

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Update on Workers' Compensation Fund
All Supervisorial Districts

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors receives a staff presentation on the status of the Workers' Compensation Fund for the County of Santa Barbara.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 3. A Strong, Professionally Managed County Organization.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara administers its own Workers' Compensation program. The Fund has been under increasing pressure from both fiscal needs and regulatory burdens. The presentation will be a "state of the fund" and will include discussion of the following topics:

- Number of Open Claims.
- Frequency of claims, SBC trends and a comparison to other California counties.
- Financial condition of the Fund.
- Average cost per claim, SBC trend and comparison to other California counties.
- Summary of open claims by department and claims by type of injury.
- Plans to contain costs.
- Overview of the Back to Work and CARE programs.

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Executive Summary and Discussion: (Cont.)

- Example of a "typical claim".
- Recent and anticipated Legislation.

Mandates and Service Levels: NA

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: NA

Special Instructions:

Concurrence: