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Small Community Advisory Subcommittee
Teleconference Meeting Summary
October 9, 2008 at 1:30 PM -2:00PM (EDT)

Attendees:

Steve Jenkins-SCAS Chair
Ivan Fende-SCAS member
Chuck Hafter-SCAS member
Jimmy Kemp-SCAS Member
Khanna Johnston-EPA Official
Jerry Griffin-LGAC member
Randy Johnson- LGAC member
Lurlin Hoelscher-SCAS member
Roy Prescott-LGAC Chair
Ken Fallows-SCAS member
Frances Eargle-EPA
Anna Raymond-EPA
Robert Cunningham-EPA
Javier Araujo-EPA
Kendra Tyler-EPA

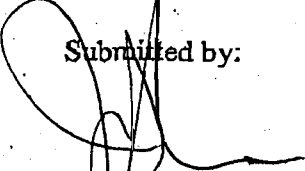
The Small Community Advisory Committee met on Thursday October 9, 2008 by teleconference. The principal item discussed was the status of the "Small Communities Report". Also discussed was the distribution plan for the report. Members discussed the possibility of posting the report on the web. Possible entities to receive the report for posting and further distribution are: The National Conference of Mayors, National Governors Association, National League of Cities, Council of State Governments and the Office of Mayors. A motion was made by Mr. Randy Johnson that the "Small Communities Report" be approved and forwarded to the LGAC for review. Mr. Jimmy Kemp seconded the motion for approval. All in attendance voted in the affirmative for the report.

Mr. Javier Araujo- reported on previously requested research regarding the criteria for the granting of hardship waivers for grant matching requirements for Indian tribes. After meeting with Rodges Ankrah of the American Indian Environmental Office, research findings indicate that the Regional Administrator has the authority to waive grant matching requirements for Indian tribes. This decision is based on economic hardship demonstrated by the requesting Indian Tribe or Tribal Consortium. The threshold for demonstrating economic hardship is based on state economic indicators. A member of the SCAS suggested that due to economic hardship within small communities, perhaps the EPA can consider granting small communities the same hardship status, in order to allow small communities to more easily request and get grants. The membership of SCAS decided that a letter to the Administrator of the EPA was in order to request the possibility of granting small communities the same hardship waiver (option) that Indian tribes enjoy. Also discussed was the status of guest speakers for the SCAS at the upcoming meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Tom Kennedy of the South Windsor

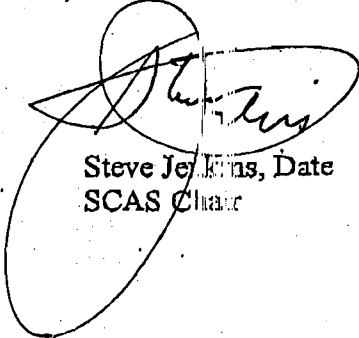
County, Community Planning Commission was touted as a potential guest speaker to address SCAS. Having no other business the meeting adjourned.

We hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing meeting summary is accurate and complete.

Submitted by:



Javier H. Araujo, Date
ERA, DFO



Steve Jenkins, Date
SCAS Chair