



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 5/3/2016
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Continued Item: No
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Tom Alvarez, Budget Director 805-568-3432
SUBJECT: Certification Proposition 172 (Public Safety Tax) Maintenance of Effort

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to execute the Proposition 172 Public Safety Sales Tax Maintenance of Effort Certification (MOE) form certifying that the County of Santa Barbara's Adopted Budgets in Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Attachment A) and Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Attachment B) have funded public safety services at a level greater than required by California Government Code Section 30056.

Summary Text:

Government Code Section 30056 (amended by AB 2788) guarantees funding for public safety at the Fiscal Year (FY) 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 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 FY 1994-95 and subsequent years must be equal to or greater than the FY 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 (MOE) requirement results in loss of Proposition 172 funds. The required level of funding for FY 2014-15 was \$76,098,702. The required level of funding for FY 2015-16 was \$77,700,391.

The adjusted amount that the County of Santa Barbara provided within the adopted budget for public safety services for FY 2014-15 was \$152,452,778 which is \$76,354,076 greater than the MOE requirement. The amount in FY 2015-16 was \$154,380,702, which is \$76,680,311 greater than the MOE requirement. Exceeding the MOE enabled the County to fully appropriate the FY 2014-15

Proposition 172 revenues totaling approximately \$34,091,000, and FY 2015-16 Proposition 172 revenues totaling approximately \$35,455,000 without reversion of these funds.

Background:

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 and the certification forms will certify to the Auditor-Controller (as requested) that Santa Barbara County funded FYs 2014-15 and 2015-16 Proposition 172 public safety services at a level greater than the maintenance of effort threshold required by Government Code Section 30056.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Meeting the minimum spending requirements of Proposition 172 allowed the County to receive its full allocation of Public Safety Augmentation Funds.

Special Instructions:

Send one copy of the signed attached Maintenance of Effort Certification Forms and supporting Forms A and B to Katie Roth, Specialty Accounting Division, Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller's office. Send one copy of the Minute Order to Tom Alvarez, Budget Director, County Executive Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: FY 2014-15 AB 2788 (Chapter 886/94) Maintenance of Effort Certification Form with Calculation Forms A - C

Attachment B: FY 2015-16 AB 2788 (Chapter 886/94) Maintenance of Effort Certification Form with Calculation Forms A - C

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