



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** County Executive  
Office  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** 11/06/12  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Tme:** 45 min  
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**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** FY 2013-15 Fiscal Outlook Report

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**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept the FY 2013-15 Financial Outlook Report and receive a presentation on the economic context and impending financial challenges faced by the County in FY's 2013-15 and subsequent years.

**Background:**

In November of 2011, the Board received a report entitled "Fiscal Outlook Report." That report summarized certain and potential financial issues the County was facing at that time. An update to this report was provided to the Board in April 2012. This Fiscal Outlook Report provides an update of events that transpired since last fiscal year and provides the outlook into FY's 2013-15.

**Summary Text:**

This hearing is to present to the Board of Supervisors a report entitled "Fiscal Outlook Report." The report provides the Board a summary of the key financial issues that face the County in the coming years. The report briefly discusses the County's economic picture and key financial issues that will or are likely to impact the County's budget. The timing of this report is to provide the Board the opportunity to review these issues prior to commencing the development process for the FY 2013-14 Recommended and FY 2014-15 Proposed Budgets. It is important to state that the amounts included in this report are estimates with varying degrees of certainty and are intended to alert the Board of potential financial issues. In prior years, the Board has received similar reports titled Fiscal Outlook or Fiscal Issues Reports. In addition, the County Executive Office and the Auditor Controller's Office have been

providing and will continue to provide the Board with quarterly updates of the significant fiscal issues throughout the past year.

The Fiscal Outlook Report is composed of three sections:

1. Economic Outlook
2. Fiscal Issues
3. FY 2013-14 Projected Budget Gap.

1. The Economic Outlook section provides a brief overview of the current state of the economy both at the national and local level.

2. The Fiscal Issues section categorizes the issues into two tiers according to the likelihood they will occur within the next two years: I. Expected Occurrence; II Probable Occurrence. These sections also provide descriptions of the issue and an estimated impact to the County budget.

The FY 2013-14 Projected Budget Gap section provides financial details on the total estimated changes to the local discretionary funds. The components of this “gap” including the impact to the General Fund and the Special Revenue Funds are shown in section 3.

**Attachments:**       Fiscal Outlook Report  
                                  Presentation

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