The Budget Workshop session for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 convened at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call - President George Shirakawa, Supervisors Mike Wasserman and Dave Cortese, and Lynn Regadanz, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, were present. Supervisor Liz Kniss took her seat at 1:31 p.m. and Vice President Ken Yeager took his seat at 1:40 p.m.

2. Recited Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Received the following public comments:

Linda Kincaid and Richard Calhoun, concerned citizens, raised questions regarding human rights violations and the quality of care of a person currently under the protection of the Public Guardian. President Shirakawa stated that staff will contact Mr. Calhoun to discuss the issues.

4. Received overview of the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget. (J. Smith)

Jeffrey Smith, County Executive, Office of the County Executive, provided an overview of the FY 2013 Budget recommendations. He commented that this is a maintenance budget, which means maintaining the services while changing the style and method of providing those services to lower costs; to build up the infrastructure; and to prepare the organization for the future. Mr. Smith stated that concessions from labor units had a significant impact on the ability of the Administration to balance the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding alternative plans to deal with the impact of State budget reductions, information technology projects, deferred maintenance, capital projects, and the Contingency Fund.

5. Received overview of funding status of the County Retiree Medical Benefit Program. (G. Graves)

Gary Graves, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the County Executive, outlined the benefit the County provides employees, explained the reasons for the shortfall in funding of the County Retiree Medical Benefit Program, and the goals and strategies to reinstate the Fund. Discussion ensued regarding mitigation of healthcare costs by moving employees into the County’s Valley Health Plan and the legal limitations. Discussion continued regarding the reasons healthcare costs continue to increase at a much higher percentage than the Consumer Price Index.
6. Considered recommendations relating to sale of County-owned real property:

Wren Bradley, Service Employees’ International Union (SEIU), Local 521, inquired regarding the new location of the receiving center when the Children’s Shelter is sold. Luke Leung, Deputy County Executive, Employee Services Agency, stated that various locations are under consideration and he will confer with labor organizations regarding the selection.

Bruce Knopf, Director, Asset and Economic Development, Office of the County Executive, provided an overview of the distribution of the proceeds from the sale.

a. Considered written proposals and oral bids relating to the potential sale of the real property located at 4525 Union Avenue, San Jose.

b. Adopted Resolution No. 2012-308 accepting the highest responsive bid for the sale of real property located at 4525 Union Avenue, San Jose, approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Harker School, and delegating authority to the County Executive, or designee, to take all actions required under the Purchase and Sale Agreement consistent with the terms of this Resolution, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2013.

7. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for the Department of Child Support Services. (Budget Unit 200) (R. Miller)

Supervisor Cortese, Chairperson, Children, Seniors, and Families Committee, stated that the Committee has reviewed the recommended budgets and that no budget inventory items have been submitted to date.

Idelle Hunter, Administrative Services Manager, Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), provided an update to the Recommended Budget and stated that the State Department of Child Support Services has notified the DCSS that there will be a reduction in funding for each local agency in California. She further stated that once the reduction target is received from the State, DCSS will collaborate with the Office of Budget and Analysis to determine how to balance the budget. Ms. Hunter advised that further information will be provided to the Board during the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Hearing process. Discussion ensued clarifying that the DCSS reduction is from Governor Jerry Brown’s May Revise Budget.
8. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS). (Budget Unit 116) (L. Leung)

Jeffrey Smith, County Executive, Office of the County Executive, stated that Governor Jerry Brown's May Revise Budget indicates additional reductions that may impact IHSS and, when the amount is known, modifications to the IHSS budget will be submitted for Board consideration.

9. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for Custody Health Services. (Budget Unit 414) (M. Barry)

10. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for the Department of Alcohol and Drug Services. (Budget Unit 417) (B. Copley)

11. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for Community Health Services. (Budget Unit 418) (D. Wright)

12. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for Valley Health Plan. (Budget Unit 725) (G. Price)

13. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for the Public Health Department. (Budget Unit 410) (D. Peddycord)

14. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for the Mental Health Department. (Budget Unit 412) (N. Pena)

Nancy Pena, Director, Mental Health Department, advised that the budget presented today does not include the plan for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), and that additional FTEs will be requested in August 2012 when the full MHSA plan is submitted for the Board of Supervisors to review.

Sparky Harlan, Executive Director, Bill Wilson Center, expressed concern for the impact changing providers will have on the clients of Wrap Services. She recommended that transition funds be allocated to allow time for the clients to adjust to the new providers and that the new providers consider hiring the laid-off staff of the
previous providers to assist in the transition for the clients as well as retain good staff members.

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Recessed at 4:05 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., this date.

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15. Reconvened at 6:33 p.m. President George Shirakawa, Vice President Ken Yeager, Supervisors Liz Kniss and Mike Wasserman, and Lynn Regadanz, Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, were present. Supervisor Dave Cortese took his seat at 6:41 p.m.

There were no public comments.

16. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for the Social Services Agency. (Budget Units 502, 503, 504, and 505) (L. Leung)

Zeb Feldman, Service Employees' International Union, Local 521; Roddie Pickens, Social Worker, Department of Adult and Aging Services (DAAS), Social Services Agency (SSA); Bella Johnson and Bret Russell, Estate Administrators, DAAS, SSA; Yolanda Javier and Lieu Quach, Estate Administrator Assistants, DAAS, SSA; and, Benjamin Lopez, Deputy Public Guardian, DAAS, SSA, spoke in opposition to the proposed deletion of 4.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Estate Administrator positions due to the reorganization and restructuring of client services under the Deputy Public Guardian.

Linda Kincaid and Richard Calhoun, concerned citizens, expressed concern regarding elder abuse and misappropriation of financial returns from clients through the Public Administrator/Guardian/Conservator (PAGC) division.
17. Reviewed the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2013 Recommended Budget for Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC). (Budget Unit 921) (L. Smith)

Supervisor Wasserman requested that Administration provide periodic off-agenda reports on date uncertain regarding measurements and trends relating to patient satisfaction at SCVMC.

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Recessed at 7:25 p.m., to Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers for the continued Budget Workshop.

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