

County Counsel



BUDGET & FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS SUMMARY & BUDGET PROGRAMS CHART

Operating	\$ 7,548,280
Capital	\$ -
FTEs	37.5

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County Counsel

Legal Services

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MISSION STATEMENT

By statute, County Counsel is the legal adviser to the Board of Supervisors. Our attorneys and support staff advance and defend the County's civil policies and actions by: looking ahead, advising and litigating. We work closely with the Board of Supervisors and other County Officers to maintain the civil legal integrity of the County of Santa Barbara.

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

We defend or prosecute all civil litigation in which the County, or its officers or employees in their official capacities, are parties. This regularly includes: federal civil rights and state tort cases; "dependency" actions to protect minor children; property tax assessment appeals; land use actions; statutory financial cases, by or against the Auditor-Controller or Treasurer; defense against State audits; mental health commitments and conservatorships; cases involving contracts; employment cases; and motions and writs for the Sheriff's Office.

We provide civil legal advice and services to: the Board of Supervisors, other County Officers, Departments, Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Special Districts. This legal advice involves many subjects, including: land use, public works, real property, contracts, public safety, regulatory, financial, elections, social services, housing, healthcare and personnel.

All of this advances the County's public service objectives, while helping to protect the County from loss and risk.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016-18 OBJECTIVES

- Litigate against: 1) United Launch Alliance's property tax appeals, where the total 9-year valuation dispute is \$3.56 billion; 2) civil rights and tort cases, including four already set for trial before March 2017; 3) FY 06/07-08/09 Medi-Cal program audits, which disallowed about \$8.2 million of County costs; 4) "Camp 4" and "Mooney and Escobar" Fee-To-Trust decisions; 5) Zoom Properties' challenge to the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan; 6) District Court's denial of "qualified immunity" in *Shafer*; 7) *Mosby* appeal of the Superior Court's decision upholding the Board's denial of a Conditional Use Permit; and 8) Any Refugio Oil Spill damages that the County does not recover through claims (the County already has collected 100% of the \$1.7 million that the County has claimed to date for its "removal costs" and "increased costs of government services" from the May 2015 spill.)
- Provide timely legal support, concurrently, to two major construction projects: 1) \$96 million Northern Branch Jail project; and 2) \$125 million Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project.
- Investigate and respond to: 1) Channelkeeper's Clean Water Act allegations about County's Transfer Station; and 2) Disability Rights California's Report on Inspection of the Santa Barbara County Jail.
- Provide timely legal support about multiple, high-visibility "land use" projects and "water" issues, including "Groundwater Sustainability Agency" decisions that are due by June 30, 2017.

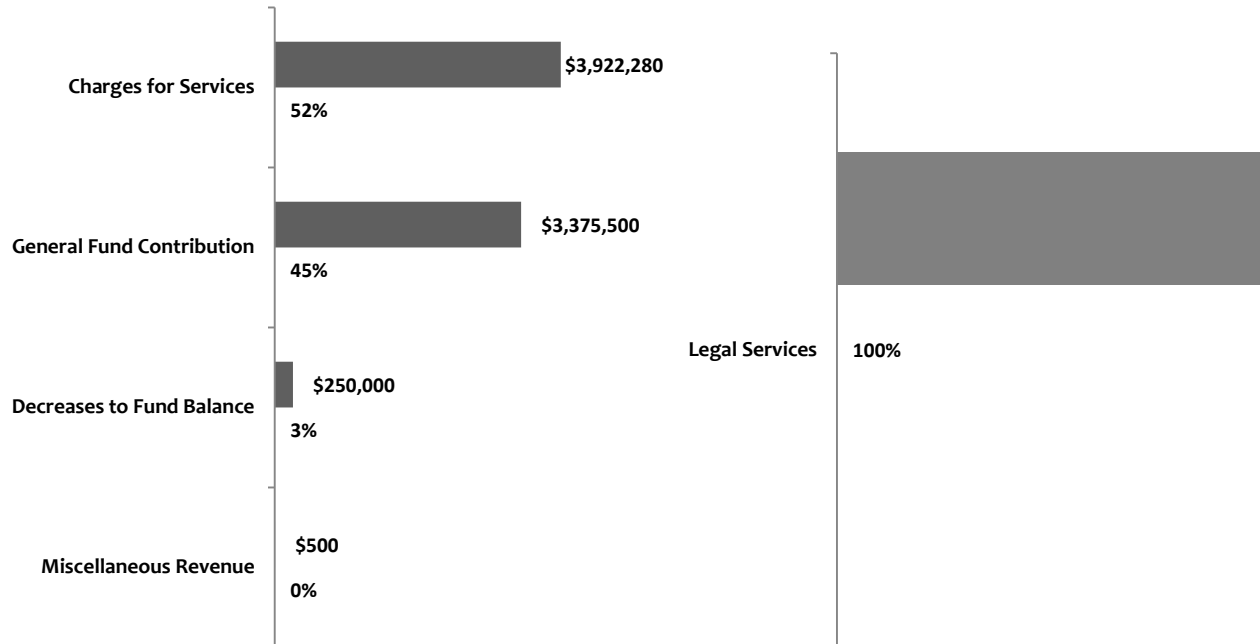
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RECOMMENDED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

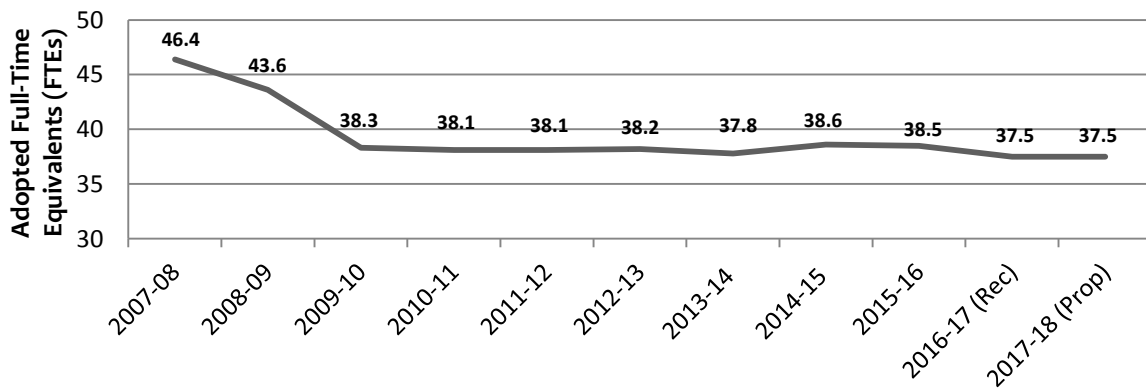
Source of Funds - \$7,548,280

Use of Funds - \$7,548,280



STAFFING TREND

The staffing trend values will differ from prior year budget books in order to show amounts without the impact of any vacancy factors.



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BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
Legal Services	37.37	38.50	(1.00)	37.50	37.50
Total	37.37	38.50	(1.00)	37.50	37.50
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Budget By Budget Program					
Legal Services	\$ 7,033,154	\$ 7,438,480	\$ 109,800	\$ 7,548,280	\$ 7,946,061
Total	\$ 7,033,154	\$ 7,438,480	\$ 109,800	\$ 7,548,280	\$ 7,946,061
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Budget By Categories of Expenditures					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 6,421,226	\$ 6,767,590	\$ 97,642	\$ 6,865,232	\$ 7,256,004
Services and Supplies	450,400	494,970	4,812	499,782	500,460
Other Charges	161,527	175,920	7,346	183,266	189,597
Total Operating Expenditures	7,033,154	7,438,480	109,800	7,548,280	7,946,061
Fund Balance Impact (+)	41,855	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 7,075,008	\$ 7,438,480	\$ 109,800	\$ 7,548,280	\$ 7,946,061
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Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Charges for Services	\$ 3,733,022	\$ 3,912,880	\$ 9,400	\$ 3,922,280	\$ 3,937,280
Miscellaneous Revenue	73	500	-	500	500
Total Operating Revenues	3,733,095	3,913,380	9,400	3,922,780	3,937,780
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	1,465	-	-	-	-
Decreases to Fund Balances	543,248	250,000	-	250,000	250,000
General Fund Contribution	2,797,200	3,275,100	100,400	3,375,500	3,532,500
Fund Balance Impact (-)	-	-	-	-	225,781
Total	\$ 7,075,008	\$ 7,438,480	\$ 109,800	\$ 7,548,280	\$ 7,946,061

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CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2015-16 ADOPTED TO 2016-17 RECOMMENDED

Staffing

- -1.0 FTE decrease by un-funding a vacant Deputy County Counsel Senior position to meet target.

Expenditures

- Net operating expenditure increase of +\$109,800 due to:
 - +\$97,640 increase in Salaries and Employee Benefits due to increases in retirement costs, health insurance costs, workers compensation premiums, and employee salaries.
 - +\$12,200 increase in Services and Supplies.

These changes result in Recommended operating expenditures of \$7,548,280 and non-operating expenditures of \$0.

Revenues

- Net operating revenue increase of +\$9,400. All County Counsel billing was impacted by a 6.24% decrease in the overhead rate for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The following Charges for Services accounts were affected;
 - -\$231,600 decrease in Legal Services to Other Funds due to reduced billings to Risk Management
 - +\$227,400 increase in Legal Services other than Risk Management
 - +\$13,600 in Other Services
- Net non-operating revenue increase of +\$100,400 due to:
 - +\$100,400 increase in General Fund Contribution which reflects the recommended increase to the GFC target.

These changes result in Recommended operating revenues for FY2016-17 of \$3,922,780 and non-operating revenues of \$3,625,500, resulting in total revenues of \$7,548,280. Non-operating revenues primarily include General Fund Contribution, transfers, and Decreases to Committed.

CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2016-17 RECOMMENDED TO 2017-18 PROPOSED

The FY 2016-17 Recommended to 2017-18 Proposed shows: an increase of about +\$397,780 in operating expenditures, primarily due to expected increases in Salaries and Benefits; and a +\$15,000 increase in operating revenues.

The FY 2016-17 Recommended to 2017-18 Proposed General Fund Contribution shows an increase of +\$157,000 leaving a negative fund balance impact of -\$225,780, primarily due to expected increases in salaries and benefits.

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RELATED LINKS

For more information on the County Counsel's Office, refer to the Web site at <http://countyofsb.org/counsel/>

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Estimated Actual	FY 2016-17 Recommend	FY 2017-18 Proposed
The percentage of litigated cases which resolve at 85% or less than the amount reserved by Risk: Target=90%	95% 18/19	86% 6/7	96% 22/23	91% 21/23	91% 21/23
The percentage of litigated cases resolved without payment to plaintiff: Target=60%	70% 14/20	68% 13/19	61% 14/23	65% 11/17	65% 11/17
Percent of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) completed by the due date	Not used in prior years	Not used in prior years	84% 31/37	100% 37/37	100% 37/37

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LEGAL SERVICES

Through this single Budget Program, the Office of County Counsel: 1) provides civil law legal advice to statutory clients, including the Board of Supervisors; and 2) defends or prosecutes all civil litigation in which the County, or its officers or employees in their official capacities, are parties.

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
COUNTY COUNSEL	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
CHIEF ASST COUNTY COUNSEL	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL SR	11.58	11.00	(1.00)	10.00	10.00
CHIEF DEPUTY	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL SR-RES	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL	9.35	11.00	-	11.00	11.00
BUSINESS MANAGER	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
COMPUTER SYSTEMS SPEC	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR-RES	3.38	4.00	6.00	10.00	10.00
PARALEGAL-RES	5.94	6.00	(6.00)	-	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO III-RES	0.62	-	-	-	-
EXTRA HELP	0.51	0.50	-	0.50	0.50
Total	<u>37.37</u>	<u>38.50</u>	<u>(1.00)</u>	<u>37.50</u>	<u>37.50</u>

Revenue & Expenditures

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LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

2015-16 Anticipated Accomplishments

- Refugio Oil Spill: Beginning on the first day of the May 2015 spill, we emphasized thinking ahead to actions that -- 6-12 months later -- the County would wish to have taken. Examples:
 - Protected County land use controls: We persuaded the Coast Guard to support the County's requirement that Plains obtain County emergency permits and follow-on permits for site remediation and restoration plans. Ongoing.
 - Interim claims against Plains: We identified part of the Oil Pollution Act that allowed the County to claim now, for less than the full damages to which the County may ultimately be entitled, without being barred later from recovering those further damages. We then worked closely with Auditor-Controller for claims that yielded 100% of the \$1.7 million that the County has claimed to date for its "removal costs" and "increased costs of government services." Ongoing.
 - Participated in recurring meetings with the Petroleum and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, to improve information flow to the County. Ongoing.
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA): Working with the U.S. Department of Justice and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, we obtained the County a "seat at the table" within the multi-year NRDA process. Ongoing.
- United Launch Alliance ("ULA") property tax assessment appeals: ULA is a joint venture for space launch activities, with significant taxable property at Vandenberg Air Force Base. For the disputed years 2007-2015, their total valuation dispute with the County Assessor is about \$3.56 billion. Among the County, County Fire Protection District and other taxing entities -- primarily education -- this represents a total potential one-time property tax revenue payment of about \$36 million. For context, a 100% recovery by the County Assessor would mean that at stake here is:
 - For the County General Fund alone: a one-time payment of about \$7 million, and then about \$500,000 per year thereafter, declining each year.
 - For the County Fire Protection District alone: another one-time payment of between \$2 million and \$4 million, and then smaller annual property tax revenues.

For the hearing on the "first" disputed "escape assessment," the Assessment Appeals Board in Fall 2015 found, for the Assessor, that the County's \$234 million assessed value within the "escape assessment" for 2008 was not duplicative of the 2008 "regular assessments," since costs of the property within the escape assessment were not reported and the property was not previously assessed in 2008. Ongoing.

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LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

2015-16 Anticipated Accomplishments (Cont'd)

- Northern Branch Jail Project: Continued to provide extensive and time-critical legal support, including moving the \$96 million AB900 phase forward to bidding and the potential award of construction contracts. Provided legal support for the orderly closeout of the \$44 million SB1022 phase. Ongoing.
- Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project: Provided intensive support to CEQA, contracting and potential public financing issues with this \$125 million project that proposes to use conversion technology to extend the life of the Tajiguas Landfill. Ongoing.
- Chumash and “Fee-To-Trust” issues: On December 24, 2014, the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a Notice of Decision (NOD) to accept the about 1,428-acre “Camp 4” property into trust. On February 16, 2016, the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a Notice of Decision to accept the about 2.3-acre “Mooney and Escobar” properties into trust. Throughout FY 2015-16, we continued to provide extensive and time-sensitive legal support for: 1) filing and briefing administrative appeals of these NOD’s; 2) discussions about the new Gaming Compact; and 3) intensive support of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee’s negotiations toward a potential Memorandum of Agreement with the Tribe. Ongoing.
- Federal civil rights, state tort and Workers’ Compensation litigation since March 1, 2015:
 - Successfully resolved 25 civil rights and tort cases for approximately \$1.2 million less than Risk Management’s reserves. Thirteen of those cases were resolved with no County payouts, including through summary judgments or motions to dismiss:
 - Example: After motion practice, obtained dismissal of all four lawsuits arising from the May 2014 shootings in Isla Vista, without any County payouts: *Chen; Cherchian; Cooper; and Cheung.*
 - Self-insured workers’ compensation “tail claims” litigation: Economically resolved 8 litigated cases under the County’s self-insured workers’ compensation program for injuries occurring before July 2010 (effective 7/01/10, the County replaced this self-insured program with insurance through CSAC-EIA’s Primary Workers’ Compensation Program). Those 8 settlements freed up more than \$1.7 million of Risk Management’s reserves.

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LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

2015-16 Anticipated Accomplishments (Cont'd)

- Other litigation outside of the General Liability Fund and Workers' Compensation Fund:
 - Superior Court upheld the decision by the Board of Supervisors to deny the Conditional Use Permit in the Mosby Sports and Outdoor Recreation Facility Project. Petitioner has filed a Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeal. Ongoing.
 - Stopped Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital's attempt to compel the use of County funds for the long-term placement of a Medi-Cal beneficiary who was under Cottage's care. The patient ultimately was placed in a long-term care facility that accepted Medi-Cal reimbursement alone. We protected Public Guardian's discretion for placements, and avoided the compelled expenditure of about \$42,500/year, recurring, of County funds.
 - PharMerica v. County of Santa Barbara: Economically settled this contract dispute for about 16% of the \$107,870 demanded by this vendor, who provided pharmacy services at the Psychiatric Health Facility. Dispute began after Department of Behavioral Wellness properly withheld partial payments to the vendor, pending proof of vendor's appropriate billing to third party payors. Contract terminated.
 - Court of Appeal of California: Prevailed in 10 of 11 appellate cases. The Court of Appeal: 1) upheld termination of parental rights and/or denial of reunification services in 7 of 8 Child Welfare Services cases; and 2) upheld trial court decisions for the County in all 3 other cases: Conservatorship of B.C. (upheld Public Guardian's conservatorship for a gravely disabled person); Bjorklund v. Dudley (upheld dismissal of suit over funds confiscated in a drug raid); and Stevens v. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (upheld dismissal of wrongful foreclosure action brought as a taxpayer suit).
 - State audit of County Medi-Cal programs: Continued litigation of State's FY 06/07-08/09 audits of Medi-Cal programs, involving about \$8.2 million of disallowed County costs. FY 06/07: awaiting results of the writ petition that the County filed in December 2015 in Los Angeles County Superior Court, challenging a decision by State Department of Health Care Services. FY 07/08: expect to complete administrative formal hearing in July 2016. FY 08/09: completed administrative informal hearing and awaiting findings and decision. Ongoing.
- Legal support for the County's consideration of significant land use projects, including:
 - 1) Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan;
 - 2) Rice Ranch Proposed Recorded Map Modification and Specific Plan Amendments;
 - 3) Medical Marijuana Ordinance;
 - 4) Westmont College Master Plan Revision;
 - 5) Key Site 30 Bradley Village Annexation;
 - 6) Las Varas Ranch Project;
 - 7) ExxonMobil Emergency Permit (following the prolonged shutdown of Plains Line 901, this was a one-time emptying of about 425,000 barrels of crude oil from tanks at Las Flores Canyon, to prevent release during any natural disaster).

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LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

2016-18 Objectives

- \$96.1 million Northern Branch Jail Project: Continue time-sensitive and intensive legal support: 1) for potential award of construction contracts in Spring-Summer 2016; and 2) through scheduled substantial completion in June 2018. Because of the State’s notification and/or concurrence requirements involving AB900 bond financing, legal support will continue to be more complicated for this project than for non-AB900 projects:
 - We expect to see a 6-month spike in legal support during the upcoming bid and contract award processes.
 - After that, we expect to see a sustained, heavy demand for legal support throughout the next four years for: 1) supporting the 9 separate contracts within this project (2 State agreements; separate contracts for onsite construction and offsite construction; and 5 consultant agreements [construction management; architect; project expert; Inspector of Record; and testing and special inspections]); 2) construction “change orders;” and 3) any construction claims, litigation, closeouts and audits.
- United Launch Alliance property tax assessment appeals: As discussed under “Accomplishments,” the Assessment Appeals Board in 2015 found that the County’s \$234 million “escape assessment” for 2008 was not duplicative of the 2008 “regular assessments,” since the property within the escape assessment was not reported and not previously assessed in 2008. That said, we expect that during the next 2-plus years, ULA will continue to vigorously litigate each of the assessment years within this \$3.56 billion valuation dispute.
- Refugio Oil Spill: If the County sees further damages from the oil spill – beyond the \$1.7 million that the County already has recovered – we will be prepared to bring litigation concerning that loss. Our success in working closely with the Petroleum and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the separate Natural Resource Damage Assessment process also means that we will be providing legal support to the County’s role in those functions for about the next 1-3 years.
- \$125 million Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project: Continue timely and intensive legal support for this project that proposes to use conversion technology to extend the life of the Tajiguas Landfill. In 2015 and 2016, Public Works informed the Board of Supervisors about contracting changes that they are recommending, including: 1) a shift from private to public financing; 2) a changed role for Mustang Renewable Power Ventures; and 3) using flow contracts with other jurisdictions, instead of forming a Joint Powers Authority. This is a complex area of law, where implementing these changes will require extensive additional attorney time.

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LEGAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

2016-18 Objectives (Cont'd)

- Federal civil rights, state tort and Workers' Compensation litigation:
 - Federal civil rights and state tort litigation: Defend civil actions for damages against the County and its employees, including four cases that already are set for trial before March 2017: *Dettamanti* (alleges Sheriff's deputy used excessive force in making an arrest); *Fewell* (alleges Sheriff's deputy used excessive force in shooting plaintiff); *Markee* (alleges that dangerous condition of public property caused fatal fall from Sea Lookout Park); *Bordegaray* (alleges Sheriff's deputies used excessive force in shooting plaintiff, then failed to provide necessary medical care). Litigate County's appeal of the District Court's denial of "qualified immunity" in *Shafer*, involving an excessive force claim against a Sheriff's deputy, where Plaintiff's damages, attorney's fees and costs total about \$397,000.
 - Self-insured workers' compensation "tail claims" litigation: Continue to reduce the County's self-insured workers' compensation liability for injuries occurring before July 2010, by economically resolving the 17 remaining litigated cases, which include some of the most costly and difficult to resolve.
- Other litigation outside of the General Liability Fund and Workers' Compensation Fund:
 - *Zoom Properties* Superior Court litigation: On October 20, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan and certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for that project. Challenging the new Mixed Use (MU) zoning on the Hollister Avenue – State Street corridor, Petitioner filed litigation concerning: 1) California Environmental Quality Act; 2) Planning and Zoning law; and 3) "takings." We expect to be defending against this case throughout FY 2016-17.
 - *Mosby* appellate litigation: On November 13, 2015, the Superior Court upheld the actions by the Board of Supervisors to deny the Conditional Use Permit in the Mosby Sports and Outdoor Recreation Project. Mr. Mosby has filed a Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeal of California. We expect that the Court of Appeal will hear this case before January 2017.
 - State audit of County Medi-Cal programs: We expect that our litigation to challenge about \$8.2 million of disallowed County costs for FY06/07-FY08/09 will be ongoing throughout FY 2016-17.
 - Fee-To-Trust litigation, concerning both the about 1,428-acre "Camp 4" property and the about 2.3-acre "Mooney and Escobar" property: For the Camp 4 property: 1) in January 2015, the County filed an appeal with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals, contesting both the "Finding of No Significant Impact" and the Notice of Decision of intent to accept this property into trust; and 2) we expect to receive the appeal decision during Spring 2016 and are prepared to litigate further in U.S. District Court if needed, to protect the County's land use, regulatory, environmental and property tax interests. For the "Mooney and Escobar" property: 1) in response to the February 2016 Notice of Decision by Bureau of Indian Affairs to take this

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2016-18 Objectives (Cont'd)

property into trust, the County on March 1, 2016, filed its appeal with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals in March 2016; and 2) we expect substantive filings and the potential hearing for this appeal to last throughout most of FY 2016-17.

- **PEPRA Implementation:** The California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) addresses the sharing of "normal costs" between public employers and public employees. Since a key subdivision of PEPRA becomes operative on January 1, 2018, CEO and Human Resources have requested additional legal support during the next year.
- **Water:** Provide timely legal support to the Board of Supervisors and County staff about:
 - Potential extension of the 1963 Water Supply Agreement between the State and the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. This would be complicated by 19 Water Supply Retention Agreements executed between 1983-1988, involving the Flood Control and Water Conservation District; and a Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement in 1991, between the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Central Coast Water Authority.
 - Proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan.
 - Central Coast Water Agency's requested re-acquisition of 12,214 acre-feet/year of State water.
 - Preparation of required planning and actions under the 2014 "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act," including: 1) "Groundwater Sustainability Agency" decisions that are due by June 30, 2017; 2) the first "Groundwater Sustainability Plan" in Santa Barbara County is due for Cuyama Valley by January 31, 2020; and 3) Groundwater Sustainability Plans for San Antonio Creek Valley and Santa Ynez River Valley are due by January 31, 2022.
- Provide advisory legal support for other significant "land use" projects, including: Gaviota Coast Plan; Short-Term Rental Ordinance, Medical Marijuana Regulations; GPS River Rock Expansion Project; "Hoop Structures" Zoning Amendments; and Pacific Coast Energy Company's request for an Oil Drilling and Production Plan (ODPP).
- **Contract Improvement Workgroup:** Provide legal support to this group's work to: identify and implement contract process improvements, propose policies, assist departments in monitoring contracts, and provide training.

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2016-18 Objectives (Cont'd)

- “Laura’s Law:” As previously reported, if the Board chooses to implement “Assisted Outpatient Treatment Services:” 1) we have completed background research and outreach to other counties about standards and procedures, and are prepared to move forward; but 2) would require the additional resources of a 60% FTE Senior Deputy County Counsel and 50% supporting paralegal to provide legal support to Department of Behavioral Wellness for: their development administrative procedures; any necessary training for their Staff; petition filing; and in-court advocacy for orders authorizing and continuing assisted outpatient treatment.