

9. NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' FORUM, JULY 2006 - BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI: 941-8549
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the attendance of Board member Mike Mora at the forthcoming New Zealand Community Boards' Forum, to be held in Wellington from 13 to 15 July 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The purpose of the forum is to examine the nature of relationships between Councils and their Community Boards. The theme of the forum is "Meeting Expectations". The forum will consider the expectations that Community Board members, Councillors, staff and electorates have of each other and of themselves. The aim is that participants will go away with:
 - a clearer understanding of the functions of Community Boards, Council and staff; and
 - guidelines on how Councils, Community Boards and staff can work together positively to achieve good governance and vibrant communities.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal considerations.
4. The total costs for Mike Mora's attendance would be around \$1,000, which would be met from the Board's operational budget for 2005/06. This cost includes the \$500 conference registration fee, \$215 for return flights and \$270 for two nights accommodation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board gives consideration to approval of the attendance of Mike Mora at the New Zealand Community Boards' Forum 2006, in Wellington during the period 13 to 15 July 2006.