

Agenda Item B

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2009

TO: MERA Executive Committee

FROM: Maureen L. Cassingham, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FY09-10 MERA OPERATING BUDGET

Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the proposed FY09-10 MERA Operating Budget.

Background: On March 11, 2009, the MERA Board of Directors approved midyear revisions to the FY08-09 Operating Budget based on six months of actual expenses. Those line-item revisions were minor and within the June 5, 2008 Board approved annual total. Attached for your review and direction is the proposed MERA Operating Budget for FY09-10 and Exhibits providing line-item detail.

Projected year-end total budget for 2008-09 is \$1,577,000 or \$70,000 less than the approved revised budget. The proposed total for FY09-10 is \$1,647,000, the same as the approved FY08-09 budget. Thus, there would be no change in FY09-10 member agency contributions. The most significant line item variances over prior year budget are County Technical Services (+\$50,000) and County System Maintenance (+\$15,000 which includes the annual maintenance of the logging recorder). General Contingencies has been reduced to \$20,000 based on past utilization for operations.

The NFPD Support/Space proposal of \$57,000 has been included in MERA's FY09-10 Contract Services costs. Resultant savings over the current Northgate scenario is \$6,900. An agreement between MERA and the Novato Fire Protection District, which would commence on July 1, 2009, will be presented to the Executive Committee on May 13 and Board on May 20.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed FY09-10 MERA Operating Budget with Exhibits 1 and 2
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