



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: 12-6-11  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer – 568-3404  
Tom Alvarez, Interim Budget Director – 568-3432

Contact  
Info:

SUBJECT: **Adoption of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Retirement Rates**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form:

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code Section 31454, adopts the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 employer contribution rates recommended by the Santa Barbara County Employees Retirement System (SBCERS) actuary and approved by the Board of Retirement on October 26, 2011, with an effective date of July 1, 2012 or for the payroll cycle in which that date occurs.

**Summary Text:**

The proposed action will set an overall employer contribution rate of 35.87%. This is a 1.39% rate increase from the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 rate of 34.48% and represents approximately a \$4.2M or 4% increase in employer contribution for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

**Background:**

In correspondence dated November 3, 2011, the SBCERS Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ms. Lila Deeds, requested that the recommended rates be brought to Board of

Supervisors for adoption. The referenced correspondence is Attachment A to this item and the 2011 Actuarial Valuation is Attachment B.

SBCERS Interim CEO, Lila Deeds, will be present at the December 6, 2011 Board Meeting to answer questions related to this item.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

Assuming an approximate \$300 million covered retirement payroll, total estimated employer pension costs will increase by an additional \$4.2 million for FY 2012-2013 over the prior years' contribution. The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget is not yet complete and County management plans to use a combination of prior year budget savings, fund balance, increased revenues and expenditure reductions to secure funding for the increased costs.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – November 3, 2011 Correspondence from SBCERS to County  
Attachment B - June 30, 2011 Actuarial Valuation