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TO:

Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM:

Peter Brundage, Executive Officer

RE:

Introduce Student Interns

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RECOMMENDATION

Information only, no action is required.

BACKGROUND

We have hired two new Student Interns for the upcoming school year. Their primary responsibility will be the preparation of Park & Recreation District Municipal Service Reviews. They will also assist with reviewing outside agency CEQA documents, various General Plan Updates, and other duties as assigned.

INTRODUCTION

Meron Tessema is a fourth year student at UC Davis. She will be graduating in the spring of 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and secondary degrees in African American and African Studies, and International Agricultural Development. She was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and is fluent in Amharic, the national language of Ethiopia, and proficient in French. She is the Co-President of the UC Davis Pan-African Student Association and a member of Intramural Soccer team. In the future, Meron wants to join the Peace-Corps and go to graduate school. Due to her interest in urban development and sustainability, Meron happened to find SacLAFCo the perfect fit. She will continue to learn about land-use and environmental policy making strategies and also gain experience in writing reports and policies.

Vadim Sidelnikov is also a fourth year student at UC Davis. He will be graduating in the spring of 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations with an emphasis in Environment and Natural Resources and secondary degrees in Environmental Planning and Policy and Spanish. He was born in Ukraine and is fluent in Russian and proficient in Spanish. He has a strong interest in the outdoors and photography. Post-graduation, and after gaining some workplace experience, Vadim wants to go to law school for Environmental Law. He is interested in environmental protection issues and has legislative experience through past internships, most recently with the Sierra Club California. He is very excited to work for your LAFCo and experience the California policy and planning process first hand; as well as gain experience in analyzing growth and environmental impacts.