



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Department Name: Auditor-Controller  
Department No.: 061  
For Agenda Of: 12/1/2009  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimate Time:  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s) Robert W. Geis, CPA (x2101)  
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**SUBJECT: Property Tax Administrative Fee for 2009-10 (SB2557)**

**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:  Yes  No  N/A

**Recommended Action(s):**

1. Receive and file report prepared by the Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller establishing the 2009-10 Property Tax Administrative Fee (Exhibits I through III).
2. Adopt the Resolution to impose the fee pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code sections 95.3 and 97.75.

**Summary:**

The County is allowed to recover a portion of its costs attributable to assessing, collecting and allocating property tax revenues from cities, special districts and redevelopment agencies; school districts and the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) are exempt from paying the costs. For 2009-10 the County's recoverable costs are \$2,565,157, which is approximately 25% of the total net costs.

**Background:**

Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC) section 95.3 establishes the method and authorizes the County Auditor to annually determine property tax administrative costs proportionately attributable to cities and special districts and to charge each such entity its proportionate share of costs by withholding same from each entity's property tax distribution. Senate Bill 2557 established the fee in 1990; several modifications to the methodology have been approved by the legislature in the years since.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted:  Yes  No

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**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Entity</u></b>	<b><u>Administrative Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Not Recoverable</u></b>	<b><u>Direct Credit (1/4 of 1% Fee)</u></b>	<b><u>Recoverable (SB2557)</u></b>
County of SB	\$ 2,689,720	\$ (2,689,720)	\$ -	\$ -
Cities	1,025,108	-	-	1,025,108
Dependent Special Districts	654,498	-	(100,282)	554,216
Independent Special Districts	473,343	-	(72,265)	401,078
School Districts	4,609,341	(4,609,341)	-	-
ERAF	48,946	(48,946)	-	-
RDA	584,755	-	-	584,755
Total 09-10	10,085,711	(7,348,007)	(172,547)	2,565,157
Total 08-09	9,226,121	(6,685,007)	(164,130)	2,376,984
Difference	\$ 859,590	\$ (663,000)	\$ (336,677)	\$ 188,173

**Staffing Impact(s):**

**Legal Positions:**

**FTEs:**

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Attachments:**

Exhibits I, II and III.  
Resolution

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