

# **Municipal Representation on the SCAQMD Board**

## **Fact Sheet**

### ***The Goal...***

The goal of this effort is to provide for equitable municipal representation on the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board.

### ***The Issue...***

For many years, cities within the SCAQMD have discussed amending current law to provide for a more equitable representation on the agency's Board of Directors. Currently, Los Angeles County cities in the Western Sector are unable to elect a representative from any city but the City of Los Angeles. Additionally, because of the way current law is written, the Cities of Malibu and Calabasas are part of the Eastern Sector for city representation on the board. City organizations in other counties of the District's jurisdiction may also be interested in enhancing representation on the Board.

### ***The Discussion to Date...***

After multiple one-on-one meetings with representatives from various Councils of Governments and conference call presentations with city officials, two alternatives were developed to assist in furthering the discussion. As there are so many different approaches to board representation and selection processes, it was thought that focusing on these two alternatives would help to move interested parties toward consensus. Alternative I would add four members to the SCAQMD Board, one additional municipal representative for each county in the District. Within Los Angeles County, there would be a designated seat for the City of Los Angeles and a reconfiguration of the Western Sector seat to include the Cities of Malibu and Calabasas and other cities to be determined. Alternative II would create a board similar to that in the Bay Area, which is roughly a 50/50 split between county and municipal representatives with no Sacramento appointees. To date, many who have reviewed and discussed these alternatives believe that Alternative I may be the most practical and politically feasible.

### ***Next Steps...***

As the discussion continues, the effort will continue to solicit feedback and welcome the discussion of other alternatives to addressing municipal representation. The objective is to reach consensus on a preferred approach this year so that legislation can be introduced in January, 2006. There are assurances that if we have local consensus, we will have a legislative author to carry the legislation.

### ***More Information...***

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