



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Clerk-Recorder-
Assessor
Department No.: 062
For Agenda Of: June 1, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: 10
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Joseph E. Holland x2558
Director(s) Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor
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Assistant Clerk, Recorder, and Assessor

SUBJECT: Budget Revision for Senate District 15 Special Primary Election

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the budget revision for the cost of the special primary election proclaimed by the Governor to fill the 15th District State Senate seat vacancy.

Summary Text:

On April 27, 2010, the Governor proclaimed a special general election be held on August 17, 2010 within the 15th Senate District of the State to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Abel Maldonado who was appointed to California's Lieutenant Governor. Per Election Code 10704, a special primary election must be held eight weeks prior to the special general election, requiring the County to also conduct a special primary election on June 22, 2010. Each special election is estimated to cost the County roughly \$530,000. Counties are responsible for conducting all State office vacancy elections and are to be paid for from the County's treasury per Election Code 13001. The attached budget revision establishes the appropriations for the cost of the June 22, 2010 special primary election in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The cost of the August 17, 2010 special general election is being requested through a final budget adjustment to be considered during the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Hearings.

Background:

The appointment of Abel Maldonado to Lieutenant Governor left vacant the Senate District 15 seat, representing 5 counties, including the northern section of Santa Barbara County (roughly 41,000 registered voters.) For Santa Barbara County, this creates two special elections in between the already scheduled primary and general elections this calendar year. The two additional special elections present extraordinary logistical and financial challenges for the County. In an already busy election year, the addition of two special elections create major staffing challenges for the County Elections Division, and since counties are responsible for conducting all state office vacancy elections, creates a sizeable unanticipated financial burden on the County. Currently, no provisions exist for reimbursement to Counties for these types of special elections. The hope is that legislation will be promoted to reimburse counties, however the initial burden of upfront costs is on the County.

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 530,000.00		\$ 1,060,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 530,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,060,000.00

Narrative:

The estimated cost of the each special election is \$530,000. The cost of the June 22, 2010 special primary election will be incurred in the current fiscal year (2009-10.) The attached budget revision establishes the budget and funding source from Contingencies (\$350,000) and bridge loan (\$180,000) from the department's Election Designation Account.

The cost of the August 17, 2010 special general election will be incurred in Fiscal Year 2010-11 and has been submitted for Board consideration as a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

Budget Revision

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