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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
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Arrangements for Financial Audits for Fiscal Year 2005-06

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive and file this status report.

DISCUSSION

On June 2, 2005 the Commission approved using Moss, Levy & Hartzheim to prepare the 2004 fiscal year audit (which was the fourth consecutive year for this particular firm) and directed the staff to solicit bids from other local accounting firms to conduct the 2005 fiscal year audit.

We have contacted four other firms and indicated that we are seeking proposals to provide audits for three consecutive fiscal years with options for three one-year extensions and that we are open to considering other arrangements as appropriate.

The firms we have contacted are Bartlett, Pringle and Wolf; MacFarlane, Faletti & Company; McGowan Guntermann and Nasif, Hicks, Harris and Company, LLP. These names were provided to us by the County Auditor Controller's office. We will provide a recommendation at the next Commission meeting.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer

cc: Bob Geis, Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller