



May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election

The State's 2009-10 Budget does not address reimbursement for counties to conduct the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated fiscal impact on the County of San Diego to conduct the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election is \$7.8 million. This expense includes:

- \$4,854,000 in Permanent, Temporary & Contract Labor and overhead
- \$2,946,000 in Services & Supplies (includes \$1,198,000 for printing and \$365,000 for postage)

The method for reimbursing counties should be calculating the cost incurred and providing reimbursement based on actual costs. The County of San Diego is currently in the process of calculating total actual costs of conducting the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.

Service Impacts:

This election was funded through the County's General Fund, which funds services from libraries to law enforcement. Non-reimbursement of these Special Election costs will have a negative impact on the General Fund and thus may potentially impact any number of services provided, including but not limited to:

- Reduced hours of operation and other services at libraries and animal shelters.
- Delays in major maintenance projects that protect the life and functionality of facilities.
- Increased wait and response times for public safety services.

Program Background:

The Governor signed Senate Bill 19, which called for a special election, with the understanding that the Legislature will reimburse counties for the costs of the election. However, this item is not included in state's 2009-10 budget.