

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kenneth A. Pettit
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor/Registrar of Voters

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SUBJECT: Resolution to Participate in the State-County Property Tax Administration Program for Fiscal Year 2001/02.

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt a resolution of the Board of Supervisors, reading by title only, electing to Participate in the State Assembly approved State-County Property Tax Administration Program for Fiscal Year 2001-02;
- B. Request that the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor consult with the Auditor-Controller, County Administrator, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Clerk of the Board, and County to discuss the needs of the program for the duration of the contractual agreement and for presentation of a contract to the Board of Supervisors in March, 2002.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This program is consistent Board Goal Number 1 -- Reanalyze, reform, and respond to the changing nature of County resources and responsibilities.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Assembly Bill 818 (Vasconcellos) which established 818 State-County Property Tax Loan Program became law on October 21, 1995.

Under the program, as originally approved by your Board on November 21, 1995, Santa Barbara County has so far received \$5.561 million. Proceeds of the Program have been used to reduce property tax assessment backlog that cannot be handled by existing staff.

AB 719 (Torlakson) became effective on September 22, 1997 and it extended the State-County Property Tax Loan Program until fiscal year 2000-2001. Under AB 719, Santa Barbara may apply for another \$926,817 for each of year the bill is in effect.

AB 1036 (Wesson) extends the Property Tax Program through the fiscal year of 2001/2002. The loan amount will be requested in March, 2003.

Approval of staff's recommendations will preserve Santa Barbara County's option to continue participation in 2000-01 fiscal year. Our County's ultimate participation in the program would be subject to Board approval of a final State-County Agreement in March 2002.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There is no change in programs or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This letter continues Santa Barbara County's option to continue participation in the AB 719 Program.

In fiscal year 2001-02, continued participation in the Program will permit us to receive \$926,817 in state funding. This amount has been included in the 2001- 02 Adopted County Budget.

Special Instructions:

That the Clerk of the Board forward the recommended Board Resolution to the California State Department of Finance and the California State Controller's Office (915 L St. 9th Floor Attn: Mary Ann McMullen Sacramento, CA 95814 by January 16, 2002.

Concurrence:

County Counsel

cc:

Bob Geis, Auditor-Controller
Gary Feramisco, Treasurer Tax Collector
Shane Stark, County Counsel
Mike Brown, County Administrator & Clerk of the Board