

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

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**FROM:** FIRE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
 June 18, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Structural Fire Tax Fund (21000) Budget Adjustment; All Districts [\$2,700,000]; 100% Structural Fire Taxes and Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to adjust appropriations and estimated revenue as outlined in the attached Schedule A for the Riverside County Fire Department.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

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John R. Hawkins, Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Structural Fire Taxes and Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund 21000				<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> Yes	
				<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 14/15	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY:

Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Date: June 30, 2015  
 xc: Fire, Auditor

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
 Clerk of the Board  
 By:   
 Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

The Fire Department provides fire services to twenty (20) City jurisdictions and one (1) Community Services District via individual Cooperative Agreements. Each of the twenty (20) City jurisdictions has options on how to account for their jurisdictions Structural Fire Tax and Fire Redevelopment revenue. A City partner may choose to have the Fire Department receive the revenue directly from the County Treasurer/Auditor-Controller and credit the City's fire services invoice accordingly. When a City chooses this option, the County General Fund pays for the City's fire services and this revenue reimburses the General fund for those costs. The Fire Department receives directly the Structural Fire Tax and Fire Redevelopment revenue for the Cities of La Quinta, Palm Desert, Lake Elsinore, Desert Hot Springs, Temecula, and Indian Wells and passes it through as a credit on their Fire Services invoices.

The Fire Department budget is structured with a Fire Tax Fund (Tax Fund) to receive this revenue and it is not part of the General Fund. This fund receives all of the Structural Fire Tax and Fire Redevelopment revenue for the County Fire Department and six (6) contract City Partners. On a monthly basis, all revenue that has been received in the Tax Fund is transferred from the Tax Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement for the Fire Department and the six (6) contract City Partners costs.

For FY 14/15, these City partners have been fortunate to receive more revenue than initially budgeted in the Tax Fund. Fire anticipates receiving an additional \$2.7 million of City partner Structural Fire Tax and Fire Redevelopment revenue over the current budget. In order to transfer this additional amount to the General Fund, the Fire Department is requesting the budget adjustment outlined in attached Schedule A.

The Fire Department was made aware of this anticipated additional revenue when the Redevelopment Tax Increment Summaries were completed by the Auditor-Controller on June 1, 2015 and the tax payments from May 2015 posted.

As part of the 2011 State of California Budget Act, the California Legislature approved the dissolution of the state's 400 plus Redevelopment Agencies (RDA). RDAs were officially dissolved as of February 1, 2012. As a result of the elimination of the RDAs, property tax revenues, now called the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF), are now being used to pay required payments on existing bonds, other obligations, and pass-through payments to local governments. The remaining property tax revenues (residual) that exceed the enforceable obligations are now being allocated to cities, counties, special districts, and school and community college districts, thereby providing critical resources to preserve core public services. The Fire Redevelopment revenue is the pass-through payment, from obligations prior to the 2011 Budget Act, and is funded from the RPTTF.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

There is no impact to citizens or businesses.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

For FY 14/15, an additional \$2.7 million of revenue will be transferred to the General Fund from the Fire Department's Structural Fire Tax Fund. This revenue will be used to reimburse the General Fund the fire services expense of six (6) contract City Partners under Cooperative Agreement with the Fire Department. The Fire Department receives the Structural Fire Tax and Fire Redevelopment revenue for the City of La Quinta, Palm Desert, Lake Elsinore, Desert Hot Springs, Temecula, and Indian Wells and passes it through as a credit on their Fire Services invoices. There is no General Fund impact with this budget adjustment.

## SCHEDULE A

Fire Department

**Increase Appropriations:**

21000 – 2700300000 – 536900	Interfund Exp-Fire Services	\$ 2,700,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenue:**

21000 – 2700300000 – 781000	Contractual Revenue-RDV	\$ 2,700,000
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