First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Attachments X

Agenda Item- Approve Updated Chapter 4 of First 5 Yolo Administrative Policies and **Procedures: Planning and Budgeting**

Background

First 5 Yolo endeavors to regularly review its policies and procedures.

Executive Director Overview

First 5 Commissions are required by the First 5 Association Management Guide to maintain a strategic plan and a long term financial plan that are used in concert by The Commission to develop its budget. In addition to this, First 5 Yolo also maintains a multi-year budget (also known as the 3-Year Sustainability Plan).

The Long Term Financial Plan is a long range plan that illustrates the likely outcomes of particular courses of action and/or factors affecting the environment in which it operates. The multi-year budget illustrates the prior year actions, current year projections, and following year budget projections and is used to illustrate short run trends. The long term financial plan and the multi-year budget (collectively known as the Sustainability Plans) are used with the Strategic Plan to develop each annual budget.

First 5 Yolo Staff and Finance Committee recommend updating Chapter 4, as noted in the attachments, to align with current practices, include and better explain the use of a multiyear budget, and more clearly align the requirements of the Long Term Financial Plan with those of the First 5 Association Financial Management Guide.

Additional Information

Attached are both a clean copy and a track change copy of Chapter 4: Planning and Budgeting.

Action Requested

Approve the updates for Chapter 4 of the First 5 Yolo Policy and Procedures Manual.

First 5 Yolo Children & Families Commission Policies and Procedures

Chapter 4: Planning and Budgeting

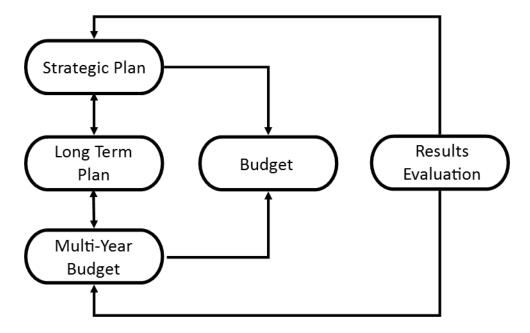
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The following diagram illustrates the linkage among the Strategic Plan, Sustainability Plans, the budget, and evaluation of results.



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Procedures

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The following are the required components of a strategic plan (Section 130140(1)(C)(ii)):

- A description of the goals and objectives proposed to be attained.
- A description of the programs, services, and projects proposed to be provided, sponsored, or facilitated.
- A description of how measurable outcomes of such programs, services and projects will be determined by the Commission using appropriate and reliable indicators.

- A description of how programs, services, and projects relating to early childhood development within the county will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system.
- A budget that shows estimated allocations to the various program components that support the either the Commission's goals or sustainability plan for early childhood development.

SUSTAINABILITY PLANS

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First 5 Yolo's Long-Term Sustainability Plan illustrates the likely financial outcomes of particular courses of action and/or factors affecting the environment in which it operates. Such a financial plan is not a statement of what is certain to happen, but rather a projection tool to highlight significant financial and operational issues or problems that must be addressed if goals are to be achieved. Sustainability Planning expands a government's awareness of trends, potential problems, and opportunities. It helps decision makers to see the long-term implications of expanding or reducing existing programs and helps decision makers take corrective action before potential problems become more severe. This longer term plan does *not* bind the agency to particular decisions in the future. Decision makers will use the plan as a resource when making decisions in the budget.

The multi-year budget illustrates the prior Fiscal Year's actual, current Fiscal Year's projected, and coming Fiscal Year's Budgeted expenditures and revenues. It is used to view short term trends in both expenditures and revenues. Decision makers will use the multi-year budget as a resource when making decisions in the budget.

Policy Statement

The Commission shall develop a Long -Term Sustainability Plan. The plan shall assess the long-term financial implications of current and proposed policies, programs, and assumptions. It shall provide a long-term view of how resources will be allocated to the objectives in the strategic plan. It shall be updated, reviewed and approved annually.

Procedures

The following procedures for long-term financial planning include components, content, and Commission-specific activity.

1. Develop a plan that includes the following components:

- An analysis of past financial trends.
- An assessment of the problems and opportunities the Commission will face in the future and actions needed to address these issues.
- Long-term forecasts of future revenues and expenditures that use alternative economic, planning, and policy assumptions.
- A plan for total revenue and expenditure levels for the planning period.
- A plan for allocating resources among the objectives or specific programs in the strategic plan.
- 2. The Long-Term Financial plan shall include forecasts of future revenues, expenditures, and reserves for a period of at least five years.
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 - The Long-Term Financial plan shall include a thorough assessment of the "revenue risk" attached to the Proposition 10 tobacco tax funding stream. Such attention is warranted as state level revenue modeling and analysis projects a decline of tobacco tax revenue in future years.
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Redirecting Funds from the Sustainability Plan

The Commission may choose to redirect funds from the Sustainability Plan at its discretion. Redirected funding must be used for programs and services that fall within the current Strategic Plan. Due to the nature of the Sustainability Plan, funds redirected from future years into the current year will decrease the overall sustainability of the Commission. Therefore, any redirection of funds will be thoroughly explored with a cost/benefit analysis as well as taking into consideration issues such as leveraging opportunities and critical emergency needs. Any request to redirect funds will go through the normal process of committee review (Program and Policy Committee and Finance Committee) before being brought forward as a recommendation to the Commission.

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Policy Statement

First 5 Yolo directly and explicitly ties the Commission's operating budget to the sustainability plans and the strategic plan. The budget process, outlined below, reflects the essential features identified by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB):

- Incorporates a long-term perspective
- Establishes linkages to broad organizational goals
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- Incorporates leveraged funding

Procedures

Specific procedures are detailed below.

Process for Preparing and Adopting a Budget

Annual and Multi-year Budgeting

First 5 Yolo uses a 12 month budget. An annual budget authorizes the Commission's planned revenues and expenditures for one year. The Commission's Sustainability Plans offers a long-term perspective to guide annual budgeting.

Budget Calendar

The Commission's budget process shall be guided by a written budget calendar maintained by staff. The budget calendar is a schedule that lists the dates of key budget events and deadlines. It specifies the key budget tasks in the budget process, when they must be completed, and who is responsible for completing each task. The budget calendar shows the process for preparing, reviewing, and adopting the budget. The budget calendar shall be made available to budget stakeholders during the budget process. The budget events shall be posted on First 5 Yolo's website as part of the agenda packets. Commission Meetings shall be open to the public.

Budget Process

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- Adopted budget shall be communicated to stakeholders using popular budget format at a subsequent Commission meeting.
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First 5 Yolo Children & Families Commission Policies and Procedures

Chapter 4: Planning and Budgeting

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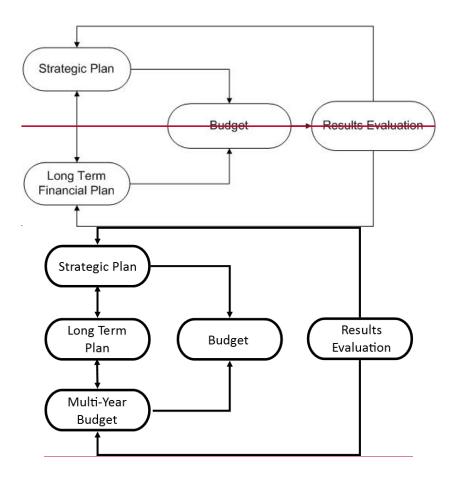
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Budget Amendments Revisions

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First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission **Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

Attachments X

Agenda Item- Approve Updated Chapter 20 Administrative Policies and Procedures: Salaries and Benefits

Background

First 5 Yolo endeavor to regularly review and update administrative policies.

Executive Director Overview

First 5 Yolo Chapter 20 Administrative Policies and Procedures: Salaries and Benefits requires updating to reflect the most recent changes to benefit packages. All First 5 Yolo employees are at-will County of Yolo employees, and per the Memorandum of Understanding between First 5 Yolo and County of Yolo (2002), The Commission retains the authority to determine the "number, qualifications, and compensation of employees consistent with County Personnel Regulations."

First 5 employee benefit packages are based on those offered at the County of Yolo.

Additional Information

Both a clean copy and a track change copy of updated Chapter 20 are attached for review.

The Policy Subcommittee and Finance Committee have reviewed the recommended updates.

Action Requested

Approve updated Chapter 20 Administrative Policies and Procedures: Salaries and Benefits.

First 5 Yolo Children & Families Commission Policies and Procedures

Chapter 20: Salaries and Benefits Policies

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Salaries and Benefits Policies is to establish consistent policies and practices in the determination of salaries and benefits offered to employees of the Commission.

Within the budget constraints, it is the policy of First 5 Yolo to offer regionally competitive compensation for positions offered for employment and to provide for professional growth at the Commission to maximize employee satisfaction and retention while providing the Commission with the most qualified staff available.

The adoption of this policy in a public meeting is required by paragraph (6) of subdivision (d) of Section 130140 of the Health and Safety Code.

SALARIES AND STEPS

The Commission will establish a 5 step salary range for all staff positions, with the option of selecting a simple salary range for the Executive Director. Each step will be 5% of the previous step. Each step raise will be based on merit at the discretion of the Executive Director. Merit is determined by performance measures evaluated every year at the annual review, and contingent upon the finances of the agency. Each employee is eligible for an annual merit raise until they reach the fifth and final step of the salary range. From that point forward employees continue to be eligible for an annual COLA increase, but will not receive a merit increase.

AUTHORIZATION:

- 1. The Executive Committee of the Commission oversees and authorizes personnel and salary decisions for the Executive Director position.
- The Executive Director of the Commission oversees and authorizes personnel and salary decisions for all other positions. The Executive Director will report any major issues or changes in personnel and salary decisions to the Executive Committee of the Commission, as well as report activity in monthly Executive Director's report.

BENEFITS

It is the policy of First 5 Yolo to offer the following benefits packages that have been adapted from Yolo County's Benefits. The benefit packages for employees under General, Management, and Department Head/Executive Director are as follows:

First 5 Yolo Benefits for General Employees

| CalPERS | Employees pay approximately 8% of salary toward retirement. |
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| Retirement | |
| Classic Members | |
| 2% @ 55 (Misc.) | |
| | |
| CalPERS | Employees pay approximately 6.25% of salary toward retirement. |
| Retirement | |
| New Members | |
| 2% @ 62 | |
| Social Security & | All Yolo County employees participate in Social Security and |
| Medicare | Medicare. |
| Health Insurance | Yolo County offers 5 health plans (3 HMO's and 2 PPO's). Each |
| for analysts to | employee receives a benefit package of \$10,914 annually to |
| program | purchase health, dental and vision insurance. Any remaining |
| coordinators | balance of the benefit package will be paid to the employee as |
| | taxable earnings. |
| Health Insurance | Yolo County offers 9 health plans (6 HMO's and 3 PPO's). |
| for office assistant | Yolo County pays the following monthly portion of the |
| employees | premium: |
| | 5 1 0 1 001 001 |
| | Employee Only 621.70 |
| | Employee and 1 1,243.38 |
| | Employee and 2 or more 1,616.40 |
| Dental Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our Delta Dental Plan. The |
| | current monthly premium is \$88.00 with the County paying 90%. |
| | Family members may be added at no additional cost. A Buy Up |
| | plan with enhanced coverage is also available. |
| Vision Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our plan with Medical Eye |
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| | no additional cost. A Buy Up plan with enhanced coverage is |
| | also available. |
| Sick Leave | Employees earn 8 hours of sick leave per month. |

| Vacation | New employees earn the equivalent of 80 hours of vacation time off per year and are eligible to use vacation after 13 pay periods of employment. The accrual rate increases to 104 hours after 5 years of employment. |
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| Floating Holidays | Employees earn 32 hours each fiscal year. |
| Holidays | Yolo County has 10.5 paid holidays each year. |
| Disability (State | Employees participate in the State of California disability |
| Disability | program. SDI benefits may be supplemented with accrued leave |
| Insurance) | balances. |
| Employee | Employees have a confidential counseling program available for |
| Assistance | up to 6 visits per incident each fiscal year. |
| Program (EAP) | |

First 5 Yolo Benefits for Management Employees

| CalPERS Retirement Classic Members 2% @ 55 (Misc.) | Employees pay approximately 8% of salary toward retirement. |
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| CalPERS | Employees pay approximately 6.25% of salary toward |
| Retirement New Members | retirement. |
| 2% @ 62 | |
| Social Security & | All Yolo County employees participate in Social Security and |
| Medicare | Medicare. |
| Health Insurance | Yolo County offers 10 health plans (6 HMO's and 3 PPO's). Each employee receives a benefit package of \$20,424 annually to purchase health, dental and vision insurance. Any remaining balance of the benefit package will be paid to the employee as taxable earnings. This amount is pro-rated for part-time employees. |
| Dental Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our Delta Dental Plan. The current monthly premium is \$88.00 and is deducted from the benefit package. Family members may be added at no additional cost. A Buy Up plan with enhanced coverage is also available. |
| Vision Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our plan with Medical Eye Services of California. The current monthly premium is \$9.28 'Family members may be added at no additional cost. A Buy Up plan with enhanced coverage is also available. |
| Sick Leave | Employees earn 8 hours of sick leave per month. |

| Vacation | New employees earn the equivalent of 80 hours of vacation time off per year and are eligible to use vacation after 13 pay periods of employment. The accrual rate increases to 104 hours after 5 years of employment. |
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| Floating Holidays | Employees earn 32 hours each fiscal year. |
| Holidays | Yolo County has 10.5 paid holidays each year. |
| Disability (State | Employees are eligible for a short-term disability benefit of 75% |
| Disability | of salary. |
| Insurance) | |
| Employee | Employees have a confidential counseling program available for |
| Assistance | up to 6 visits per incident each fiscal year. |
| Program (EAP) | |
| Deferred | Employees may receive a limited annual match based on years |
| Compensation | of service: 1 year=\$400; 10 years =\$500. |
| Administrative | Employees receive 48 hours of administrative leave each fiscal |
| Leave | year. |

First 5 Yolo Benefits for Executive Director

| CalPERS Retirement Classic Members 2% @ 55 (Misc.) | Employees pay approximately 8% of salary toward retirement. |
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| CalPERS Retirement New Members 2% @ 62 | Employees pay approximately 6.25% of salary toward retirement. |
| Social Security & Medicare | All Yolo County employees participate in Social Security and Medicare. |
| Health Insurance | Yolo County offers 9 health plans (6 HMO's and 3 PPO's). Each employee receives a benefit package of \$20,454 annually to purchase health, dental and vision insurance. Any remaining balance of the benefit package will be paid to the employee as taxable earnings. |
| Dental Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our Delta Dental Plan. The current monthly premium is \$88.00 and is deducted from the benefit package. Family members may be added at no additional cost. A Buy Up Plan with enhanced coverage is also available. |

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| Vision Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our plan with Medical Eye |
| | Services of California. The current monthly premium is \$9.28 and |
| | is deducted from the benefit package. Family members may be |
| | added at no additional cost. A Buy Up plan with enhanced |
| | coverage is also available. |
| Life Insurance | The County provides a \$50,000 life and AD&D policy. |
| Auto Allowance | \$570 per month. |
| Deferred | Employees may receive a match of \$500 each calendar year. |
| Compensation | |
| Sick Leave | Employees earn 8 hours of sick leave per month. |
| Vacation | New employees earn the equivalent of 80 hours of vacation time |
| | off per year and are eligible to use vacation after 13 pay periods |
| | of employment. The accrual rate increases to 104 hours after 5 |
| | years of employment. |
| Administrative | Employees receive 80 hours of administrative leave each fiscal |
| Leave | year. |
| Floating Holidays | Employees earn 32 hours each fiscal year. |
| Holidays | Yolo County has 10.5 paid holidays each year. |
| Disability (County | Employees are eligible for a short-term disability benefit of 85% of |
| Disability | salary. |
| Insurance) | |
| Employee | Employees have a confidential counseling program available for |
| Assistance | up to 6 visits per incident each fiscal year. Appointed Department |
| Program (EPA) | Head (H) Unit Unrepresented. |
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SALARY SURVEYS

It is the policy of First 5 Yolo to establish competitive salaries by using salaries surveys of First 5 organizations in the regional counties, comparable County of Yolo positions, and non-profits of similar size, budget, number of employees and job descriptions (especially when there is not a corresponding position in other First 5 organizations). Salary surveys may be conducted at the discretion of the Executive Director, when an employee has reached the end of the salary steps previously established for their position to determine if the position is eligible for an increased salary range. Salary surveys may also be used for promotions and position upgrades with new job descriptions. Salary changes will be presented to the full Commission and be maintained within the Commission's current budget and the Sustainability Plan.

First 5 Yolo Children & Families Commission Policies and Procedures

Chapter 20: Salaries and Benefits Policies

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Salaries and Benefits Policies is to establish consistent policies and practices in the determination of salaries and benefits offered to employees of the Commission.

Within the budget constraints, it is the policy of First 5 Yolo to offer regionally competitive compensation for positions offered for employment and to provide for professional growth at the Commission to maximize employee satisfaction and retention while providing the Commission with the most qualified staff available.

The adoption of this policy in a public meeting is required by paragraph (6) of subdivision (d) of Section 130140 of the Health and Safety Code.

SALARIES AND STEPS

The Commission will establish a 5 step salary range for all staff positions, with the option of selecting a simple salary range for the Executive Director. Each step will be 5% of the previous step. Each step raise will be based on merit at the discretion of the Executive Director. Merit is determined by performance measures evaluated every year at the annual review, and contingent upon the finances of the agency. Each employee is eligible for an annual merit raise until they reach the fifth and final step of the salary range. From that point forward employees continue to be eligible for the an annual COLA increase, but will not receive a merit increase.

AUTHORIZATION:

- 1. The Executive Committee of the Commission oversees and authorizes personnel and salary decisions for the Executive Director position.
- The Executive Director of the Commission oversees and authorizes personnel and salary decisions for all other positions. The Executive Director will report any major issues or changes in personnel and salary decisions to the Executive Committee of the Commission, as well as report activity in monthly Executive Director's report.

BENEFITS

It is the policy of First 5 Yolo to offer the following benefits packages that have been adapted from Yolo County's Benefits. The benefit packages policies for employees under General, Management, and Department Head/Executive Director are as follows:

First 5 Yolo Benefits for General Employees

| CalPERS | Yolo County pays the entire member contribution (approximately |
|----------------------|--|
| Retirement | 7% of salary). There is not cost to the employees. |
| Classic Members | Employees pay approximately 8% of salary toward retirement. |
| 2% @ 55 (Misc.) | |
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| CalPERS | Employees pay approximately 6.25% of salary toward retirement. |
| Retirement | |
| New Members | |
| 2% @ 62 | |
| Social Security & | All Yolo County employees participate in Social Security and |
| Medicare | Medicare. |
| Health Insurance | Yolo County offers 5 health plans (3 HMO's and 2 PPO's). Each |
| for analysts to | employee receives a benefit package of \$10,914 annually to |
| program | purchase health, dental and vision insurance. Any remaining |
| coordinators | balance of the benefit package will be paid to the employee as |
| | taxable earnings. |
| Health Insurance | Yolo County offers 9 health plans (6 HMO's and 3 PPO's). |
| for office assistant | Yolo County pays the following monthly portion of the |
| employees | premium: |
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| | Employee Only 621.70 |
| | Employee and 1 1,243.38 |
| | Employee and 2 or more 1,616.40 |
| Dental Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our Delta Dental Plan. The |
| | current monthly premium is \$88.00 with the County paying 90%. |
| | Family members may be added at no additional cost. A Buy Up |
| | plan with enhanced coverage is also available. |
| Vision Insurance | All employees are required to enroll in our plan with Medical Eye |
| | Services of California. The current monthly premium is \$9.28 |
| | with the County paying 90%. Family members may be added at |
| | no additional cost. A Buy Up plan with enhanced coverage is |
| | also available. |
| Sick Leave | Employees earn 8 hours of sick leave per month. |

| Vacation | New employees earn the equivalent of 80 hours of vacation time off per year and are eligible to use vacation after 13 pay periods of employment. The accrual rate increases to 104 hours after 5 years of employment. |
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| Floating Holidays | Employees earn 32 hours each fiscal year. |
| Holidays | Yolo County has 10.5 paid holidays each year. |
| Disability (State | Employees participate in the State of California disability |
| Disability | program. SDI benefits may be supplemented with accrued leave |
| Insurance) | balances. |
| Employee | Employees have a confidential counseling program available for |
| Assistance | up to 6 visits per incident each fiscal year. |
| Program (EAP) | |

First 5 Yolo Benefits for Management Employees

| CalPERS | Yolo County pays the entire member contribution (approximately 7% of |
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| Retirement | salary). There is not cost to the employees. |
| Classic Members | Employees pay approximately 8% of salary toward retirement. |
| 2% @ 55 (Misc.) | |
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| Compensation | service: 1 year=\$400; 10 years =\$500. 5 years = \$100; 10 years = \$200; |
| | 15 year = \$300; 20 years = \$400 |
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