



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Request of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments: Deferral of Reimbursement for Measure A Election Costs

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Consider whether or not to approve the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) request to defer its payment of its elections costs for the 2008 Measure A election until FY 2010-11 beginning in July 2010.

Summary Text:

SBCAG incurred costs of \$202,363 in the Elections Division of the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's department for the costs of the November 2008 ballot Measure A to renew a half-cent countywide sales tax for transportation. (The former Measure D)

The SBCAG Board requests that the County excuse SBCAG from making the payment until July 2010 when its budget will contain the first year allocation of the special half-cent sales tax which results from the election approval.

There are several possible scenarios:

1. The Clerk-Recorder-Assessor indicates that there are sufficient balances in other funds within the department to allow the department to absorb the costs and defer the payment until July 2010. At that time SBCAG would reimburse the County for the costs. The SBCAG could be asked to pay the Treasurers' pool rate on the principle.

2. Approve the request of SBCAG to defer payment and advance funding from the Contingency or Strategic Reserve to make the Clerk-Recorder-Assessors budget whole and then reimburse the funding source in July 2010. Interest could also be applied to the principle amount at the Treasurers' pool rate.
3. Reject SBCAG's request and require full payment in the current 2008-09 fiscal year in order to optimize budget balancing.

This is a matter of policy as Board Members considered it previously as representatives on SBCAG.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Depending on which scenario is adopted by the Board, the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor may defer operational improvements or acquisition of voting equipment or the County would have to reduce balances in either Contingency or Strategic Reserve.

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