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FY 2019-20 BUDGET HEARING



Summary

Operating Budget	\$9,519,900
Capital Assets	\$0
General Fund Contribution	\$3,950,800
Full-Time Equivalents	41.00
Use of One-Time for Ongoing Operations	\$0
Remaining Expansion Requests	\$0
Post-Workshop Recommended Budget Additions	\$0



Highlighted Objectives

- Provide timely legal support for disaster recovery; cannabis ordinances, permitting and enforcement; and “water issues”
- Litigate: against Southern California Edison and its cross-complaint; Main Jail and Northern Branch Jail cases; prescription opioids; and our “standard” litigation portfolios, including \$2.8 **b**illion of property tax assessment appeals, and about \$2 million of Medi-Cal audits
- Support \$325-plus million of capital projects including: Northern Branch Jail; Revised Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project; Main Jail “conditions of confinement” improvements; and Laguna Sanitation District plant upgrade



Updates

- “Industrial hemp:” Operative April 25, 2019, California Department of Food and Agriculture established a \$900 State fee for the registration of hemp growers, before cultivation. Other California and federal regulations for hemp cultivation are still being developed. We expect that the County’s role will require significant legal support throughout the new Fiscal Year.
- Ongoing 3-Phase Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) System Review: There have been frequent appeals and litigation about EMS system changes in other counties. Depending on the system review’s recommendations, “problem prevention” may require significant legal support through the new Fiscal Year.



Expansions | CEO Recommended

NONE



Expansions | Deferred to Hearing

NONE

