

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Proposed 2017-2018 Santa Barbara LAFCO Budget

April 13, 2017

Background

- LAFCO is an independent commission established by the legislature to carry out specific duties and objectives. It is responsible for adopting its budget to fulfill the purposes described in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.
- Government Code Section 56381 requires LAFCO, after conducting public hearings, to:
 - Adopt a proposed budget for the next fiscal year not later than May 1. This is transmitted to the County, each city and each independent special district for their review and comment.
 - Adopt the final budget for the next fiscal year by June 15.

Summary of Proposed Budget

- The recommended Proposed Budget is \$453,558, an increase of \$74,067 over the current year budget.
- The primary reason for the increase, as explained by the County Auditor-Controller's Office, is an increase of \$79K from the Prior Year to the Current Year Cost Plan Charge (CAP). This is mainly due to variances between the direct billings and the cost coded to LAFCO from the Clerk of the Board and County Counsel, resulting in increases of \$55K and \$28K respectively. The charge is made more noticeable because the last two years LAFCO received a credit because of reductions in CAP charges of -\$24,459 in 2016-17 and -\$6,697 in 2015-16.
- Billing from County Counsel should be lower this year because of a lower billing rate caused by the employment status of LAFCO's legal counsel.

Proposed 2016-17 LAFCO Budget

<u>Proposed Budget Summary</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget 2016-17</u>	<u>Proposed 2017-18</u>	<u>Change</u>
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 17 225	\$ 17 225	\$ 0
Contracted Staff Support	220 000	235 000	15 000
Services & Supplies	89 891	179 901	89 910
Other Charges	<u>1 375</u>	<u>1 432</u>	<u>57</u>
Total	378 561	453 558	74 967
Contingencies	50 000	20 000	30 000
Total Appropriations	378 591	453 558	74 967
Revenues	378 591	453 558	74 967

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Commission:
 1. Review the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18, accept all public testimony and approve the Proposed Budget as presented.
 2. Direct the staff to distribute the approved Proposed Budget to cities, special districts and the County as required by Government Code Section 56381.
 3. Schedule a public hearing for May 4, 2017 to consider and adopt the Final Budget.