

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 5/11/04
Department Name: CAO
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: 5/23/04
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 45 minutes on May 25, 2004
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator
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Lori Norton, Analyst
SUBJECT: Report on the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set a Hearing for 45 minutes on May 25, 2004 to:

1. Receive a report from Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates, Inc., on the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (FY 2004-05)
2. Receive a report on the funding impacts of the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal on the County of Santa Barbara

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommends are primarily aligned with Goal 1: Efficient Government – An Efficient Government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On Friday January 9th, Governor Schwarzenegger delivered the Proposed State Budget for FY 2004-05 to the California Senate and the Assembly. The Proposed State Budget included a plan to deal with the \$10-\$14 billion annual State deficit. As reported in January, if adopted as proposed, the Governor's January Proposed State Budget would have resulted in the loss of approximately \$25 million in funding for the County of Santa Barbara in FY 2004-05.

On May 13, 2004, Governor Schwarznegger will release the State's May Revise Budget Proposal for FY 2004-05. In addition to containing updated State revenue projections, the May Revise will incorporate proposals and agreements generated through the negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature, local governments, K-12 Schools, Higher Education, etc. Although still severe, the County is anticipating the May Revise will contain the framework of an agreement with local governments, which will reduce the loss of funding to Counties and in particular to the County of Santa Barbara County in FY 2004-05.

On May 25th, Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates, Inc., will provide a report on the Governor's May Revise, and will be available to respond to any questions the Board may have regarding the matter. In addition, staff will provide an update on the estimated impacts of the May Revise, if adopted, on the County's funding for FY 2004-05.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Although there will doubtless be mandate and service level impacts resulting from the Governor's May Revise Budget, it will take some time for Departments and our office to ascertain those specific program impacts.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal impacts resulting from the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal will be presented to the Board on May 25th. Any facility impacts would be part of a future Board report regarding mandate and service level impacts.

C: Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates
Department Directors