

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Final 2017-2018 Santa Barbara LAFCO Budget

May 4, 2017

Background

- LAFCO is an independent commission established by the legislature to carry out specific duties and objectives. It is responsible for adopting its budget to fulfill the purposes described in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.
- Government Code Section 56381 requires LAFCO, after conducting public hearings, to:
 - Adopt a proposed budget for the next fiscal year not later than May 1. This is transmitted to the County, each city and each independent special district for their review and comment.
 - Adopt the final budget for the next fiscal year by June 15.

Summary of Final Budget

- The recommended Final Budget is \$453,558, an increase of \$74,067 over the current year budget.
- The primary reason for the increase, as explained by the County Auditor-Controller's Office, is an increase of \$79K from the Prior Year to the Current Year Cost Plan Charge (CAP). This is mainly due to variances between the direct billings and the cost coded to LAFCO from the Clerk of the Board and County Counsel, resulting in increases of \$55K and \$28K respectively. The charge is made more noticeable because the last two years LAFCO received a credit because of reductions in CAP charges of -\$24,459 in 2016-17 and -\$6,697 in 2015-16.
- Billing from County Counsel should be lower this year because of a lower billing rate caused by the employment status of LAFCO's legal counsel.

Recommended Final 2017-18 LAFCO Budget

<u>Final Budget Summary</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget 2016-17</u>	<u>Final 2017-18</u>	<u>Change</u>
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 17 225	\$ 17 225	\$ 0
Contracted Staff Support	220 000	235 000	15 000
Services & Supplies	89 991	179 901	89 910
Other Charges	<u>1 375</u>	<u>1 432</u>	<u>57</u>
Total	378 591	453 558	74 967
Contingencies	50 000	20 000	- 30 000
Total Appropriations	378 591	453 558	74 967
Revenues	378 591	453 558	74 967

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Commission:
 1. Review the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18, accept all public testimony and approve the Final Budget as presented.
 2. Direct the staff to distribute the approved Final Budget to cities, special districts and the County as required by Government Code Section 56381.
 3. Notify the County Auditor to proceed pursuant to Government Code Section 56381.6 with apportionment of LAFCO costs among the County, cities, and special districts.