CALIFORNIA DEBT LIMIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Estimated Public Benefits
Single-Family Housing Program Pool
March 16, 2005 Allocation

State and local governmental agencies and joint powers authorities can issue tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds (MRB) or mortgage credit certificates (MCC) to assist first-time homebuyers purchase homes. These agencies and authorities may issue MRBs, the proceeds of which back below market interest rate mortgages. As an alternative to issuing MRBs, state and local governmental agencies and joint powers authorities may issue MCCs. The value of the credit equals up to 20% of the interest payments made annually on the program participant's first mortgage. Homebuyers use the MCC to reduce their federal tax liability by applying the credit to their net tax due. Homebuyers may purchase single-family homes; either free-standing detached homes, condominiums or townhouses. Program participants must meet program income limits and must purchase a home that falls within the program's purchase price limitations.

The California Debt Limit Allocation Committee is responsible for administering California's annual tax-exempt private activity bond program, known as "the annual State ceiling". For calendar year 2005, California's State ceiling is \$2.871 billion. Each year the Committee divides the annual State ceiling among several bond programs, known as "Program Pools", including the Single-Family Housing Program Pool. For calendar year 2005, the Committee reserved approximately \$536 million or 18.7% of the State ceiling for the Single-Family Housing Pool. The \$536 million of bond authority will be allocated throughout the 2005 calendar year.

The Committee awarded a total of \$11,718,345 of the 2005 State Ceiling on March 16, 2005 for Single-Family Housing Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs. This allocation will assist approximately 52 first-time homebuyers, of which at least 21 will be lower income households and approximately 9 will purchase newly constructed homes.

SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS

Mortgage Credit Certificate Programs

ESTIMATED NUMBER & DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC BENEFITS
 Total number of MCCs Total number of MCCs to low income households Total number of MCCs to homebuyers purchasing newly constructed homes (17% of total)

TOTAL SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM

AMOUNT	
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