First 5 Commission of San Diego County April 4, 2011 The Impacts of AB 99 on Commission Funding

Request

Information will be presented on the local impacts of AB99 which was signed by the Governor on March 24, 2011. The Commission will direct the next steps required to determine the impact on current or future funding.

Background

On March 16, 2011 both houses of the California Legislature approved AB 99 by a two thirds vote. This bill requires the State First 5 Commission to remit \$50 million, and the combined County Commissions to remit \$950 million to the State Treasury by June 30, 2012. Commissions that receive less than \$600,000 per year in Prop 10 revenue are exempt from this requirement. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 24, 2011.

Each County Commission not exempt from the requirement will remit 50% of its Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010. If the State receives more than \$950 million, they will send the excess back to the County Commissions. First 5 San Diego's Fund Balance was \$176,749,177. It is anticipated that the San Diego County First 5 Commission will be required to send \$88,374,588 to the State Treasurer by June 30, 2012.

The redirected funds are to be used for Medi-Cal services for children under age 5.

The Department of Finance has indicated that because this is a one-time action and does not make ongoing changes, it is consistent with the purposes of Prop 10 and it would not need voter approval.

Staff Recommendation

1) Direct the Executive Director to return at the May Commission meeting and provide a framework with options that show the impact on current and future funding.

Fiscal Impact

First 5 San Diego must send \$88,374,588 by June 30, 2012.