REPORT

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TO: Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Workshop on Water Efficient Land Use Planning

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize staff to collaborate with the Local Government Commission (LGC) in hosting a workshop at SCAG offices on Water Efficient Land Use Planning and to coordinate with the Advisory Committees to be created by the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The Local Government Commission (LGC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership organization that provides technical assistance and networking to local elected officials and other community leaders who are working to create healthy, walkable, and resource-efficient communities.

The LGC is in the process of establishing two Southern California advisory committees as one element in a project funded by a Proposition 50 grant and intended to support widespread local implementation of the Ahwahnee Water Principles for Resources Efficient Land Use. In 2005, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a resolution in support of these Principles. In brief, these Principles encourage cities and counties to take stewardship actions to improve the reliability and quality of water resources and reduce their potential financial liability for water contamination, stormwater runoff and flooding.

One advisory committee would focus on communities within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 4) and the other on communities within the jurisdiction of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 8) and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 9). Each committee would have between 6 and 12 members. The members will be elected officials who have an interest in water efficient land use advances in their communities, along with other representatives from key water, wastewater and flood control agencies and regional planning organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT: All work related to the recommended staff action is contained within the adopted FY 06/07 budget under 07-020 (Environmental Planning). Funding and implementation of this Program will be the fiscal responsibility of the Local Government Commission and perhaps other entities.

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