

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

837



FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 18, 2013

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 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 favor of the plaintiff cities.

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 2,404,739	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 2,404,739	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 2,404,739	For Fiscal Year:	2012/13

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Contingency	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Ivan M. Chand 3/19/2013

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: PAMELA J. WALLS
DATE: 3/18/13

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
PAUL ANGULO, CPA, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
BY: SAMUEL WONG
DATE: 3/18/13

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

RE: Authorize Payment of Settlement for Refund of Property Tax Administration Fees

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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