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*And Interested Parties and Affected State Agencies (mailing list)*RE: Statement of Decision: Local Recreational Areas: Background Screening Test Claim, 01-TC-11  
Adopted December 9, 2005

Development of Reasonable Reimbursement Methodology &amp; Proposed Statewide Estimate of Costs

Dear Ms. Patton:

The City of Los Angeles is the test claimant for the above test claim to reimburse local recreation agencies for their costs in complying with the Commission on State Mandates Statement of Decision. We request that the Commission postpone its hearing to adopt the set of actual cost parameters and guidelines scheduled for its December 6, 2007 hearing.

We are currently working with the Department of Finance to follow the new process in Government Code section 17557.1 to develop a reasonable reimbursement methodology (RRM) and statewide estimate of costs for the initial claiming period and budget year for reimbursement of costs mandated by the state. The development of a RRM will save both state and local agencies considerable administrative costs in preparing reimbursement claims for this mandate.

Previously, we were pursuing an RRM with your office under the prior RRM statutory provisions. We discontinued that effort when it was concluded by both state and local representative that those statutory provisions would make it nearly impossible to develop a RRM that met those requirements. Now that AB 1222 has become law and the RRM requirements have been simplified, we can proceed expeditiously to develop a RRM proposal.

We are hopeful that we will have a RRM developed in time for your March or May hearing. Your acceptance of our request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Director of Human Resources

cc: Carla Castaneda, Dept. of Finance