

Board Inquiry Form

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Request/Question: Is Environmental Health fully supported by program fees? What does the budgeted \$300,623 GF contribution fund?

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Response:

The programs within Environmental Health Services (EHS) are predominately fee supported programs with certain exceptions. Approximately 95% percent of the Environmental Health services are fully supported by fees. The other 5% supports activities of general public health benefit, such as in the housing and vector control programs, where services cannot be tied to a specific fee paying entity nor can they be built into the fee structure because of Prop 26 constraints.

In the proposed fiscal year 13-14 budget, there is approximately \$300,000 in general fund in EHS in the following programs:

- \$20,000 for Housing and Vector
- \$25,000 for the Ocean Water program's mandated months
- \$160,000 for the Liquid Waste program
- \$35,000 for the Solid Waste program
- \$60,000 for the Drinking Water programs

It should be noted that EHS program fees were last updated in December 2009. When fees are updated, some portion of the general fund support may be able to be reduced.

In addition, a portion of the general fund for the Liquid Waste program relates to the Voluntary Septic Maintenance program, established in 1999 or 2000.