

Real Estate Fraud Prosecution

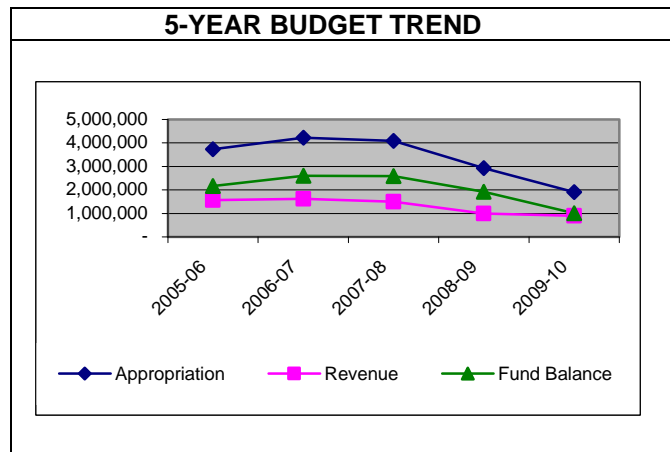
DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

On January 23, 1996, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted Resolution 96-14 to allow the county to collect, pursuant to Government Code Section 27388, a fee upon recording documents. On December 9, 2008 the Board adopted Resolution 2008-311 authorizing the increase of recording fees from \$2 to \$3 at the time of record for real estate instruments. These monies, in accordance with state law, are used to fund the Real Estate Fraud unit that investigates and prosecutes real estate fraud crimes in the county.

In this county the District Attorney, not only prosecutes, but also investigates all real estate fraud cases. The workload has continued to increase in the last several years.

There is no staffing in this budget unit. Revenue from this budget unit are transferred to the District Attorney's main criminal budget unit to cover the costs of five investigators, one supervising investigator, two Deputy District Attorneys, one investigative technician, and one secretary.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

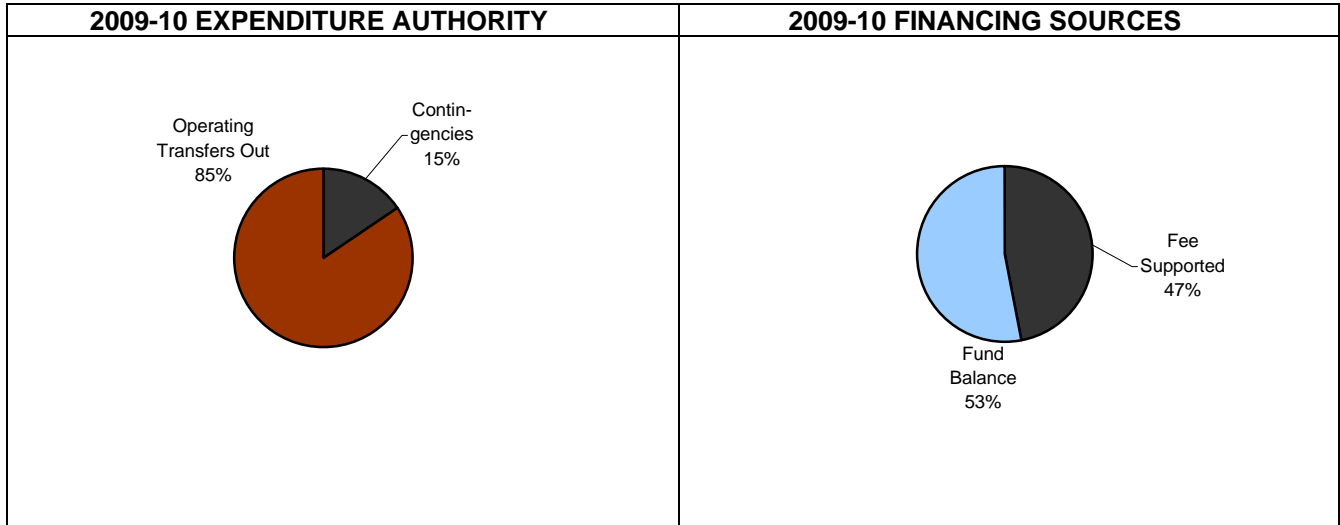
	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Modified Budget	2008-09 Estimate
Appropriation	1,095,372	1,335,055	1,558,895	2,922,534	1,610,642
Departmental Revenue	1,523,829	1,323,042	892,793	1,000,000	700,000
Fund Balance				1,922,534	

In accordance with Section 29009 of the State Government Code, the entire unreserved fund balance must be appropriated each year. Accordingly, estimated appropriation in this budget unit is typically less than budget. The amount not expended is carried over to the subsequent year's budget.

Estimated departmental revenue for 2008-09 is anticipated to be less than budget due to continued mortgage crisis, resulting in fewer recordings.



ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Law and Justice
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
FUND: Real Estate Fraud Prosecution

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

	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Estimate	2008-09 Final Budget	2009-10 Proposed Budget	Change From 2008-09 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Salaries and Benefits	975,957	1,123,084	1,342,315	-	-	-	-
Services and Supplies	78,525	125,761	147,656	-	-	-	-
Central Computer	6,133	7,327	6,884	-	-	-	-
Vehicles	-	41,902	16,202	-	-	-	-
Transfers	34,757	36,981	45,838	-	-	-	-
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	1,252,027	295,711	(956,316)
Total Appropriation	1,095,372	1,335,055	1,558,895	-	1,252,027	295,711	(956,316)
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	1,610,642	1,670,507	1,616,181	(54,326)
Total Requirements	1,095,372	1,335,055	1,558,895	1,610,642	2,922,534	1,911,892	(1,010,642)
Departmental Revenue							
Current Services	1,517,351	1,323,042	892,793	700,000	1,000,000	900,000	(100,000)
Other Revenue	6,478	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	1,523,829	1,323,042	892,793	700,000	1,000,000	900,000	(100,000)
Fund Balance					1,922,534	1,011,892	(910,642)

Contingencies of \$295,711 are reducing as a result of department's available funds.

Operating transfers out of \$1,616,181 are decreasing by \$54,326 due to the elimination of 1 Office Assistant III who worked in the Real Estate Fraud Unit.

Departmental revenue of \$900,000 is reduced to anticipate continued downturn in the real estate market and fewer recordings. The \$1 increase in recording fee will mitigate some loss, however, with fewer recordings expected the revenue is reduced. If revenue does not increase to accommodate staff costs, staff reductions may become necessary.

