

**Santa Barbara County  
Public Works Surveyor  
& Water Resources  
Fee Proposal**

**March 23, 2010**

# Purpose of this Request

- Modify fee schedule for 2009-10 and 2010-11
- Increase in Operating Costs
- Important for 2010-11 Budget Proposal
- Customer Outreach

# Budget Principle Conformance

- Conform with Board Approved Fee Policy
- Full Costs Shall be Recovered for Fee Services
- Proposed Fee Adjustments Must be Adopted Prior to Budget Submittal
- Ensure Annual Expenditure and Revenue Review

# Fee Policy 1/94

Where allowed or mandated, the County will charge a fee for services provided at a level consistent with the procedures of this policy. Departments are responsible for insuring that all legally allowed fees and charges are presented to the Board for adoption and for reviewing/adjusting as appropriate. Fees should be reviewed at least annually by departments to determine that fee levels are consistent with current cost basis and/or established current criteria. ....

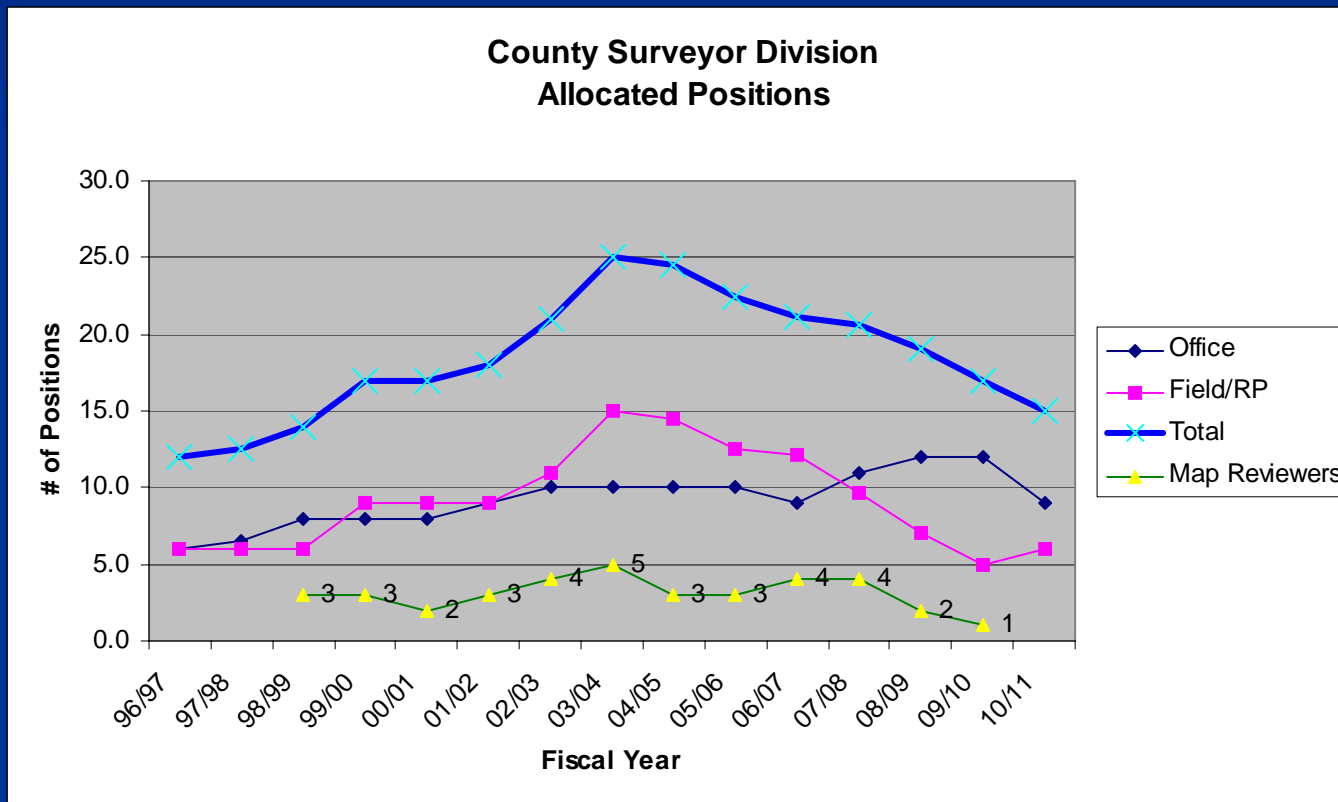
# Recommended Rate Calculations

- Fee study completed in October 2008
- Surveyor's fees were last updated in 2007
- Water Resources last updated in 1996

# Public Works Fee Analysis

- Review of costs and expenditures for FY 08-09
- Received Auditor-Controller's approval of rate calculation
- Compared rates with other jurisdictions in accordance with Board Fee Policy
- Evaluated permit process and procedures for efficiency and effectiveness

# Surveyor's Staffing Levels



# Comparative Surveyor's Rates

## Comparative Hourly Rates State/Local Government

### Urban Counties

Contra Costa County	\$ 143
Orange County	\$ 126
Riverside County	\$ 135
Sacramento County	\$ 130
San Bernardino County	\$ 110
San Francisco County	\$ 125
Santa Clara County	\$ 135

Average Rate \$ 131

### Rural Counties

Butte County	\$ 163
Humboldt County	\$ 90
Mono County	\$ 88
Napa County	\$ 175
Placer County	\$ 137
Sierra County	\$ 110
Sonoma County	\$ 113
Ventura County	\$ 124
Yuba County	\$ 105

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### Local Cities

Carpinteria	\$133.00
Goleta	\$137.00
Lompoc	\$115.00 - \$180.00
Santa Barbara	1-4 Lots \$2,876.00
Fixed Fee System:	5-10 Lots \$5,504.00
	11+ Lots \$8,729.00
Santa Maria	
Fixed Fee System:	<10 Lots \$2,722.90
	11+ Lots \$4901.10

\$141

Santa Barbara County Existing Hourly Rate \$ 105

Santa Barbara County Recommended Hourly Rate \$ 133



## Unfunded/Underfunded Surveyor's Duties

- Plat, trace, blueprint and make all county, road, district and other maps – 1.6 FTE
- Subdivision Map Act - .1 FTE
- Records of Survey/Corner Records - .7 FTE
- Voting member of the Agriculture Preserve Advisory Committee - .25 FTE

# Subsidized Surveyor's Fees

FEE NO.	Fee Name	Fixed Fee	Current Fee / Deposit Per Unit (\$)	Total Cost Per Unit (\$)	Rec. Fee Per Unit (\$)
8	Certificate of Correction ***	F	10	251	15
10	Corner Record ***	F	10	628	18
20	Record of Survey	F	344	2,567	450
24	Road Name (First)	F	50	139	111

\*\*\* Limited by State Code

# FY10-11 Surveyor's Revenues

## Revenue

<b>Fees to Public</b>	<b>\$ 119,000</b>
<b>Monument Preservation</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>County Services</b>	<b>1,465,133</b>
<b>GFC</b>	<b>569,556</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,253,689</b>

# Water Resources Fees

- Most reviews of new development for:
  - Safety of project site from hazards
  - Ensure downstream impacts of project mitigated
- Fees not updated since 1996
- Current hourly rates range from \$65 - \$78  
Recommended rates range from \$120 - \$145
- Reviews ensures conformance with County's Floodplain Management Ordinance
- Compliance allows for reduced costs for flood insurance to County residents

# Water Resources Fees

- Updated fees reflect current trends in recent development
- Up-front development fees are “Fixed Fees
- Review of approved projects are direct time
- Public Works Director has the authority to waive fee for projects that clearly have no impacts or drainage issues.

# Outreach Efforts

- Process Improvement Oversight Committee
  - Land Use Agents
  - Home Builders Association
  - Labor and Business
  - Community Groups
  - Professional Organizations
- Suggestions
  - Reduce Costs
  - Outsource Surveyor's Review

# Recommended Action

- Adopt Ordinance to Amend Public Works Fees Effective on May 6, 2010
- Approve Notice of Exemption for Public Works Fee Ordinances

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Conclusion