Fund 002
Revenue Stabilization

Focus

The Board of Supervisors, during deliberations on the *FY 1999 Carryover Review*, approved the establishment of Fund 002, Revenue Stabilization Fund (RSF). The purpose of this fund is to provide a mechanism for maintaining a balanced budget without resorting to tax increases and expenditure reductions that aggravate the stresses imposed by the cyclical nature of the economy.

The Board of Supervisors established the Reserve under the directive that the Revenue Stabilization Fund will not be used as a method of addressing the demand for new or expanded services; it is solely to be used as a financial tool in the event of a significant economic downturn. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors established a policy for utilizing the Revenue Stabilization Fund that identified three specific criteria that must be met in order to make a withdrawal from the Fund:

- Projected revenues reflect a decrease greater than 1.5 percent from the current year estimate;
- Withdrawals from the Fund shall not exceed one-half of the fund balance in any fiscal year; and
- Withdrawals from the Reserve shall be used in combination with spending cuts or other measures.

The Revenue Stabilization Fund has a target balance of 3.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. The Fund shall be separate and distinct from the County's 2.0 percent Managed Reserve, which was initially established in FY 1983. However, the aggregate balance of both reserves shall not exceed 5.0 percent of General Fund disbursements.

The target balance of 3.0 percent of General Fund disbursements was to be accomplished by transferring funds from the General Fund over a multi-year period. The Board of Supervisors determined that a minimum of 40 percent of non-recurring balances identified at quarterly reviews would be transferred to the Revenue Stabilization Fund and the Fund would retain the interest earnings on the balance, and the retention of interest would continue until the Reserve was fully funded. It should be noted that as a result of Board of Supervisors' approved general fund transfers along with projected interest earnings the fund achieved fully funded status in FY 2006 by reaching its target level of 3.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. Based on the projected earnings on the balance in the fund and depending on the average yield for the portfolio, it is anticipated that the fund will remain fully funded by retaining its interest earnings. However, if adjustments to disbursements result in a target level which exceeds the amount of interest projected to be earned by the fund, a General Fund Transfer to this fund would be required to maintain the 3.0 percent of disbursements fully funded target level. Conversely, if the amount of interest projected to be earned by the fund exceeds the amount required to maintain fully funded status, Fund 001, General Fund, will retain the additional interest earnings.

Changes to FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2008 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2007 Carryover Review and all other approved changes through December 31, 2007:

- ♦ There have been no revisions to this fund since approval of the FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan.

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FUND STATEMENT

Fund Type G00, General Fund **Fund 002, Revenue Stabilization**

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2008 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan
Beginning Balance	**$94,390,235**	**$98,669,921**	**$96,683,018**	**$101,288,083**
Revenue:				
Interest Earnings [1]	$2,292,783	$1,243,810	$4,605,065	$0
Total Revenue	$2,292,783	$1,243,810	$4,605,065	$0
Transfer In:				
General Fund (001)	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Transfer In	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Available	**$96,683,018**	**$99,913,731**	**$101,288,083**	**$101,288,083**
Transfer Out:	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Disbursements	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Ending Balance[2]	**$96,683,018**	**$99,913,731**	**$101,288,083**	**$101,288,083**

[1] Based on projected General Fund revenue growth in FY 2009, County Disbursements are projected to grow at a constrained level. As a result the fund will not need to retain interest earnings in FY 2009 to meet the 3.0 percent targeted level. Interest earnings on the Revenue Stabilization Fund balance will be retained by Fund 001, General Fund.

[2] Fluctuations in the ending balance reflect the Board of Supervisors policy that a minimum of 40 percent of non-recurring balances identified at quarterly reviews would be transferred to the Revenue Stabilization Fund until it was fully funded and the policy that the fund will retain the interest earnings on this balance and/or will receive additional transfers from the General Fund to remain fully funded.