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Item Number: 28.

MEETING DATE: 5/10/2016

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY COUNSEL

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Matthew Granger

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Barbara Thompson

SBC DEPT FILE NUMBER: 160

SUBJECT:

COUNTY COUNSEL' S OFFICE - M. GRANGER

Discussion in regard to the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Fee, which narrowly missed being approved during the November 2014 election, and provide direction to staff whether to take further action to potentially place a ballot measure before the voters in the November 2016 election.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Renewal of the San Benito County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program, and the beginning collection again of the \$1 vehicle registration fee which funds the program, would require approval by San Benito County voters. This fee was presented to the voters twice in 2014. Both times it was defeated and as a result, the County directed the State to cease collection of the \$1.00 fee.

In November 2014, the measure could have succeeded had it obtained approximately 70 more votes (an increase of approximately .54% of the votes received.)

Measure H-San Benito AVA (2/3 vote)

44/44 100.00%

	Vote Count	Percent
YES	8,591	66.13%
NO	4,401	33.87%
Total	12,992	100.00%

Despite obtaining approval by 66.13% of the voters, a 2/3 vote is required because the fee is considered a "special tax" as it is collected for a specific purpose.

The annual revenue received from the program before it ceased was approximately \$54,000.

BUDGETED:

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

CURRENT FY COST:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors discuss this matter, and if desired, direct staff to prepare a Resolution for a future BOS meeting, to place a measure related to the AVA fee on the November 2014 ballot.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL:**BOARD ACTION RESULTS:**

Item continued to the May 24, 2016 meeting. No action taken.

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
County Counsel	Thompson, Barbara	Approved	4/29/2016 - 12:52 PM
County Counsel	Thompson, Barbara	Approved	4/29/2016 - 5:25 PM
County Counsel	Thompson, Barbara	Approved	4/29/2016 - 5:26 PM
Finance	Casillas, Melinda	Approved	4/29/2016 - 7:08 PM
County Administration Office	Valdez, Louie	Approved	5/3/2016 - 12:23 PM
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	Valdez, Louie	Approved	5/3/2016 - 12:23 PM