

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is requesting the cities within their region approve a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue the City's participation in the established Clean Cities Program. The City originally signed a MOU in February of 1995, which has now expired. The proposed MOU would be for a five-year term.

The Clean Cities program is a voluntary federal program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The program attempts to assist cities in working towards several widespread goals:

- Reducing the national dependence on imported petroleum for transportation uses, as specified in the Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992;
- Complying with the Alternative Fuel fleet provisions of the Federal Policy Act of 1992;
- Assist the region in complying with the Alternative Fuel fleet provision of Title II of the Clean Air Act and Amendments of 1990, the California Clean Act, and local Air Quality District regulations as the SCAG region is considered to be part of a non-attainment area;
- Educate the public on alternative fuels and available vehicles; and
- Encourage the development of a market driven and sustained public alternative fuel infrastructure.

The Clean Cities MOU is the heart of the Clean Cities Program. It links the DOE objectives for improved energy security, local economic development, and the preservation of environmental integrity through local efforts to expand the use of alternative fuels. The MOU confirms that each stakeholder is voluntarily committed to the goals, objectives, and responsibilities set forth in the program plan. The major benefit to the City in continuing its Clean City designation is that there is a variety of funding and incentive opportunities, some of which are only available to SCAG members with an MOU. The approval of the proposed MOU also shows the City of Agoura Hills' continued commitment to environmentally sensitive programs.

The proposed MOU does not create any financial obligation and does not require the City to alter any of its current vehicle purchasing or replacement programs. The City currently follows the

alternative fuel vehicle replacement program where possible and is in compliance with all Federal programs as a small-numbered fleet vehicle city.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended the City Council approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding to continue participating in the Southern California Association of Governments' Clean Cities Program.

Attachment: (A) Memorandum of Understanding