



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: County Executive
Office
Department No.: 012
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michel F. Brown, Ext 3404
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SUBJECT: 2009 Fiscal Issues Report

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept the 2009 Fiscal Issues Report and receive a presentation on the economic context and impending financial challenges faced by the County in FY 2009-10 and in the immediate horizon.

Summary Text:

The requested hearing is to present to the Board of Supervisor a report entitled "Fiscal Issues Report." The Fiscal Issues Report provides the Board a summary of the key financial issues that comprise the context for the County's financial status. The report discusses the County's economic picture and key financial issues that will or are likely to impact the County's budget. The timing of this report is to provide the Board the opportunity to review these issues prior to taking action on the State Budget Impacts, originally presented to the Board on August 18, 2009, and scheduled for further hearing on October 13, 2009, and prior to adopting Budget Development Principles and commencing the development process for the FY 2010-11 budget. This report was first introduced in 2007 and has been updated yearly. In addition, the County Executive Office has been providing the Board with monthly updates of the significant fiscal issues throughout the past year. Moving forward, the County Executive Office intends to provide these updates quarterly along with the quarterly financial reports in order to focus on the significant fiscal issues at a consolidated hearing.

The Fiscal Issues Report identifies the following issues:

- A. State Budget Impacts;
- B. Indian Gaming;
- C. Social Services;
- D. ADMHS Cost Report Settlement Issues;
- E. Mental Health and Partner Agencies Medi-Cal Billing Exposure;
- F. Retiree Healthcare Benefits;

G. May Statewide Special Election;
H. Cachuma Lake Surcharge;
I. Fire Financial Forecast;
J. Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Gap;
K. Pension Fund Stability;
L. Goleta Revenue Neutrality;
M. City of Santa Barbara RDA;
N. County Jail – Northern Branch;
O. Maddy EMS Fund; and
P. Goleta Beach Long Term Protection Plan.

Background:

In September of 2007, the Board received a report entitled “Financial Analysis Report.” The report summarized certain and potential financial issues the County was facing at the time. The Fiscal Issues Report has since been updated annually. This 2009 report provides an update of events that transpired in FY_2008-09 and provides the outlook into FY_2009-10 and the immediate horizon thereafter.

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