

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

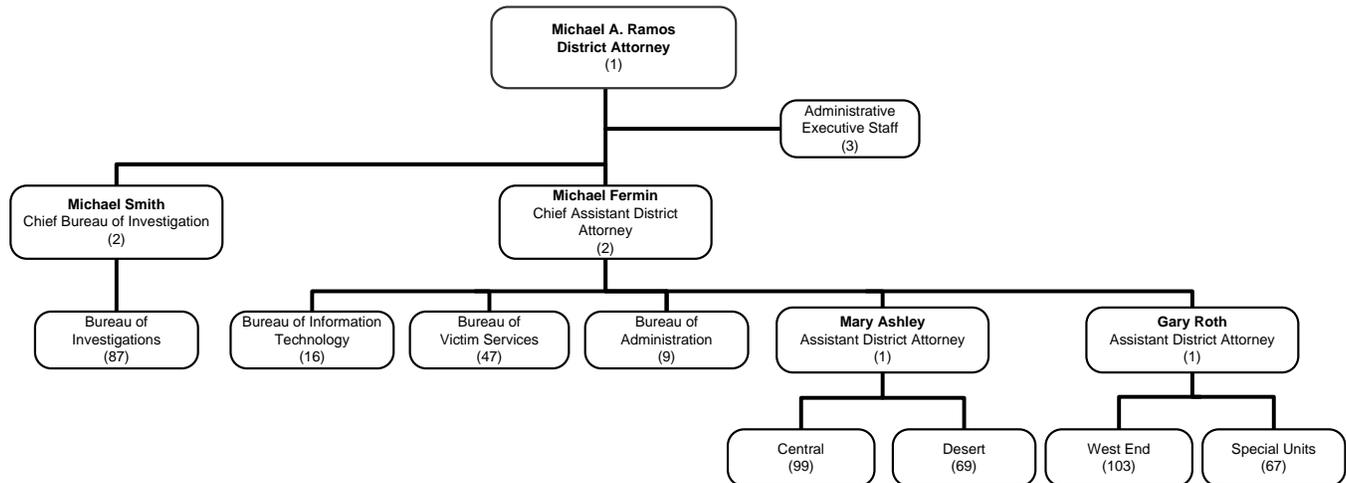
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DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office represents the interests of the people in the criminal justice system, as mandated by California State law. The District Attorney's Office serves the residents of San Bernardino County by: seeking the truth; protecting the innocent; holding the guilty accountable; preserving the dignity of victims and their families; and ensuring that justice is done while always maintaining the highest ethical standards.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



2015-16 SUMMARY OF BUDGET UNITS

	2015-16					
	Requirements	Sources	Net County Cost	Use of / (Contribution to) Fund Balance	Use of / (Contribution to) Net Position	Staffing
General Fund						
Criminal Prosecution	69,644,317	37,441,867	32,202,450			507
Total General Fund	69,644,317	37,441,867	32,202,450			507
Special Revenue Funds						
Special Revenue Funds - Consolidated	8,345,031	7,015,370		1,329,661		0
Total Special Revenue Funds	8,345,031	7,015,370		1,329,661		0
Total - All Funds	77,989,348	44,457,237	32,202,450	1,329,661	0	507



2014-15 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received 2014 Emmy Award nomination for Human Trafficking Documentary.
- Processed 3,211 victim services claims and paid out over \$2.9 million on behalf of crime victims.
- Partnered with the National Law Enforcement Center on Animal Abuse to promote enforcement of animal abuse laws.
- Assigned a District Attorney Investigator to the FBI Regional Computer Forensic Lab/Inland Empire Facility.
- Reached over 5,700 victims of crime through the Marsy's One Call Now Notification system informing them of their rights under Marsy's Law.
- Released a series of First Person Narratives during Domestic Violence month to inform victims of resources available on the Department's website.
- Created the Employee Certificate of Excellence Program.
- Made 221 arrests through the San Bernardino County Human Trafficking Joint Investigative Task Force for Stop the John Project.

DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

COUNTY GOAL: PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS		Measure	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Target	2014-15 Est.	2015-16 Target
OBJECTIVE	Partner with County and non-County agencies and maximize the use of Federal and State programs and funding to address the public health, safety and social service needs of County residents and move participants to self-sufficiency.	Number of victims provided victim services by the Department.	4,810	5,250	4,910	5,400
STRATEGY	Minimize impact of crime upon the lives of victims and provide assistance as they participate in the criminal justice system.					
COUNTY GOAL: PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS		Measure	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Target	2014-15 Est.	2015-16 Target
OBJECTIVE	Partner with County and non-County agencies and maximize the use of Federal and State programs and funding to address the public health, safety and social service needs of County residents and move participants to self-sufficiency.	Number of victims served at the Children's Assessment Center.	1,446	1,625	1,625	1,750
STRATEGY	Minimize impact of crime upon the lives of child victims by providing assistance at the Children's Assessment Center.					
COUNTY GOAL: IMPROVE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS		Measure	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Target	2014-15 Est.	2015-16 Target
OBJECTIVE	Monitor and evaluate operations and implement strategies to continually improve efficiency, effectiveness, and collaboration.	Percentage of arrest reports reviewed within 90 days after initiation into the Department's case management system.	N/A	85%	90%	90%
STRATEGY	Respect the victim's Marsy's Law right to a speedy and prompt final conclusion of the case.					
STRATEGY	Hold the guilty accountable and protect the innocent.					



Criminal Prosecution

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The District Attorney is the public prosecutor and has the mandated responsibility to prosecute crimes committed within the County of San Bernardino, including all city jurisdictions, pursuant to Government Code 26500. Additionally, the District Attorney's Office: provides legal assistance for criminal investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies throughout the county; is the legal advisor to the Grand Jury and is authorized to submit evidence and seek indictments from that body; initiates civil commitment petitions to keep Mentally Disordered Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators in locked facilities; employs civil proceedings in asset forfeiture matters to seek the proceeds of criminal activity; and utilizes civil proceedings to seek sanctions and injunctive relief against businesses that pollute or create dangerous conditions for employees and citizens.

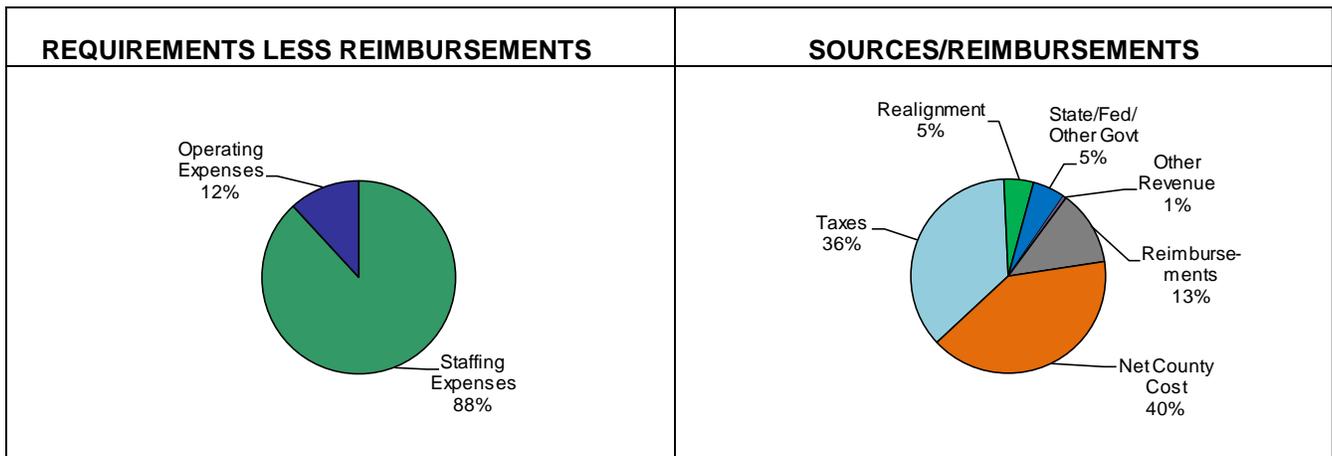
Budget at a Glance	
Requirements Less Reimbursements	\$79,577,011
Sources/Reimbursements	\$47,374,561
Net County Cost	\$32,202,450
Total Staff	507
Funded by Net County Cost	40%

The District Attorney also has a duty to investigate crimes. District Attorney Investigators work to prepare cases for trials and initiate special criminal investigations. The Office also administers several state grants and other state revenues that fund prosecutors and investigators who handle Real Estate Fraud, Auto Insurance Fraud, Workers' Compensation Fraud, and other special areas of prosecution.

The District Attorney has an ethical and legal responsibility to the victims of crime. The Office seeks restitution for victims and provides emotional and financial support for victims and their families.

Finally, as the public prosecutor who handles all cases in the name of the People, the District Attorney has a responsibility to keep the citizens of this County informed through regular interaction with the media and the public.

2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



ANALYSIS OF 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

GROUP: Law and Justice
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAA DAT
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Estimate	2014-15 Modified Budget	2015-16 Recommended Budget	Change From 2014-15 Modified Budget
Requirements							
Staffing Expenses	61,514,896	62,613,082	63,065,056	63,655,194	67,281,121	70,092,325	2,811,204
Operating Expenses	7,436,066	7,429,839	7,988,767	8,564,157	8,840,802	9,409,686	568,884
Capital Expenditures	16,880	0	38,805	0	0	0	0
Total Exp Authority	68,967,842	70,042,921	71,092,628	72,219,351	76,121,923	79,502,011	3,380,088
Reimbursements	(8,198,605)	(8,515,366)	(7,980,105)	(7,993,828)	(9,675,531)	(9,932,694)	(257,163)
Total Appropriation	60,769,237	61,527,555	63,112,523	64,225,523	66,446,392	69,569,317	3,122,925
Operating Transfers Out	72,394	158,819	74,510	796,100	376,100	75,000	(301,100)
Total Requirements	60,841,631	61,686,374	63,187,033	65,021,623	66,822,492	69,644,317	2,821,825
Sources							
Taxes	22,242,500	25,790,117	26,532,500	27,300,000	27,300,000	28,840,000	1,540,000
Realignment	1,357,451	1,960,000	3,458,126	3,618,924	3,618,924	3,910,518	291,594
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	4,286,561	4,295,930	3,769,570	4,097,074	3,850,732	4,261,595	410,863
Fee/Rate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Revenue	428,834	532,238	427,252	400,968	405,173	429,754	24,581
Total Revenue	28,315,346	32,578,285	34,187,448	35,416,966	35,174,829	37,441,867	2,267,038
Operating Transfers In	0	0	38,096	0	0	0	0
Total Financing Sources	28,315,346	32,578,285	34,225,544	35,416,966	35,174,829	37,441,867	2,267,038
Net County Cost	32,526,285	29,108,089	28,961,489	29,604,657	31,647,663	32,202,450	554,787
Budgeted Staffing*	473	477	488	503	503	507	4

* Data represents modified budgeted staffing

MAJOR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE IN 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The majority of expenditures for the District Attorney's Office are for staffing (\$70.1 million) and operating expenses (\$9.4 million) primarily to fulfill the department's core responsibility of prosecuting crimes. These expenditures are funded primarily through \$32.2 million of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) and \$28.8 million of Prop 172 sales tax revenues required by law to be used for public safety activities. Other significant funding sources include reimbursements of \$9.9 million primarily from the department's special revenue funds, \$3.9 million of AB 109 realignment revenue, and \$4.3 million from various state/federal agencies.

BUDGET CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Requirements are increasing by a net amount of \$2.8 million primarily due to additional staffing expenses resulting from new MOU's with various labor unions, increased retirement rates, and the addition of four extra-help positions to assist with the workload resulting from passage of Prop 47. This increase in requirements is offset through increases in various funding sources totaling \$2.3 million, the largest of which is Prop 172 revenue (\$1.5 million), and Net County Cost (\$554,787).



2015-16 POSITION SUMMARY*

Division	2014-15				2015-16		
	Modified Staffing	Adds	Deletes	Reorgs	Recommended	Limited	Regular
Management	7	0	0	1	8	0	8
Bureau of Administration	9	0	0	0	9	0	9
Bureau of Victim Services	47	0	0	0	47	0	47
Bureau of Information Technology	16	0	0	0	16	0	16
Special Units	67	0	0	0	67	1	66
Bureau of Investigation	89	0	0	0	89	5	84
Criminal Prosecution - Central	95	4	0	0	99	5	94
Criminal Prosecution - West End	104	0	0	-1	103	1	102
Criminal Prosecution - Desert	69	0	0	0	69	0	69
Total	503	4	0	0	507	12	495

*Detailed classification listing available in Appendix D

STAFFING CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Staffing expenses of \$70.1 million fund 507 budgeted positions of which 495 are regular positions and 12 are limited term positions. The budgeted staffing reflects the addition of 4 extra-help positions (2 Deputy District Attorney IV and 2 Office Assistant III) to assist the Department with temporary workload increases associated with the recent passage of Proposition 47. The cost of these extra-help positions is funded through a one-time increase in Net County Cost for 2015-16.



Special Revenue Funds - Consolidated

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

Real Estate Fraud Prosecution accounts for activity related to the investigation and prosecution of real estate fraud crimes in the County. Pursuant to Government Code section 27388, the costs related to this activity are funded through a fee charged on recorded documents. On July 22, 2014, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Resolution 2014-164 authorizing an increase of this fee from \$3.00 to \$10.00. The revenue collected from this fee is transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to offset the cost of staff assigned to investigate/prosecute real estate fraud.

Budget at a Glance	
Requirements Less Reimbursements	\$8,345,031
Sources/Reimbursements	\$7,015,370
Use of/ (Contribution to) Fund Balance	\$1,329,661
Total Staff	0

Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution represents activity related to the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud. Insurance fraud is a particular problem for automobile policy holders. It contributes substantially to the cost of automobile insurance, particularly in urban areas. Prevention of automobile insurance fraud can significantly reduce insurance claim payments and may therefore produce a commensurate reduction in automobile insurance premiums. Under direction of the Insurance Commissioner, the California Department of Insurance makes funds available, as authorized by the California Insurance Code, to the District Attorney's Office for investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud. Sources are transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to offset the cost of staff assigned to investigate/prosecute auto insurance fraud.

Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution accounts for activity related to the investigation and prosecution of workers' compensation insurance fraud. The California Department of Insurance, pursuant to Section 1871.83 of the California Insurance code, distributes funds to the District Attorney's Office for this purpose. These assessed funds represent a percentage of the total premiums collected by workers' compensation claims relating to the willful failure to secure the payment of workers' compensation. Of all money collected by the state, 56% is retained by the state for fraud investigation and 44% is distributed statewide to District Attorney Offices through a grant program. The funds received by San Bernardino County are administered through this budget unit. The insurance grant revenue is transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to offset the cost of staff assigned to prosecute workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Specialized Prosecutions was established in 1990-91 with funding from various fines and forfeitures for the District Attorney's Office to prosecute crimes such as hazardous waste dumping, consumer fraud and violations of Cal/OSHA laws. Sources are transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to offset the cost of staff associated with these specialized prosecutions.

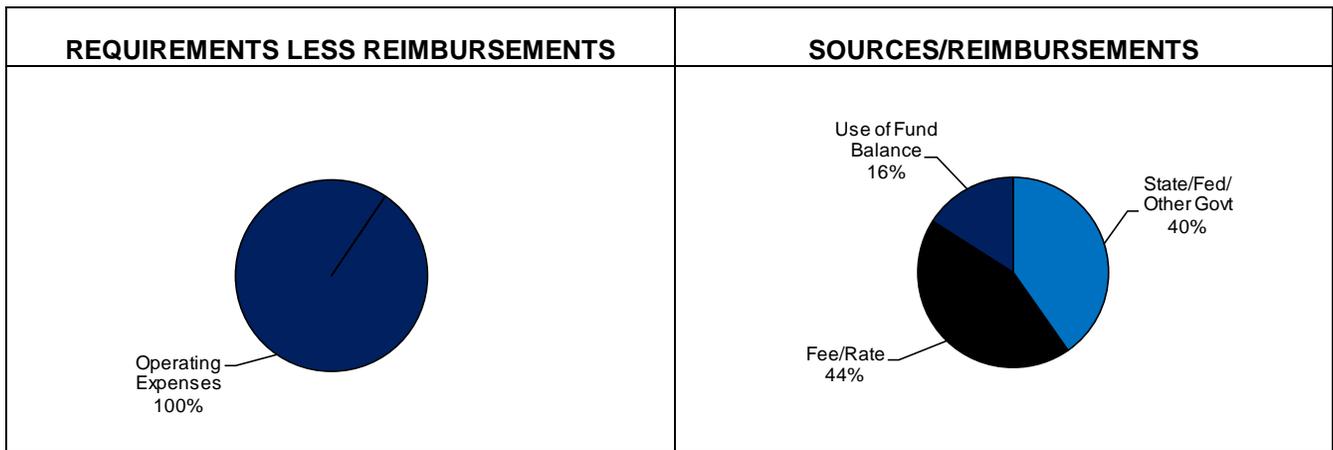
Vehicle fees – Auto Theft accounts for the receipt of assessments on vehicles registered in San Bernardino County. In May of 1995, the Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Vehicle Code 9250.14, to impose a \$1.00 fee on each San Bernardino County new and renewal vehicle registration. The revenue from this fee is used to enhance the capacity of local law enforcement and prosecutors to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. This budget unit receives the District Attorney's share of the registration assessment on vehicles registered in San Bernardino County. Sources are transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to offset the costs of prosecuting and investigating automobile theft crimes.

State Asset Forfeitures represent receipt of the District Attorney's share of state asset forfeiture funds. The goal of asset forfeiture is to remove the profits from those who benefit from illegal activities. While seizures and arrests present a temporary setback for criminals, asset forfeiture is effective in permanently removing the proceeds from the criminals while diminishing their ability to continue the illegal enterprise. The law permits law enforcement agencies to use the proceeds of forfeitures to offset public safety expenses. Thus, law enforcement is able to convert criminal profits into supplemental funding to inhibit illegal activities. Sources are transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to help offset the cost of processing asset forfeiture cases.



Federal Asset Forfeitures account for the share of federal asset forfeitures processed by the District Attorney's Office. In 1982, Congress enacted the comprehensive Crime Control act that gave federal prosecutors new forfeiture provisions to combat crime. Also created by this legislation was the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund. Proceeds from the sale of forfeited assets such as real property, vehicles, businesses, financial instruments, vessels, aircraft and jewelry are deposited into this fund and are subsequently used to further law enforcement initiatives. Under the Equitable Sharing program, proceeds from the sale of these seized assets are often shared with participating state and local law enforcement agencies. The County's share of these funds are ultimately transferred to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to assist with operating costs of the Department's Asset Forfeitures unit and other eligible public safety expenses pursuant to established guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice.

2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



ANALYSIS OF 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

GROUP: Law and Justice
 DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
 FUND: Special Revenue Funds - Consolidated

BUDGET UNIT: Various
 FUNCTION: Public Protection
 ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2011-12 Actual	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Estimate	2014-15 Modified Budget	2015-16 Recommended Budget	Change From 2014-15 Modified Budget
Requirements							
Staffing Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	6,399,296	6,731,791	6,168,581	6,413,427	8,095,677	8,345,031	249,354
Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Exp Authority	6,399,296	6,731,791	6,168,581	6,413,427	8,095,677	8,345,031	249,354
Reimbursements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Appropriation	6,399,296	6,731,791	6,168,581	6,413,427	8,095,677	8,345,031	249,354
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Requirements	6,399,296	6,731,791	6,168,581	6,413,427	8,095,677	8,345,031	249,354
Sources							
Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Realignment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	3,616,819	3,650,341	3,716,057	3,476,458	3,676,741	3,356,458	(320,283)
Fee/Rate	2,027,195	3,778,175	2,182,897	3,294,357	2,803,901	3,648,000	844,099
Other Revenue	23,495	17,361	8,577	14,044	13,475	10,912	(2,563)
Total Revenue	5,667,509	7,445,877	5,907,531	6,784,859	6,494,117	7,015,370	521,253
Operating Transfers In	780,606	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Financing Sources	6,448,115	7,445,877	5,907,531	6,784,859	6,494,117	7,015,370	521,253
Fund Balance							
Use of / (Contribution to) Fund Balance	(48,819)	(714,086)	261,050	(371,432)	1,601,560	1,329,661	(271,899)
Available Reserves					2,854,419	3,497,750	643,331
Total Fund Balance					4,455,979	4,827,411	371,432
Budgeted Staffing*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Data represents modified budgeted staffing

DETAIL OF 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

2015-16

	Requirements	Sources	Use of / (Contribution to) Fund Balance	Available Reserves	Staffing
Special Revenue Funds					
Real Estate Fraud Prosecution (Fund REB)	2,784,878	2,250,000	534,878	402,184	0
Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution (Fund RIP)	644,921	580,000	64,921	301,377	0
Workers' Comp Insurance Fraud (Fund ROB)	2,123,512	2,103,324	20,188	541,211	0
Specialized Prosecutions (Fund SBI)	1,571,423	1,055,000	516,423	620,769	0
Vehicle Fees - Auto Theft (Fund SDM)	798,165	675,419	122,746	5,969	0
State Asset Forfeitures (Fund SBH)	210,311	150,000	60,311	81,607	0
Federal Asset Forfeitures (Fund SDN)	211,821	201,627	10,194	1,544,633	0
Total Special Revenue Funds	8,345,031	7,015,370	1,329,661	3,497,750	0



MAJOR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE IN 2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Real Estate Fraud Prosecution: Requirements of \$2.8 million are for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit for the cost of staff assigned to real estate fraud prosecution. Sources of \$2.3 million represent the amount anticipated from the \$10.00 fee collected on recording documents for real estate fraud prosecution. Fund balance of \$534,878 funds staffing costs in the department's general fund budget unit.

Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution: Requirements of \$644,921 are for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit for the cost of staff assigned to auto insurance fraud prosecution. Sources of \$580,000 represent projected grant funds from the California Department of Insurance. Fund balance of \$64,921 funds staffing costs in the department's general fund budget unit.

Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution: Requirements of \$2.1 million are for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit for the cost of staff assigned to workers' compensation insurance fraud prosecution. Sources of \$2.1 million reflect projected grant funds from the California Department of Insurance. Fund balance of \$20,188 funds staffing costs in the department's general fund budget unit.

Specialized Prosecutions: Requirements of \$1.6 million are for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit for staffing and other costs related to specialized prosecution. Sources of \$1.1 million reflect the Department's estimated revenue from anticipated case settlements during 2015-16. Fund balance of \$516,423 funds the costs to prosecute crimes such as hazardous waste dumping, consumer fraud, and violations of Cal OSHA laws.

Vehicle Fees – Auto Theft Prosecution: Requirements of \$798,165 are for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit for costs associated with prosecuting and investigating automobile theft crimes. Sources of \$675,419 primarily represent new and renewal registration assessments on vehicles registered in San Bernardino County. Fund balance of \$122,746 funds staffing costs in the department's general fund budget unit.

State Asset Forfeitures: Requirements of \$210,311 are primarily for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to help offset the costs of processing asset forfeiture cases. Sources of \$150,000 reflect the anticipated proceeds from asset forfeitures. Fund balance of \$60,311 assists with the costs of processing asset forfeiture claims.

Federal Asset Forfeitures: Requirements of \$211,821 are for transfers to the Department's Criminal Prosecution budget unit to assist with operating expenses of the Asset Forfeiture Unit. Sources of \$201,627 represent proceeds from federal asset forfeiture funds (\$198,000) and interest earnings (\$3,627). The use of fund balance of \$10,194 funds various costs in the department's general fund budget unit considered eligible under U.S. Department of Justice guidelines.

BUDGET CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The only significant budget change for 2015-16 is an increase in fee/rate revenue of \$844,099 due to additional case settlements anticipated from specialized prosecutions and the July 22, 2014 Board action (Item #60) authorizing an increase to the recording fee for real estate documents.

ANALYSIS OF FUND BALANCE

Real Estate Fraud Prosecution: Although the 2015-16 budget is using fund balance of \$534,878 for staffing costs, the Department expects additional fee revenue to be generated in subsequent years as the real estate market continues to rebound.

Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution: Although the 2015-16 budget is using fund balance of \$64,921 for staffing costs, the Department will be seeking additional grant funds to mitigate the use of fund balance in the future.



Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Prosecution: The \$20,188 use of fund balance for 2015-16 is a nominal amount in contrast to the \$541,211 of available reserves.

Specialized Prosecutions: For 2015-16, this budget unit is utilizing \$516,423 of fund balance to prosecute such crimes as hazardous waste dumping, consumer fraud, and violations of Cal OSHA laws. These types of cases often continue for several months or possibly years. When these cases eventually conclude, the Department receives funding for cost reimbursement and this fund balance is ultimately replenished.

Vehicle Fees – Auto Theft Prosecution: Although the 2015-16 budget is using fund balance of \$122,746 for staffing costs, expectation is that these funds will be recouped via future revenues related to this program. It is anticipated that a request to increase the vehicle fraud fee will be presented to the Board during 2015-16. If approved, this fee increase is projected to generate an additional \$850,000 annually in program revenue.

State Asset Forfeitures: The 2015-16 budget includes \$60,311 in the use of fund balance to assist with the cost of processing asset forfeiture cases. When these cases conclude, the Department will receive funding pursuant to California law and the fund balance will be replenished at that time.

Federal Asset Forfeitures: The \$10,194 use of fund balance for 2015-16 is a nominal amount in contrast to the \$1,544,633 of available reserves.

STAFFING CHANGES AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT

There is no staffing associated with these consolidated special revenue budget units.

