

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
RE: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability Dues

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

GOAL B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

BACKGROUND

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has been working on Climate Action Planning (CAP) over the last several years. One of the main components of this work is assessing and tracking Greenhouse Gases (GHG). The SBCCOG GHG data for all member cities resides in an online tool housed by ICLEI. This tool allows for the SBCCOG as well as individual cities to access their GHG data and related methodology and calculations. The tool can also be used to assess achievement and track progress of CAP strategies. This tool is important for ongoing and future GHG inventory work such as updating the GHG inventories.

In order to use this tool and maintain the data, agencies must be a member of ICLEI. The SBCCOG holds an umbrella membership for all member cities. This type of membership was the first of its kind for ICLEI and was created after negotiation with ICLEI top leadership. The SBCCOG has maintained this membership for the last several years for the sub-region and member cities.

For the fiscal year 2019-20, the dues are remaining the same amount of \$3000/year, and covered in the SBCCOG budget; however, ICLEI is offering the opportunity to have reduced fees using a multi-year discount as follows:

<u># yrs</u>	<u>@100%</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>New Amt</u>	<u>Savings</u>
1	\$ 3,000	0%	\$ 3,000	\$ -
2	6,000	10%	5,400	600
3	9,000	15%	7,650	1,350

Financial Impact

Subscribing for three years with the 15% multi-year discount, will save the COG \$1,350 over the three-year period, or \$450/year.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to the Board that SBCCOG subscribe to ICLEI for 3-years, exercising the 15% discount for a savings of \$1,350. Funding above the \$3,000 will come from the general fund for 2019-20 with no costs in 2020-21 and 2021-22.