

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 9, 2004

SUBJECT: Agreement with Thomas Walters and Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board:

- 1) Approve, and authorize the Chairman to sign, the attached three year agreement with Thomas Walters and Associates to continue providing federal advocacy services, and
- 2) Receive and File the attached list of specific accomplishments for 2003-2004 by Thomas Walters and Associates.

BACKGROUND: Tom Walters has been providing federal legislative advocacy services to the County since 1991, originally as part of the firm Honberger and Walters and since 1999 through his own company. The attached agreement continues all services currently provided for three additional years. The annual cost of this contract has been at \$151,000 since 1999 and will be increased to \$165,000 for 2005 and \$175,000 for the final two years of the agreement to reflect cost of business increases.

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Deputy County Executive Officer

Attachments

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 82,500	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 82,500	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 165,000	For Fiscal Year:	2004/2005
SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund – Litigation and Administrative Support Budget				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

Dept't Recomm.: Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy

 Consent
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Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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Thomas Walters and Associates
Specific Accomplishments 2003-2004

Prepared for Riverside County

December 2004

Thomas Walters & Associates, Inc.

Specific Accomplishments 2003-2004

Homeland Security - Advocated for homeland security funding that resulted in an allocation of \$5.34 million to the County for FY 2003, with approximately the same anticipated for FY 2004.

Federal Reimbursement of Criminal Illegal Alien Incarceration Costs - Successfully lobbied for appropriations leading to reimbursements of \$890,000 and \$1.35 million under the SCAAP program, and \$5.6 million under the Southwest Border Prosecutors Initiative.

Public Safety Communications Infrastructure - Worked with the local Congressional delegation to earmark funding to upgrade the regional communications infrastructure to help meet the needs of homeland security, and improve disaster response and critical incident management.

Disproportionate Share Hospital Funding - Aggressively advocated in support of successful efforts to restore funding for the Disproportionate Share Hospital program, increasing the County's Regional Medical Center's payment by approximately \$10 million annually.

Bioterrorism Response - Advocated for bioterrorism response funding that resulted in \$4.1 million to the County for FY 2004, plus a competitive award of \$400,000 to enhance the County's ability to respond to bioterrorism and weapons of mass destruction events.

Wildfire Suppression - Advocated for funding to address the bark beetle infestation and other wildfire suppression needs, resulting in \$20 million to remove dead trees in the County.

Rural Empowerment Zones - Advocated for funding that resulted in \$3.5 million over two years for the Desert Communities Empowerment Zone, with \$1.5 million anticipated for FY 2005.

Multiple Species HCP Funding - Lobbied in support of \$4 million over two years for habitat conservation planning; lobbied the Department of the Interior in support of \$17.55 million over two years to help acquire key properties integral to the multiple species HCPs in the County; lobbied in support of \$6.75 million over two years for local land acquisition by Federal agencies.

Section 404 Permitting - Lobbied in support of earmarks totaling \$1.2 million for the County's Special Area Management Plan to streamline the 404 permitting process.

Methamphetamine Suppression - Worked with Congressman Calvert to earmark \$300,000 for the Sheriff's Department to fight methamphetamine production and distribution.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Successfully advocated for increased PILT appropriations, increasing the County's allocation by over \$350,000 annually over the last three years.

Child Support Penalties – Worked with the State of California to successfully advocate in support of waiving Federal penalties that would have cost the county \$2.1 million.

Food Stamp Penalties - Worked with the State of California to successfully advocate in support of waiving Federal penalties that would have cost the county \$909,000.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant - Successfully lobbied for authorization and appropriations, resulting in \$371,092 to the County for FY 2003 and \$106,377 for FY 2004.

Broader Advocacy Efforts 2003-2004

Other areas in which Thomas Walters & Associates, Inc. successfully advocated your Board's policies include:

Election reform
Emergency health care to illegal aliens
Airport improvement and security
funding CalFed authorization
Homeless programs

Mentally ill offenders programs
Federal disaster relief
Funding to combat agricultural pests
Community Development funding
Library Funding