

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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SUBJECT: Revenue Highlight Publications

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept for filing three revenue highlight publications for County-wide Property Taxes, Sales Taxes and Transient Occupancy Taxes.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with our organizational values regarding leadership, initiative and innovations.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County of Santa Barbara's largest discretionary revenue sources are generated by property taxes, sales taxes and transient occupancy taxes. Each tax source has a complicated collection and allocation process. We prepare annual reports for each tax source to help management and citizens better understand the tax collection and apportionment process to local government agencies.

- Property tax generated within the County for FY 05-06 will be \$488 million. \$129 million will be allocated to the County general fund and \$31 million to its dependent special districts. In FY 04-05 property tax generated within the County

was \$441 million. \$120 million was allocated to the general fund and \$30 million to its independent special districts.

- County-wide sales taxes generated \$445 million for FY 04-05. \$7 million allocated to the County general fund. \$29 million for public safety services, \$19 million for Health and Social Services and \$17 million for transportation services.
- Transient Occupancy taxes generated \$28 million within the County for FY 04-05. \$5 million was allocated to the County general fund.

These revenue highlight publications along with our annual Financial Highlights report and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report are available on the County website at <http://www.countyofsb.org/auditor/publications.asp>.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no required mandates to produce these publications.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Concurrence:

N/A