

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 4/8/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nikki J. Schmidt 805/781-5496	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the County's Calendar Year (CY) 2014/Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Federal Legislative Agenda and Work Plan. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the County's CY 2014/FY 2015 Federal Agenda and Work Plan; and 2. Direct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign letters in support of the activities on the County's approved Federal Agenda and Work Plan as requested by the County's Congressional delegation. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Guy Savage			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nikki J. Schmidt, Administrative Office

DATE: 4/8/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The Federal lobbying agenda work plan for CY 2014/FFY 2015 were developed by the Ferguson Group in consultation with the Board of Supervisors and various County departments. Additionally, on February 25, 2014, the Board provided direction on the CY 2014/FFY 2015 agenda to Mike Miller, of the Ferguson Group, during his update on current activities being undertaken by his firm on the behalf of the County. The Ferguson Group will work with our Congressional delegation in moving forward the County's priorities, either through legislation, department appropriations, or grant opportunities. Specifically, the Board directed the County's Federal priorities to be:

- Water Resources: e.g. drought and water reliability, clean water, water recycling;
- Transportation and Public Infrastructure: transportation reauthorization (Map 21) bill, Cayucos Pier;
- Public Safety: e.g. hazardous materials and rail transportation, nuclear waste.

Also included in this staff report is an updated on the Ferguson Group's activities on the County's behalf since Mr. Miller's February 25, 2014 report to the Board.

Authority for the Chair to sign letters of support/opposition as requested by the County's Congressional delegation throughout the Federal Agenda year is also recommended. These requests may come at times when the Board is not scheduled to meet; therefore, we are requesting that the Chair of the Board be given the authority to sign these letters.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Mike Miller met with the Board of Supervisors and various County department heads and staff on February 24, 2014 in the development of the CY 2014/FFY 2015 Federal Agenda and Work Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no additional cost associated with the development of the CY 2014/FFY 2015 Federal Agenda and Work Plan as its development is included in the cost of the contract with the Ferguson Group.

RESULTS

Federal lobbying provides the County with an opportunity to obtain Federal revenues that may otherwise not be available to us. Additional revenues contribute to the County's goal of a safe, healthy, livable, and prosperous community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CY 2014/FFY 2015 Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda and Work Plan
2. March 31, 2014 update on current Federal activities