

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Final Budget for 2003-04

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors accept for filing the Santa Barbara County Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

California Government Code Section 29093 requires that a copy of the completed budget as finally determined and adopted be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Board and the Office of the Controller of the State of California. The Final Budget document contains the required State Controller schedules. The County Budget Act, as presented in Government Code Sections 29005 and 30200, outlines the State Controller forms and miscellaneous schedules necessary for conformity among California counties. This document sets forth appropriations proposed to your Board for adoption, for each departmental budget unit and fund for the fiscal period.

The County also prepared a separate County Performance Based Budget document. That document is based on guidelines provided by the Government Finance Officers Association. The performance document focuses on strategic planning and outcome based measures, while the Controller schedules focus on department, and object-level appropriation controls.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States awarded a Distinguished Budget Award Certificate of Achievement to the County for the fiscal year 2002-03 budget document. This was the sixth consecutive year the County received this award. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local governmental budget reports. We believe our current budget conforms to the program requirements and are submitting it to the GFOA.

Mandates and Service Levels: No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: None

Special Instructions: Auditor will file copy with the California State Controller.

Concurrence: None required