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TO MEMBERS
Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT 2012-13 SPECIAL DISTRICTS RECOMMENDED BUDGET

I hereby submit for the Board's consideration the 2012-13 Special Districts Recommended Budget, guided by the Countywide Vision. The budgets contained in this workbook are for the Board-governed special districts managed through the Special Districts Department, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (County Fire), the Public Works Department (San Bernardino County Flood Control District) and the County Airports Department (CSA 60 – Apple Valley Airport). The budget totals \$437.6 million and lays the framework to achieve the "complete county" by allocating resources to achieve Board priorities and objectives. The 2012-13 Special Districts Recommended Budget has been balanced and is consistent with policy direction received from the Board of Supervisors. No reserves are being used to fund ongoing costs.

THE BUDGET IN BRIEF

This budget book presents special revenue funds, capital project funds, internal service funds, enterprise funds, and reserves. The total spending authority for these funds in 2012-13 is \$437.6 million.

	2012-13 Recommended	
	Spending Authority	Budgeted Staffing
County Fire		
Special Revenue Funds	147,326,815	995
Capital Project Funds	5,579,170	0
Termination Benefits Set-Asides	5,794,253	0
Capital Replacement Set-Asides	23,536,420	0
	<u>182,236,658</u>	<u>995</u>
Special Districts Department		
Special Revenue Funds	31,995,008	198
Enterprise Funds	28,848,692	0
Capital Project Funds	20,507,772	0
	<u>81,351,472</u>	<u>198</u>
San Bernardino County Flood Control District		
Special Revenue Funds	121,405,501	159
Internal Services Funds	7,296,093	0
Capital Project Funds	45,318,000	0
	<u>174,019,594</u>	<u>159</u>
Total	437,607,724	1,352

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Property Taxes – Budgetary property tax revenues for 2012-13 were adjusted based on the current year's property tax and special assessment collections and reflects a 1% decrease for County Fire, approximately a 2.5% decrease for Special Districts, and 2% decrease for Flood Control.

Fee Adjustments – Proposition 218 notices were sent to all Special District water and sewer ratepayers regarding fee increases and the 2012-13 budget reflects an overall increase in related revenue of 7%. Fee revenue is also included for County Fire and Special Districts, including new fees and adjustments to existing fees based on program changes and/or increases in operating expenses. However, based on current trends, the 2012-13 Recommended Budget does not reflect increases in fee related revenues for County Fire and Special Districts other than the Water and Sanitation Districts.

County General Fund Support – Support to County Fire for 2012-13 is \$17.5 million, a 37% increase in an effort to sustain acceptable service levels.

Staffing Changes – Overall net increase of 28 positions for County Fire is due to the implementation of a countywide Limited Term Firefighter Program which replaced all full-time coverage Paid Call Firefighters. The net decrease of three positions for both Special Districts and San Bernardino County Flood Control District had no impact on operations.

Service Level Changes – Current service levels for Special Districts will be maintained, however, County Fire will have a reduction in service levels and service delivery will be impacted as a result of the transitioning of two full-time fire stations to a paid call status.

The 2012-13 Recommended Budget workbook is presented by department in the following order: San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, Special Districts Department (including CSA 60 – Apple Valley Airport), and the San Bernardino County Flood Control District. The recommended operating budgets within each department are followed by sections on Capital Improvement Projects and Reserves and Equipment Budget Detail.