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

83 SUBMITTAL DATE: March 18, 2013

FROM: Executive Office

SUBJECT: Payment of Settlement for Refund of Property Tax Administration Fees

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

BACKGROUND: In 2006, the California county auditors association developed guidelines for favor of the plaintiff cities.

calculating the property tax administration fee (PTAF). Disputes developed between cities and county auditors over the calculation and 47 cities sued Los Angeles County to have excess PTAF charges refunded. After years of litigation and appeals, the California Supreme Court ruled in The Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office was among many that adopted the association's guidelines for calculating PTAF. The Auditor-Controller estimates \$7.2 million in past PTAF charges that should be refunded to cities within Riverside County as a result of the court's ruling. Upon final approval of settlement agreements by the cities, the county expects to refund the sum due to cities in three installments, over three years, with the first installment due April 1, 2013. Karen L. Johnson, Senior Management Analyst In Current Year Budget: Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ 2,404,739 No **FINANCIAL** \$ 2,404,739 **Budget Adjustment: Current F.Y. Net County Cost:** Yes **DATA** For Fiscal Year: **Annual Net County Cost:** \$ 2,404,739 2012/13 Positions To Be **SOURCE OF FUNDS: Contingency Deleted Per A-30** Requires 4/5 Vote C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE 3/19/2013 **County Executive Office Signature** X

Per Exec. Ofc.

CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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Consent

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED

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Attachment A Budget Adjustments

Increase appropriations:

10000-1101000000-534530

PTAF Settlements

\$2,404,739

Decrease appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000

Appropriation for contingency

2,404,739