

ATTACHMENT B
June 10, 2014 Budget Hearings
Board-directed Follow-up and Pending Budget Issues
For the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Adopted Budget

The Board of Supervisors considered additional funding requests for FY 2014-15 expenditures that were not included in the Recommended Budget due to funding constraints. In several cases, the Board requested follow-up reports and discussion on still unmet funding needs to more thoroughly understand the nature and scope of the issues, impacts, and availability of potential financing options. Board-directed follow-up issues and actions include the following:

1. County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs – The Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority (MPRWA) requested \$401,981 in funding from the County. The Board supported the Recommended Budget, which included \$153,000 to partially fund the request. The Board requested that the MPRWA provide the Board with a presentation on behalf of the full funding request, including a strategic plan, budget, and potential future expenditures.
2. County Administrative Office – Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs – The Board expressed interest and requested additional information on grant writing support through the County’s political lobbying consultant contract.
3. Resource Management Agency – General Plan Implementation – The Agency requested an augmentation of \$1,460,000 to fund long-range planning consultant efforts related to General Plan Implementation and the Carmel River Lagoon and Causeway projects. The Board approved increased funding of \$1,000,000 to help offset FY 2014-15 expenditures related to technical support for General Plan Implementation, Carmel River Lagoon, Local Coastal Plan, and the Salinas Valley Basin Water Study. The Agency was directed to return to the Board for additional discussion on how the \$1,000,000 will provide for these issues, and associated remaining FY 2014-15 funding shortfalls. **The Resource Management Agency will provide a follow-up report to the Board of Supervisors on July 8, 2014.**
4. Resource Management Agency – Environmental Services – An additional \$480,000 was requested to fund new and increased mandates related to storm water run-off and water quality monitoring. The funding requests were not approved during Budget Hearings. The Board requested additional follow-up information, including potential revised methods/expenditures to meet the mandate requirements and to avoid fines against the County. **The Resource Management Agency will provide a follow-up report to the Board of Supervisors on July 8, 2014.**
5. Resource Management Agency – The Board directed staff to report back regarding unmet needs related to County acquisition of properties in the Fort Ord area. Specific discussion areas include responsibility and costs related to debris removal, habitat maintenance and improved parking off Inter-Garrison. **The Resource Management Agency will provide a follow-up report to the Board of Supervisors on July 22, 2014.**

6. Resource Management Agency – The Board requested additional information regarding consideration of a County Fuel Mitigation Officer position in response to wildfire concerns. **The Resource Management Agency will provide a follow-up report to the Board of Supervisors on July 22, 2014.**
7. Resource Management Agency – CSA 75/Chualar Sanitation System – The Agency requested augmentations to fund ongoing revenue shortfalls for operations and maintenance of the Chualar Sanitation System, and expenditures for system repairs, a short-term rate study, a sanitation vehicle, and development of a longer-term System Master Plan and Rate Study. The Board directed staff to report back with short-term and long-term recommendations and FY 2014-15 expenditure requirements, and to receive a status report on potential interests for acquisition of the system by an outside party. **The Resource Management Agency will provide a follow-up report to the Board of Supervisors on July 22, 2014.**
8. Parks Department (General Fund) – Due to funding constraints, a filled position for Historic & Cultural Affairs Manager was deleted from the Parks Historian Unit. Based on Budget Hearing discussions, partial funding was made available
9. Parks Resorts – Due to drought conditions that have lead to low water levels, the Lakes Resorts Enterprise revenue is inadequate to fund existing levels of service, including 14 filled positions designated for lay-offs at the end of September. The Board expressed a strong desire to support at least partial continued operations at the Lake San Antonio South Shore Harris Creek Camp and Marina area, and requested a report back within 30 to 45 days regarding associated budget needs to keep the area operational from October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Additionally, the Board approved creating a Board subcommittee with Supervisors Potter and Salinas to review the Resorts operations and seek potential remedies before the effective date for lay-offs. The Interim Parks Director/Assistant CAO-Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs was directed to report back to the Board with a scope of work and cost estimate for development of a strategic/business plan.