

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 6/09/06  
**Department Name:** County Executive  
**Department No.:** 012  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Executive

**STAFF CONTACT:** Victor Zambrano, Administrative Analyst  
568-3407

**SUBJECT:** Certification of FY 2005-06 Proposition 172 (Public Safety Sales Tax)  
Maintenance-of-Effort

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chair to execute the Proposition 172 Public Safety Sales Tax Maintenance-of-Effort Certification form certifying that Santa Barbara County has funded fiscal year 2005-06 public safety services at a level greater than required by California Government Code Section 30056.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On March 14, 1995, the Board adopted a definition of public safety services as it applies to the Proposition 172 Maintenance-of-Effort (MOE) calculation required by Government Code Section 30056. In line with the statute, the Board of Supervisors designated public safety services as: District Attorney (less Child Support), Sheriff (less Court Services), Fire, Parks (Ocean Lifeguards), Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, and Probation.

This letter will certify to the Auditor-Controller that Santa Barbara County has funded Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposition 172 public safety services at a level greater than the maintenance of effort threshold required by Government Code Section 30056. The required level of funding for fiscal year 2005-06 is \$72,936,571. The adjusted amount Santa Barbara County actually provided in its adopted budget for public safety services for Fiscal Year 2005-06 is \$129,271,813, which is \$56,335,242 greater than the MOE requirement. The attached forms show how these amounts were calculated.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Government Code Section 30056 (amended by AB 2788) guarantees funding for public safety at the 1992-93 base level, with exclusions for one-time cost items and adjustments for increases in sales tax revenues. Recipients of Proposition 172 funds must annually certify that they are meeting the minimum statutory requirements. To receive full allocation of Proposition 172 revenues, the minimum funding level for public safety functions in the 1994-95 and subsequent years must be equal to or greater than the 1992-93 base year as adjusted by annual increases (or decreases) in the Proposition 172 sales tax allocated to the entity. Failure to meet this maintenance-of-effort requirement results in loss of Proposition 172 funds.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Meeting the minimum spending requirements of Proposition 172 allows the County to receive its full allocation of Public Safety Augmentation Funds, which in 2005-06 is estimated to be \$30,938,782. These funds partially offset an estimated loss of \$52,575,314 in 2005-06 property tax revenue shifted away from Santa Barbara County by the State, (ERAF shift).

**Special Instructions:**

Send one copy of the signed attached Maintenance of Effort Certification Form and supporting forms A, B, C to Robert Geis, Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller.

Attachments

- Maintenance of Effort Certification Form
- Form A - Santa Barbara County Proposition 172 Maintenance-of-Effort Summary
- Form B - AB 2788 (Chapter 886/94) Maintenance-of-Effort Base Year Calculation
- Form C - AB 2788 Maintenance-of-Effort Certification Year 2005-06 Calculations

CC

- Jason Stilwell, Parks Director
- Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller
- Scott DeuPree, Chief Probation Officer
- Jim Laponis, Deputy County Executive Officer
- James Egar, Public Defender
- John Scherrei, Fire Chief
- Thomas Sneddon, District Attorney
- Jim Anderson, Sheriff