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## **Selection of Firm to Prepare Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011**

Dear Members of the Commission:

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission direct the staff to contact firms to secure a proposal to audit its finances for FY 2010-11 and continue this matter to the next Commission meeting.

### DISCUSSION

The Commission engaged Moss, Levy & Hartzheim in 2002 to prepare annual financial audits, a service that firm provided for four years. For FY 2005-06 and thereafter, the Commission engaged Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf to prepare financial audits.

In the past it has been a challenge to secure an auditing firm due either to their current workloads or the fact many have decided not to focus on public agency audits. This difficulty to securing local audit firms is not unique to Santa Barbara LAFCO. Other Executive Officers complain about a paucity of firms to prepare audits or the increased costs to have such audits prepared.

It is recommended the staff be directed to contact firms to secure a proposal to audit LAFCO finances for FY 2010-11 and beyond, this matter be continued to the next Commission meeting.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



BOB BRAITMAN  
Executive Officer