

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 10/16/03  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 11/04/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 5min  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF** Tom Franklin, Fire Marshal  
**CONTACT:** x5525

**SUBJECT:** California Environmental Protection Agency Unified Program Surcharge Rates

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## Informational Item Only:

Your Board needs only to accept and file; no action is necessary. This is a State surcharge. The State surcharges are listed in the Unified Program Resolutions and are updated by the State on an annual basis.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division implements State mandated hazardous materials control laws throughout Santa Barbara County under the auspices of the Unified Program administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA).

In May and June of 2003 Cal/EPA public noticed the proposed state surcharge increases for the Unified Programs. Based on consideration of the comments received during the comment period, Cal/EPA determined that the proposed rates are necessary and reasonable costs of the State Agencies with Unified Program responsibilities.

The State surcharge is an assessment on each entity regulated under the Unified Program used to fund the necessary and reasonable costs of all State Agencies responsible for program implementation, ongoing maintenance, and oversight of the Unified Program.

The State surcharge is collected by the fire department through Santa Barbara County Resolutions Nos. 03-167, 03-168 and 03-169 which provide for the collection of the State surcharge by the fire department.

**The final rate increases are posted in the California Regulatory Notice Register (Register 2003, NO. 38-Z, titled Notice of Unified Program Final Surcharge Rates For Fiscal Year 2003/2004). The new rates are as follows\*:**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>OLD FEE</b>	<b>NEW FEE</b>
Hazardous Plans and Inventory	\$17.50	\$24.00
Calif. Accidental Release Prevention (Cal/ARP)	\$200.00	\$270.00
Hazardous Waste Control	\$17.50	\$24.00
Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances	\$17.50	\$24.00
UST Program Oversight	\$10.00/tank	\$15.00/tank

**\*The new fees above become effective November 18,2003.**

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

All programs are operating at State specified service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts for the Fire Department. These fees are collected by the Fire Department and forwarded to the State.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the minute order to Fire Department, attention Rose Pueschel

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel  
County Administrator  
Auditor-Controller

**Attachments:** California Regulatory Notice Register 2003, Volume NO. 38-Z