

EL DORADO COUNTY CALIFORNIA
Chief Administrative Office

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Memo To: Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Proposed Schedule for Budget Hearings on Final FY 2007-08 Budget
Agenda Item # 40 for Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 28, 2007

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I recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the following schedule for conducting hearings on the Final FY 2007-08 Budget:

- Begin hearings on **Monday, September 17** at 9 a.m.;
- Continue the public hearing to the following dates and times:
 - Tuesday, September 18 at 2 p.m.
 - Monday, September 24 at 9 a.m.; and
- Tentatively schedule the adoption of the Final FY 2007-08 budget for Tuesday, September 25

While the Board does have the option of extending the deadline for budget adoption beyond its currently prescribed deadline of October 2 through adoption of a resolution, I recommend that the Board maintain the October 2 deadline because of changed conditions within county operations, namely, the continued decline in building permit activity and the availability of tobacco settlement securitization revenues to fund the County's capital improvement program.

Background

Through the adoption of Resolution 265-93 on August 24, 1993, the Board of Supervisors set the date required for adopting the final County budget to no later than October 2 and filing the final budget to the Clerk of the Board and the State Controller to no later than December 1.

Issues

In previous hearings concerning the final budget, the Board received presentations from staff regarding the proposed budget. This year, the Board received those presentations and amended my proposed FY 2007-08 budget prior to adopting the Proposed FY 2007-08 Budget. As a result, presentations will be limited to amendments necessitated because of funding decisions included in the State Budget or because of changed conditions within County operations.

Alternatives

Government Code 29088 (b) provides the deadlines for adopting a final county budget:

(b) Whenever the state budget is enacted after July 1, the board may, by resolution, extend the date specified by subdivision (a) for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the enactment of the state budget or October 2, whichever is later, or 15 days beyond the date specified in Section 29080.

The California Legislature completed its budget deliberations on Tuesday, August 22 and sent the budget to the Governor for his deliberation and signature. The State's FY 2007-08 Budget cannot be considered "enacted" until the Governor signs the budget. Assuming that the Governor signs the budget bill by August 28, then the 60-day deadline provided in GC 29088 (b) would fall on Saturday, October 27. However, there is no provision for extending the deadline for submitting the final budget to the Clerk of the Board and the State Controller beyond December 1.

I recommend using the County's currently prescribed date of October 2 because there are changes needed to the Proposed Budget because of changed conditions within county operations, namely, the continued decline in building permit activity and the availability of tobacco settlement securitization revenues to fund the County's capital improvement program. In addition, a delay in final budget adoption translates into delays in enacting components of the Proposed Budget, such as filling new positions or purchasing approved fixed assets.

I remain available to answer any questions you may have concerning this memo.