REPORT

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TO: Regional Council

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SUBJECT: The 2007 National Alternative Fuels and Vehicles Conference and Expo

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Support the 2007 National Alternative Fuels and Vehicles Conference and Expo.

SUMMARY:
The National Alternative Fuels and Vehicles Conference and Expo (formerly known as National Clean Cities Conference) is holding their 2007 event in the SCAG region. Planning Committee Chair Will Kleindienst is requesting SCAG's support in advancing the awareness and participation of this event. SCAG support will not include any funding.

BACKGROUND:
The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute (AFVI) was founded in 2003 to provide high quality education, training and technical assistance on the broad range of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) available in today's marketplace. A non-profit organization, AFVI was formed to fill the gap between the U.S. policy push of hydrogen powered vehicles as the answer to foreign oil dependence and environmental degradation and the reality that commercially available hydrogen powered vehicles will not be available for 15 years or more.

The AFVI will hold the 13th National Alternative Fuels and Vehicles Conference and Expo in Anaheim, California, April 1-4, 2007. The Conference will be held at the Anaheim Marriott & the Anaheim Convention Center. The annual conference was formerly sponsored by the Department of Energy as the national Clean Cities Conference. This annual event brings together more than one thousand government and industry stakeholders who share the mission of reducing petroleum consumption in the transportation sector. The program has long supported non-petroleum fuels including natural gas, ethanol, biodiesel, propane, and electricity; as well as the alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) that can use those fuels.

Lead sponsors of the 2006 conference were AFV Solutions, American Honda and General Motors. Additional sponsors included Advanced Fleet, ANGI International, BAF Technologies, California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, Campbell-Parnell, City of Phoenix, Clean Energy, Cummins Westport, Custom Alloy Products, DaimlerChrysler, Ford, GreenField Compression, ICF International, IMW, John Deere, Logex, National Biodiesel Board, National Ethanol Vehicle Council, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Pinnacle CNG Company, Propane Exceptional Energy, Salt River Project, Southern California Gas Company, and Toyota.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Work related to this item is included in the FY 2006-07/ (07-025) Overall Work Program under Air Quality/Conformity.

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Division Manager

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Department Director

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Chief Financial Officer