

City of San Diego
Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2011

Highlights of Major Reports Issued in the Month of October:

[Report No. 11-61](#) “Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Development Calendar”

On October 19, 2011 the Budget and Finance Committee (B&FC) discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Development Calendar. The Budget Development Calendar establishes the key dates associated with the Fiscal Year 2013 budget process. The Fiscal Year 2013 Calendar includes pushing back the development and review of the City Council Budget Priorities Resolution by the B&FC and full Council to February 29, 2012 and March 12, 2012 to allow the Council more time to consider budget solutions and priorities.

The Calendar incorporates four days of public hearings in May 2012 with two additional days available in the timeline to continue discussions if necessary. A special City Council meeting has also been scheduled for May 24, 2012 to review both the Fiscal Year 2013 May Revision and the Fiscal Year 2012 Year-End Budget Monitoring Report.

Finally, the second public hearing on final budget modifications is scheduled for June 11, 2012 with the Council adoption of a budget resolution on the same day. It should be noted that a budget resolution to approve or modify the Mayor’s final budget submission must be accomplished prior to June 15, 2012, per City Charter.

Reports Highlighted for the Month of October 2011:

“Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Development Calendar”
[Report No. 11-61](#) (10/19/11)

“Deferred Capital”
[Report No. 11-63](#) (10/27/11)

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[Report No. 11-63](#) “Deferred Capital”

On July 11, 2011 the Audit Committee heard a Performance Audit of the City’s Capital Improvement Program. At that meeting the Committee accepted the report and forwarded to the City Council with a request to the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) to review the Structural Budget Deficit Elimination Guiding Principle 11 which requires the development of a plan to fund deferred capital infrastructure and maintenance needs to reduce the backlog.

In addition, the Audit Committee requested the IBA to develop recommendations for a five-year infrastructure budget and finance program that shows the City’s current service level, the funding needed to maintain that service level, a service level improvement objective for Council consideration, and additional funding needed over a five-year period for achieving that objective.

Report #11-63 responds to the Audit Committee’s request by updating information previously provided by the IBA and the Mayor regarding Deferred Capital. This report also includes information on alternative revenue sources and provides recommendations for Council consideration. This item was heard at the

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November 2, 2011 B&FC. The B&FC requested that the Mayor's office respond to the IBA recommendations and for the IBA to address alternatives for funding deferred maintenance when presenting our office's review of the Mayor's FY 2013-2017 Financial Outlook.

IBA Office Staffing Changes

We are excited to announce the appointments of Seth Gates and Chris Ojeda as Fiscal and Policy Analysts with the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst. These appointments fill two currently vacant budgeted positions in our office.

Seth joins our office from the City's Financial Management Department where he is currently a Supervising Budget Development Analyst. Seth has experience working on the City's Five-Year Financial Forecast and Major City Revenues. Prior to joining the City, Seth worked in the private sector as a Financial Analyst.

Chris joins our office from the City's Public Utilities Department where he is currently a Supervising Economist. Chris's responsibilities include developing and maintaining the water and recycled water rate models and helping to develop the Public Utilities department's annual budget. Prior to joining the Public Utilities Department, Chris worked in the City's Debt Management Department as an Economist.

Also in October, Brittany Bermingham, the Research Analyst with our office, announced that she would be leaving the City to take a position with San Diego State University and to also continue to pursue her Masters in Public Administration. During her time with our office Brittany made many outstanding contributions and she will be missed.

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