

County of Santa Barbara Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

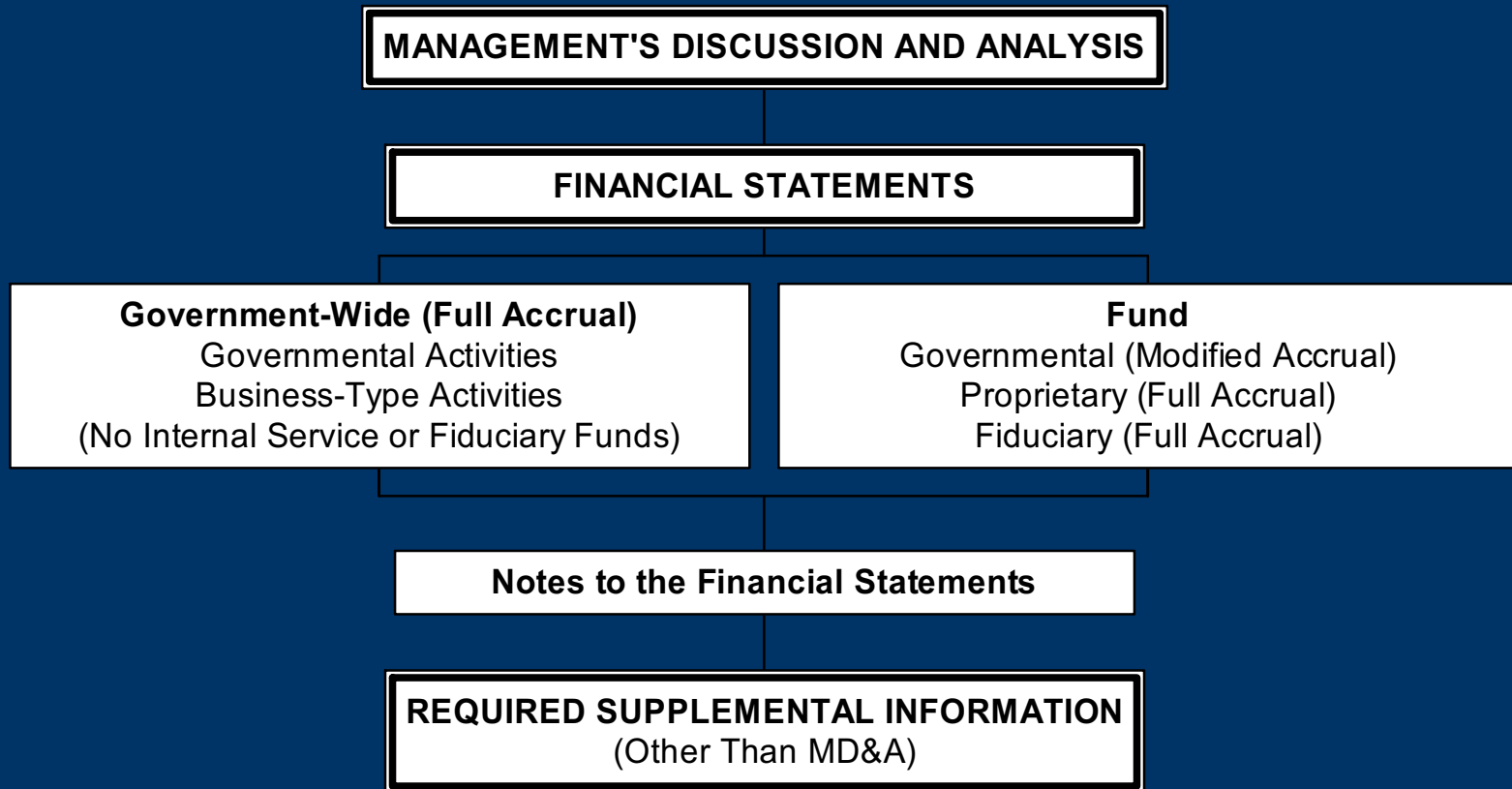


Santa Barbara Bowl

CAFR Background

- Annual audit required
- Contract with independent CPA firm
- Received an unqualified (“clean”) opinion for FY 06-07
- Over the years, expanded reporting requirements have added complexity

Financial Statements



CAFR Details

- Management's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A)
(pp. 11-22)
- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in
Fund Balances (p. 27)
- Notes to Financial Statements
 - Cash & Investments (pp. 51-53)
 - Status of Debt (pp. 60-66)
 - Reserves & Designations (p. 70)
 - Retirement & Other Post-employment Benefits
(pp. 73-79)
- Statistical Section (pp. 129-146)

Financial Highlights

- Summarizes the County's finances into a more 'reader-friendly' format than the CAFR
- FY 06-07 financial theme: "a slowdown"

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

August 24, 2007

This report provides highlights of the significant financial and economic activity of Santa Barbara County, California for the fiscal year (FY) ended June 30, 2007.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The economy still appears healthy throughout the U.S., California and the County. While growth in the U.S. economy has slowed, the California economic growth rate was stronger than the U.S. growth rate. Locally, "given current markets and trends, we see little likelihood that Santa Barbara County's economy will see significant growth in the remainder of 2007 or in 2008." Therefore we expect a drop in the growth of our discretionary revenue accounts, such as property taxes.

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Last year we projected the County's expenditures to equal or exceed revenues as it invested in infrastructure and incurred salary and benefit increases. However, for the third year in a row, revenue sources exceeded expenditures due to property tax growth above budget estimates and less capital spending than budgeted. Now the rate of property tax growth is declining; this trend may continue for a few years limiting discretionary revenues available for programs.

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Let the Music Play
New Pavilion at Bowl Can Host Biggest Acts
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Redevelopment Agency (RDA)

- Annual Financial Report required by law
- Report enhancement – Goals & Accomplishments (pp. 31-44)



Public/Private Partnership – Development Agreements

Goal: To stimulate private sector investment in urban infill development projects in Isla Vista.

The Isla Vista Master Plan proposes improvements, policy changes and programs intended to stimulate private sector investment in Isla Vista. Private sector investment is critical to the redevelopment and revitalization of Isla Vista, as public funds alone are not sufficient to implement all the changes and improvements called for in the Plan.



FY 06-07 Accomplishments:

- 909 Embarcadero Del Mar:
 - Entitlement permits submitted to Planning and Development
 - Draft development agreement prepared
 - Underground parking study completed
- 879 Embarcadero Del Norte:
 - Conceptual site plans prepared
 - Draft pro forma developed

Goals for FY 07-08:

- Bring development agreements for 909 Embarcadero Del Mar to decision makers
- Bring 879 Embarcadero Del Mar project to B.A.R. for conceptual review
- Develop other new high quality mixed use projects in downtown Isla Vista

Certificates of Achievement

- CAFR and Highlights will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement program
- CAFR has received award for 16 years
- Financial Highlights has received award for 10 years

Action Items

- Acting as the Board of Supervisors, receive and file the County's CAFR and Financial Highlights for the 06/07 FY.
- Acting as the RDA Board of Directors, receive and file the RDA's Annual Financial Report for the 06/07 FY.