



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Auditor-Controller
Department No.: 061
For Agenda Of: 10/6/2009
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Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Auditor-Controller Robert W. Geis, CPA
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SUBJECT: **Independent Special Districts Compliance Report**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions: Accept and file Santa Barbara County Independent Special Districts Compliance Report for the completion of annual audits ending FY 2007/08 and annual budgets for FY 2008/09 fiscal year.

Summary Text: Government Code section 26909 requires the completion and filing of a special district's audited financial statements with the County Auditor-Controller within 12 months of the fiscal year end. Government Code section 53901 requires the completion and filing of annual budgets within 60 days after the beginning of the fiscal year with the County Auditor-Controller. All but one of the FY 2007/08 Audits were completed and submitted to the Auditor's Office by the deadline, and received an unqualified (clean) opinion in their financial statements. The one exception being Mission Hills Community Service District, as noted in the report. All of the FY 2008/09 budgets were completed, approved and submitted on time.

Background: The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury in Fiscal Year 99/00 recommended that the Auditor-Controller improve the compliance effort concerning completion and filing of annual budgets and annual financial reports by the independent special districts. The timely filing of reports is an internal control that can assist the districts with the management of their financial affairs on an annual basis. The same Grand Jury requested that the Auditor-Controller conduct a financial analysis of the thirty-seven independent districts. We issued a report on 6/27/06 and informally agreed to update this report every three years. In that report, we analyze and report the Districts' current fiscal strengths and vulnerabilities and make recommendations for improvements. The County Internal Audit division conducts audits of eight of the thirty-seven districts' financial statements, and the remainder are audited by other CPA firms.

Performance Measure: .

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

Special Districts Compliance Report

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