

## Response to Questions on the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor DuBois

**Question:** What percent of actual costs are recovered by fees for permits and land use services in FY 2007 and FY 2008?

**Response:**

Commercial development remains strong and the number of commercial building permits was up substantially the first six months of FY 2007 over the same period in FY 2006. However, new residential building permits were down significantly from last year during the same period. New site and subdivision plans submissions were also down over same period last year. Therefore, during the *FY 2007 Third Quarter Review* the revenue estimate was lowered to \$25.3 million rather than the \$26.6 million projected in the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan. Building permits issued and site and subdivision plan submittals are LDS' revenue drivers.

The FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan for LDS and the *FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan* reflects a 98 percent and 96 percent recovery rate, respectively, before overhead (fringe benefits and imputed rent) are added. After adding overhead, the recovery rate for FY 2007 is estimated at 79 percent and is projected at 76 percent for FY 2008.

Additionally, there are services LDS provides that are not associated with permit issuance or plan review. Those activities include, but are not limited to, environmental support, writing and amending codes, code enforcement, and issuing violations (un-permitted work, blight, grass complaints, etc).