



Date: September 18, 2002
To: Inter-Regional Partnership
From: IRP Staff
RE: Incentives Update

Background

On August 13, 2002, the IRP staff met with the staff from the regional economic development agencies and the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the incentives work to date and to strategize next steps.

Discussion

At the August 13th meeting, staff updated the Zone representatives on the progress of AB 499, the legislative vehicle that was intended to direct incentives to the Zones and other incentive related activities.

Following the staff update, the group then discussed next steps for securing incentives for the Zones. The focus of the next step discussions centered around the incentives that have been prioritized by the IRP, including:

- Tax Increment Financing
- Enterprise Zone Status
- Priority Status for Zones in State Programs
 - Priority in state bond allocations through the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC)
 - Tax credits for housing as issued through the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC)
- Cash Grants
- Priority for Inter-regional Improvement Program funds
- Childcare Assistance

At the end of the meeting, it was concluded that staff would continue to work on securing the necessary legislative and regulatory changes that would direct the prioritized incentives to the Zones. The focus would be on developing a tax increment financing program, CDLAC and CTCAC modifications and pursuing those elements of the Enterprise Program that have been deemed valuable by the Zone representatives.

Bruce Kern, Economic Development Alliance for Business, will present to the IRP further details on the efforts to secure incentives for the Zones.

Recommended Actions

This item is information only. There are no recommended actions for the IRP to take.