

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date

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Agenda Item No:

Department: County Administrator /
Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector

() 4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
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Board Date:
06-16-09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Fiscal Year 2009-10 Final Budget

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Concurrent Resolution of the Board of Supervisors and all Public Entities governed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, adopting the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Final Budget for all governmental entities within its jurisdiction, and addressing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and use of Water Agency funds for costs associated with the Russian River Project.

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District adopting the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Final Budget.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

The Board has approved the Proposed Budget as recommended by the County Administrator for Fiscal Year 2009-10. Public Hearings on the Proposed Budget have been completed.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

Background:

Section 29089 of the Government Code, State of California, requires your Board to adopt a Final Budget for all governmental entities (summarized below) within its jurisdiction by October 2. This is done by concurrent resolution for all the governmental entities under your jurisdiction and a separate resolution for the Sonoma Valley Sanitation District. In addition, the concurrent resolution has also historically included the making of certain findings in conjunction with the budget. These findings address the County's continuing work with respect to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the rate of tax levied by the Water Agency with respect to the benefits of the Warm Springs Dam/Russian River Project (Project) approved by the United States Congress and the California Legislature. These items are discussed below, following the budget information.

For your approval today, the FY 2009-10 Final Budget includes the Proposed Budget as amended for all Board-approved adjustments and direction authorized by straw vote during Final Budget Hearings (June 1 through June 5, 2009). The recap of your actions is attached for your reference and was used in the preparation of the final calculations and tabulations for the budget. As the County Administrator noted on June 5th, individual amounts for some of the Board-approved adjustments, or "add-backs", were adjusted to reflect updated salary and benefit figures calculated by the County's budget system.

As your Board will recall, approximately \$3 million was immediately available at the time of Final Budget hearings. Your Board directed staff to fund all the one-time "add-back" items and the on-going "add-back" items from number 1 through number 16 with the available funds. Per Board direction, a portion of "add-back" item number 16 was also covered by an additional \$155,000 from Appropriations for Contingencies discussed on June 5, 2009. These items are included in the Final Budget.

In addition to use of immediately available funds, your Board gave direction to restore approximately 35 other "add-back" items, in the event more funding becomes available through approval of the Mandatory Time Off (MTO), and Tuition and Text (T&T) Book Reimbursement suspension (approximately \$4.1 million). The Final Budget does not yet include these items or their funding, however, your direction on these items will be noted in the published Final Budget document, and all necessary actions to adjust the budget will be brought back to your Board at a later date if negotiations result in this additional available funding.

Entities Covered by the Final Budget Resolutions:**Under the Board of Supervisors:**

- County of Sonoma, Internal Service/Enterprise Funds, Special Districts Governed by Board of Supervisors

Under Board of Directors:

- Sonoma County Water Agency and Zones
- Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation/Open Space District
- Sanitation Districts
- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District
- IHSS Public Authority
- Rio Nido Geologic Hazardous Abatement District

Under the Board of Commissioners:

- Community Development Commission, Redevelopment Agencies

Background, cont.

Additional Resolution Findings:

As noted above, the concurrent resolution adopting the FY 2009-10 Final Budget also addresses the County's continuing efforts to comply with ADA. In 1990, the Board determined that totally funding the estimated minimum of \$8.3 million in ADA access projects prior to the January 1995 compliance date would have been both an administrative and financial burden on the County and its citizens. Like other entities, the Board prioritized improvements and annually committed resources to both programmatic and physical barrier removal. To date, the Board has appropriated in excess of \$9 million for addressing ADA access projects in the Capital Projects budgets alone. The County has also funded millions in non-general fund improvements, primarily in the area of road and sidewalk improvements. Most recently in June 2007, the Board approved a multi-year project to prepare an updated ADA Transition Plan. This \$1.5 million project exceeds the annual amount the Board generally approves for ADA improvements (based on the 25% of total capital project improvements target) so no additional amount is specifically designated in the FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget. Work on the Transition Plan will continue, programmatic and operation changes will continue to be implemented, and physical barriers removed as part of many County Capital Projects. In addition, there are a number of road projects planned that include ADA improvements such as curb cuts and sidewalk improvements.

The resolution also addresses Water Agency funds use for increased costs associated with the Project. The findings note that the Water Agency levies a tax at a rate necessary to pay for the indebtedness arising from the Project so as to ensure a continuation of the benefits of the Project. They also note that costs associated with the Project have increased and that other Water Agency funds are not reasonably available to fund these increased costs.

These items are included in the budget resolution to place them in context with the overall Final Budget.

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Attachments: Final Budget Hearings Recap, Resolutions, Incorporating Exhibits A & B, and budget summaries for reference

On File With Clerk:

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: