

**ICOC Per Diem Rate
Annual Cost of Living Adjustment**

Background

Health and Human Services Section 125290.45(b)(2) provides that each member of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) "...shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day (adjusted annually for cost of living) for each day actually spent in the discharge of the member's duties...". At the April 7, 2005, the ICOC approved a policy and procedure for claiming per diem including criteria for defining a "day actually spent in the discharge of the member's duties". At the April 6, 2006 meeting, the ICOC approved a process by which the annual increase will be calculated. It is included in Article IV, Section 7. of the ICOC Bylaws (see Attachment I) and requires that adjustments be based on Annual Averages of the California Consumer Price Index.

Information

Using the formula approved, the new Per Diem allowances would be:

Daily Rate:

$$\$100 \times 202.6/195.4 = \$103.68 = \$104/\text{day (Rounded)}$$

Hourly Rate:

$$\$104/8 = \$13/\text{hour}$$

The Annual Averages used to calculate these revised Per Diem rates were published in March 2006. Under the ICOC Bylaws, the revised Per Diem rates are to become effective in the month after the Annual Averages are published.

Recommendation

The ICOC should adopt the new Per Diem rates effective April 1, 2006.

If a claim using the old rate has already been submitted, the increase may be claimed separately.