SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA





FROM: County Executive Office

SUBJECT: RDA Capital Improvement Fund Budget Adjustments

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments listed in Schedule A.

BACKGROUND: The RDA Capital Improvement Fund is a special fund managed by the County Executive Office that collects county discretionary general-purpose property tax increment received from city redevelopment projects pursuant to the terms of redevelopment pass-through agreements. This fund should not be confused either with capital improvement funds managed by the county redevelopment agency, or with the CIP fund set up to manage general fund capital projects. At this time, the Executive Office recommends a number of budgetary changes to the handling of certain contractually-restricted property tax increment.

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FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:

\$ (9,113,495)

In Current Year Budget: **Budget Adjustment:**

No Yes

Current F.Y. Net County Cost: Annual Net County Cost:

\$ (9,113,495)

For Fiscal Year:

2009/10

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Contractual Redevelopment Tax Increment

Positions To Be **Deleted Per A-30**

Requires 4/5 Vote

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

Christopher M. Hans

Dep't Recomm.

Exec. Ofc.

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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First, to comply with generally accepted accounting principles, the Executive Office recommends recognizing revenue, as appropriate, from two escrow accounts held by the City of Riverside and the City of Palm Desert in the County RDA Capital Improvement Fund at the time the revenue is allocated to those escrow accounts, rather than when it is drawn down and deposited to the County treasury. This accounting change results in a \$41.6 million increase in current year revenue to recognize \$26 million in revenue accumulated in those escrow accounts in past years, and \$15.6 million in FY 09/10 estimated revenue projected, but not previously budgeted.

Second, it has been past practice to ask the City of Palm Desert to pay expenses directly from the tax increment in the escrow account held there. To comply with generally accepted accounting principles and ensure proper accounting for expenditure of County revenue, the Executive Office recommends channeling expenditure of all tax increment proceeds held in the Palm Desert escrow account through Board-approved appropriations in the County's RDA Capital Improvement Fund.

This necessitates a **\$5.2 million** increase in appropriations to cover debt service costs previously paid directly out of the escrow account, including **\$4.9 million** in debt service payable to the Riverside County Palm Desert Finance Authority and **\$310,462** in debt service payable to the City of Palm Desert.

Third, the Executive Office recommends using accumulated balances and current revenue in the RDA Capital Improvement Fund, Riverside escrow account, and Palm Desert escrow account not already obligated to pay general fund debt service obligations. This will free general fund resources for other purposes. Specifically, the Executive Office recommends reducing general fund costs by \$9.1 million by:

- a) Tapping the existing balance in the RDA Capital Improvement Fund to pay \$580,164 in general fund debt service costs on the, the Health Clinic and the Assessor's and Probation offices in Temecula, the Mental Health Treatment Facility, Riverside Juvenile Hall and the Riverside Juvenile Court Addition, and paying \$5.2 million in capital costs for the Riverside County Medical Center health information system project;
- Tapping the existing balance in the City of Riverside escrow account to pay \$1.99 million in debt service on the Wilderness Animal Shelter, Justice Support Building, and Presley Detention Center; and,
- c) Tapping the existing balance in the City of Palm Desert escrow account to pay \$1.6 million in debt service on the Monterey Avenue interchange, Indio Date Festival, and Indio Jail Remodel.

Fourth, the County general fund expended considerable legal and staff costs defending against litigation pertaining to certain tax increment revenue. Since settlement of these suits did not entail recovery of litigation expenses, the Executive Office recommends reimbursing **\$195,641** of its general fund costs from tax increment in the RDA Capital Improvement Fund.

Finally, in order to defray \$2.6 million of the current year general fund costs of operating the West County/City Animal Shelter and \$4.5 million of the current year general fund costs of the Coachella Valley Animal Campus, the Executive Office recommends drawing \$1.79 million of the existing balance from the RDA Capital Improvement Fund, \$811,632 from the Riverside escrow, and \$4.5 million from the Palm Desert escrow.

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Schedule A

Increase Estimated Revenue					
31540-1100100000-781000	Contractual Revenue	41,623,857			
Increase Appropriations					
31540-1100100000-551000 31540-1100100000-536200 31540-1100100000-524660	Operating Transfers Out Contribution to Non-County Agency Consultants	21,648,022 310,462 6,000 21,964,484			
Increase Designated Fund Balar	nce				
31540-1100100000-320108 31540-1100100000-320109 31540-1100100000-320109	Designated for deficit reserve (Palm Desert) Designated for capital projects (Palm Desert) Designated for capital projects (Van Horn)	1,500,000 4,398,591 <u>4,951,172</u> 10,849,763			
Anticipated Increase in Reserved Net Assets					
31540-1100100000-308158	Reserve for RDA Capital Improvements	8,809,610			
Increase Estimated Revenue					
10000-1100100000-790500 10000-1102900000-790500	Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers In	41,903 <u>153,738</u> 195,641			
Anticipated Increase in Unreserved Fund Balance					
10000-1100100000-325100	Unreserved Fund Balance	195,641			
Increase Estimated Revenue					
35900-925001-790500 30100-7200800000-790500	Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers In	9,113,495 6,983 9,120,478			
Decrease Estimated Revenue					
35900-925001-741000 30100-7200800000-778280	Rent Interfnd -Reimb for Service	9,113,495 6,983 9,120,478			

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Decrease Appropriations					
10000-1101000000-551100 10000-1200100000-537130 10000-2500100000-537130 10000-2500300000-537130 10000-2600200000-537130 10000-4100200000-537130 10000-4200100000-537130 10000-4200600000-537130	Contribution To Other Funds Interfund Expense – Rent CORAL	8,575,442 44,956 175,969 84,347 6,216 76,000 47,760 102,805 9,113,495			
Anticipated Increase in Unrese	rved Fund Balance				
10000-1101000000-325100 10000-1200100000-325100 10000-2500100000-325100 10000-2500300000-325100 10000-2600200000-325100 10000-4100200000-325100 10000-4200100000-325100 10000-4200600000-325100	Unreserved Fund Balance	8,575,442 44,956 175,969 84,347 6,216 76,000 47,760 102,805 9,113,495			
Increase Estimated Revenue					
10000-4200600000-790500	Operating Transfers In	7,131,903			
Anticipated offset in Unreserved Fund Balance					
10000-4200600000-325100	Unreserved Fund Balance	7,131,903			

