

Board Inquiry Form

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Department: Fire

Date: 6/11/12

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Request/ Question:

With dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, the Fire Department will receive increased property tax revenue of \$290K. What does the department plan for this unanticipated revenue?

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Response:

Restoring Engine 11 in Goleta is the highest priority for the use of any unanticipated savings or revenues for the Fire Department. The ongoing Local 2046 Firefighters concession discussions could yield enough savings, when combined with the FY 11/12 unanticipated RDA distribution and expenditure savings, to fund not only Engine 11 but also the bulk of the 4th firefighter post position at Station 22 in Orcutt. The department would like to utilize the monies to keep resources in place until concessions are finalized. The Local 2046 Firefighter's Union has also deferred raises until August 1, 2012, pending negotiations. The \$290K in RDA property tax, along with CalFIRE revenues and departmental savings of \$375K will keep the department at current staffing levels until 10/14/2012.