

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 5/11/06  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 5/23/06  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 5min  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF CONTACT:** Randy Coleman, Division Chief/Fire Marshal  
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**SUBJECT:** Set Hearing Date/Hazardous Materials Programs Fee Resolution

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- Set hearing for June 6, 2006 to consider the adoption of fee resolutions for the Fire Department's Administration and Enforcement of Hazardous Materials Business Plan, Waste Generator, Underground Storage Tank Programs.
- Direct the Clerk to notice the fee resolutions twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Santa Barbara; once at least 10 days prior to the hearing and again with at least 5 days intervening between the dates of first and last publication.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An efficient government able to respond effectively to the needs of the community and Goal No. 2: A safe and healthy community in which to live, work, and visit.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department implements state mandated hazardous materials control laws in Santa Barbara County under the auspices of the Unified Program administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). Under the Unified Program, each county must be certified by Cal/EPA to implement the hazardous materials control laws contained in the Health and Safety Code. In Santa Barbara County, the Fire Department is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). The purpose of the CUPA is to reduce fragmentation and duplication in the business inspection process, as well as, implement the single-fee system required by the State under the Unified Program.

The proposed fees are the result of a full fee study and are presented at this time in conformance with FY 06/07 budget principals.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

All programs are operating at State specified service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The proposed fee increases have been incorporated in the Fire Department's FY 06/07 proposed budget for the hazardous Materials Business Plan, Waste Generator, Underground Storage Tank Programs, Site Mitigation Unit, and Leaking Underground Fuel Tank Programs. The fees are billed on a calendar year basis and are coordinated with the required permits that are effective for the calendar year in which they are issued.

**Special Instructions:**

Please notice twice per recommendation.

Transmit the Notices of Public Hearing – Proof of Publication to the Fire Department (attention Rose Pueschel) and County Counsel.

**Concurrence:**

CEO