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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Approval to Transfer Unclaimed Monies from Auditors Trust Fund to General Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the transfer of unclaimed monies, totaling \$2,143.50 from the Auditor's Trust Fund 5420-7007 to the General Fund Budget Account No. 4700-9772 and 4754-9772.

FISCAL/ MANDATES IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Trust 5420-7007
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	None

Budget Org 4700 - Planning

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11
Revenue	\$315.00	0
Costs:		
Direct	0	0
Indirect - Department	0	0
Indirect - County CAP	0	0
Total Costs	0	0
Recovered Indirect Cost	0	0
Net County Cost	(\$315.00)	0



CURRENT FY BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Current FY 2009-10 Budget Projection for RMA Planning (Org 4700)				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/Deficit
Appropriations	\$4,471,330	\$4,565,294	\$4,400,856	\$164,438
Revenue	\$3,392,550	\$3,392,550	\$3,095,241	\$297,309
Net Cost	\$1,078,780	\$1,172,744	\$1,305,615	(\$132,871)

Revenue was not included in the FY 2009-2010 adopted budget.

Budget Org 4754 – Environmental Health

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11
Revenue	\$1,828.50	0
Costs:		
Direct	0	0
Indirect - Department	0	0
Indirect - County CAP	0	0
Total Costs	0	0
Recovered Indirect Cost	0	0
Net County Cost	(\$1,828.50)	0

Current FY 2009-10 Budget Projection for RMA Environmental Health (Org 4754)				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/Deficit
Appropriations	\$9,457,724	\$9,615,264	\$9,421,826	\$193,438
Revenue	\$10,184,942	\$10,184,942	\$9,941,299	\$243,643
Net Cost	(\$727,218)	(\$569,678)	(\$519,473)	(\$50,205)

Revenue was not included in the FY 2009-2010 adopted budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Planning Division collects fees for ministerial and discretionary land use permit processing. Similarly, the Environmental Health Division collects fees for various permits related to restaurants, hazardous waste generators, and public swimming pools. In both instances, fee refunds may be issued as a result of fee overpayment and/or permit applicant withdrawal. Refunds are issued by mail, and in some cases, the refund checks are returned undeliverable due to an old address or lack of a valid forwarding address. Subsequently, these refund checks are not cashed and stale-dated. Though Operations Division staff make every reasonable effort to refund these fees, contact numbers and addresses on file are no longer valid or helpful.

Government Code Section 50050 provides that money that is not the property of a local agency and remains unclaimed for three years is the property of the local agency after notice if not claimed or if no verified complaint is filed and served.

The amount of \$2,143.50 proposed for escheatment has been unclaimed since February 28, 2004 or earlier. The Ventura County Treasurer's Office published a notice on March 16 and March 23, 2007, about such funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of Government Code Sections 50050-50051. Claimants had until the close of business on Friday, May 4, 2007, to file appropriate claims with the County Treasury. No claims or verified complaints were received for these funds within the time period allowed by law.

Under Government Code Section 50053, your Board may transfer unclaimed funds to the County General Fund. Due to an administrative oversight, approval from your Board to transfer these unclaimed funds was not completed in fiscal year 2007. Approval is now being requested.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Padre at 654-2826.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Stephens', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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