



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 2, 2013

TO: Mayor and Council members

FROM: Information Systems Division, Administrative Services Department

SUBJECT: Replacement Of Citywide Data Storage, Backup, And Recovery System

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations in the Information Systems Operating Fund by \$122,000 from available reserves for the replacement of a Citywide Data Storage, Backup and Recovery System.

DISCUSSION:

Information Systems provides data backup and recovery services to all departments except Police. This advanced technology backup system was first installed in 2009. Since technical support for the original hardware technology will no longer be available after December 2013, new hardware equipment must be acquired to continue performing these critical backup tasks. Existing software is still supported and does not need to be upgraded.

The manufacturer has offered significant hardware equipment replacement cost reduction to help customers upgrade their equipment. Their pricing structure offers full hardware equipment including three years of hardware and software maintenance for less cost than the City was paying for only software renewal. This pricing incentive is fully validated and justified.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Information Systems Reserve account was created to fund these types of infrastructure upgrades. Funds are available in the reserves to support this necessary equipment replacement. Council approval is required for the appropriation from reserves to the operating budget. Staff recommends that Council approve the appropriation of \$122,000 from the Information Systems Reserves to the FY 2014 Operating Budget.

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