

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST

SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES
October 2008

Highlights of Major Reports Issued:

“Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Code related to the City's Living Wage Ordinance”

[Report No. 08-110](#) (10/20/08) (PDF: 58K)

In March 2008, the Office of the City Attorney provided an update on the effectiveness of the City's Living Wage Ordinance (LWO), enforcement issues and the status of two City LWO complaints to the Budget and Finance Committee. Draft revisions to the LWO were presented in July 2008 to 1) create a cost recovery fund to help fund LWO enforcement, 2) narrow the existing professional services exemption to exclude emergency medical technicians, paramedics and possibly other employees, and 3) reduce inconsistency in the application of LWO by eliminating the 90-day requirement for City facility agreements and service contracts.

The draft LWO revisions, together with proposed LWO amendments received from the Center for Policy Initiatives (CPI), were forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Further analysis was requested to incorporate CPI's amendments to both the LWO and Contractor's Standards sections of the San Diego Municipal Code (Code). Our office has discussed the proposed LWO amendments with representatives from the City Attorney's Office, the Purchasing Department, CPI and various other stakeholders. This report endeavors to provide fiscal and policy considerations associated with the proposed amendments to the LWO.

“FY 2009 Budget Status and Plan of Action”

[Report No. 08-107](#) (10/14/08) (PDF: 49K)

On Tuesday, October 14th, the Mayor announced a current year General Fund budget deficit in excess of \$40 million or 4% of the City's General Fund Budget. The memo indicated that Jay Goldstone, COO, would attend the October 15th Budget and Finance Committee to discuss this matter further but would not be prepared to recommend any specific actions for addressing the problem, beyond the existing hiring freeze, until November 12th. IBA staff has been reviewing potential strategies and actions to address a current year deficit, which are discussed in detail in this report.

“An Overview of Redevelopment Agency Debt”

[Report No. 08-105](#) (10/9/08) (PDF: 52K)

In response to a request Councilmember Faulconer made at the September 10, 2008 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, the IBA has prepared the following report to provide a better understanding on how much debt is owed to the City by the Redevelopment Agency, why the Agency incurs debt, how the debt was set up and how it is intended to be repaid.

“Proposition A: San Diego County Regional Fire Protection Ballot Measure”

[Report No. 08-103](#) (10/8/08) (PDF: 57K)

In May 2008, the IBA presented its Report on San Diego Fire-Rescue Needs and Funding Plan, which outlined a comprehensive overview of the needs of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, and possible funding solutions, to the Ad Hoc Fire Prevention and Recovery Committee meeting. At that time, the work of the Regional Fire Protection Committee, a local intergovernmental group tasked with ensuring the County’s region is fully prepared when the next wildfire strikes, had begun. Since its inception in January 2008, co-chairs County Supervisor Ron Roberts and Mayor Jerry Sanders have reviewed the needs and funding solutions to address the regional problem of insufficient fire protection. In July 2008, the task force completed its study and issued a final report to the County Board of Supervisors that identified needs and proposed a parcel tax be implemented to provide funding. The Board of Supervisors placed a ballot measure, Proposition A, on the November 8, 2008 ballot. This report updated the Committee on these developments and provides a better understanding of Proposition A and its potential impacts on the City.

Other IBA Activities:

The Office of the IBA developed a survey in order to ensure that we are providing you with the best possible service and to identify what we can do in the future to aid in your understanding of our local government. Please click on the link below to access the on-line survey and provide your feedback. This information will be used to make enhancements to our website, and to measure our performance.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/survey.shtml>

Other Reports Issued Issued This Month:

[Report No. 08-113](#) (10/24/08) (PDF: 96K)

Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with AKT LLP for External Auditing Services

[Report No. 08-112](#) (10/24/08) (PDF: 573K)

2009 Water System Bonds

[Report No. 08-111](#) (10/23/08) (PDF: 85K)

State Water Resources Control Board Updating Resolution to Apply for Financial Assistance

[Report No. 08-109](#) (10/16/08) (PDF: 25K)

Workforce Partnership Settlement

[Report No. 08-108](#) (10/15/08) (PDF: 33K)

[Attachment 1](#) (9/22/08) (PDF: 289K)

[Attachment 2](#) (9/22/08) (PDF: 330K)

Equal Opportunity Contracting Program - SCOPe Waivers

Other Reports Issued Issued This Month (continued):

[Report No. 08-106](#) (10/9/08) (PDF: 36K)

Development Services Department Business Process Reengineering (BPR)

[Report No. 08-104](#) (10/14/08) (PDF: 34K)

Update on Proposed Municipal Water and Sewer Bonds

[Report No. 08-102](#) (10/10/08) (PDF: 50K)

[Attachment 1](#) (8/03/72) (PDF: 9K)

[Attachment 2](#) (3/17/03) (PDF: 9K)

[Attachment 3](#) (6/30/02) (PDF: 262K)

Status of Environmental Growth Fund