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Recommended budget now online for public review

The County's 2012-13 Recommended Budget is now online and available for viewing at <u>www.sbcounty.gov</u>.

The County of San Bernardino's budgets have been honored for six years in a row as among the best in North America in terms of their clarity and completeness (<u>http://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/CAO/pressreleases/content/budget_award_PR_5-9-12.pdf</u>).

This year's budget reflects the County's efforts to assist the community in achieving the Countywide Vision, which calls for the creation of a "complete county" that capitalizes on its many assets to collaboratively establish a sustainable system of economic opportunity, education, well-being and amenities. Information on the Countywide Vision can be found at <u>www.sbcounty.gov/vision</u>.

The \$4.06 billion recommended budget is balanced and addresses a \$91.5 million cumulative structural deficit through 2015-16, \$33.2 million of which had been projected for the coming fiscal year. The County has true discretion over only \$446.3 million of the \$4.06 billion total. The rest is mandated and controlled by state and federal law.

The Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the 2012-13 Recommended Budget and consider adoption on Friday, June 15, at 1:30 p.m., with subsequent hearings on June 19 and 26 if necessary.

The County of San Bernardino's award-winning budgets can be viewed on the county's website at <u>http://www.sbcounty.gov/cao/</u>. The site includes recommended and final budgets dating back to 2002, as well as quarterly reports, archived news releases, goals and objectives established by the Board of Supervisors, and the County Organizational Chart.