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San Bernardino County removes across-the-board increases for exempt staff

In continuing efforts to reduce a \$90 million budget shortfall, San Bernardino County Supervisors today approved a proposed ordinance change from the County Administrative Office to eliminate the upcoming across-the-board salary increases for staff in the Exempt Group.

"The action affects approximately 560 staff throughout the county, said County Administrative Officer Greg Devereaux. We are facing extremely difficult times and decisions. The Board is taking actions that reflect real change in the way the County's business is being managed. We cannot predict when the local economy will stabilize and unfortunately we've yet to see the full affects of the State's financial difficulties," said Devereaux.

"The County must continue to explore options and take action in all areas where savings can be realized with the least impact to staff and services, said Board Chairman Gary Ovitt. Nothing is off the table as we navigate this downturn and more must obviously be done. The Board appreciates the County's Exempt employees leading by example by sacrificing their raises to save jobs and maintain the high level of service which the county provides."

Removal of the Exempt Group salary increases is expected to result in an estimated savings of \$5 million during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The ordinance change is set for adoption at the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors' meeting.