from Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County and Los Angeles County). The bill will give 1.5 million people in the 24 smaller cities in Los Angeles County's Western Sector the opportunity to be directly represented on the Board. It will also move Malibu and Calabasas from the Eastern Sector to the Western Sector. Assembly Bill 2015 will cost approximately \$180,000 of a total AQMD budget of \$105 million. The bill targets inadequate representation, not the SCAQMD, its Board Members, or its work. The City of Agoura Hills would join the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, the Westside Cities Council of Governments, the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the City of Los Angeles, the Contract Cities Association, and the Independent Cities Association in support of Assembly Bill 2015.

The Legislative Committee has reviewed this bill and is supportive of staff's recommendation for the approval of Resolution No. 06-1412 in support of AB 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is recommending that the City Council:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. 06-1412; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS SUPPORTING AB 2015 (LIEU) WHICH ENHANCES MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION ON THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Attachment(s): Resolution No. 06-1412  
Amended Version AB 2015