

2006 State Legislative Program Priorities – Revised 12/06/05

State Budget

Protect Santa Barbara County's interests during the State Budget process. Work to prevent loss of local revenues, cost shifts to the County, and reductions to County programs without a corresponding change in service responsibilities

- Eliminate Federal Child Support Penalties
- Protect existing Statutory commitment for repayment of SB 90 (State Mandate) obligations
- Continue Williamson Act (Agriculture) Subventions
- Continue to support full funding of Proposition 42 (Transportation) for transportation purposes as authorized by voters
- Support full funding of Proposition 36 (The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000) or eliminate the County's obligation to sustain programs if full funding is not approved by the Legislature.
- Protect revenues that support public safety and juvenile justice intervention and protection programs
- Continue Flood Control Subvention
- Protect Counties' authority to collect jail booking fees
- Restore funding for Property Tax Administration Program
- Seek Repayment for 2005 Special Election Costs
- Seek Trial Court Funding Buyout for Santa Barbara County

County Funding Needs

Seek State Funding for the following:

- Emergency Operations Center
- Public Safety (Sheriff and Fire) Helicopter
- North County Jail
- Alternative Transportation Projects

Santa Barbara Specific Bills - Sponsored Legislation

Seek an Author to Sponsor Legislation for the following:

- Eliminate or extend the January 1, 2007 sunset date included in legislation (SB 635, Chaptered in September 2004) which established a Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund for Santa Barbara County.
- Seek Legislation to exempt flood control work projects from Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et. seq. and from any other oversight or permits currently required by the State of California. Note: on October 11, 2005, the Board authorized a letter to be sent to the County's State representatives seeking this legislative change.
- Reauthorize Oil Royalty Revenue Sharing – In 2005, the Administration indicated they would not support legislation to reauthorize Oil Royalty Revenue until after the November 2006 election. As such, staff will continue to discuss the need for this legislation but we may not find an author until 2007.

Additional Priorities

- Seek opportunities to support legislation to enhance the County's and State's economic and business climate
- Support "in concept" the introduction of a Baby's Bill of Rights Legislation. Note: On August 16, 2005, the Legislative Program Committee directed staff to "support in concept" with the understanding that any bill introduced would be analyzed and presented to the Committee for discussion.