# Thomas Fire & Debris Flows

**ESTIMATED** FINANCIAL IMPACT

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### Lots of Headlines

Property Values Plummet Over \$1.3 Billion in Wake of Montecito Debris Flows, Thomas Fire Noozhawk, March 11, 2018

Report: up to \$204 million in residential mudslide damage Santa Barbara News-Press, March 8, 2018

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City Bed Tax Rebounds

Increase Attributed to Thomas Fire and Debris Flow Stays

Santa Barbara Independent, March 6, 2018

KSBY, February 27, 2018

County Estimates \$46 Million Cost for Thomas Fire,

Montecito Debris Flow Response, Repairs

Noozhawk, February 27, 2018

Why you should plan a trip to Santa

Barbara right now The Week Magazine, February 24, 2018

## **Property Tax Losses**

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Now at \$1.2 Billion, but not included in our revenue estimates yet

- COUNTYWIDE <u>estimated</u> property tax loss:
  - Current FY 2017-18 = \$6.9 Million (via supplemental bills)
  - Next FY 2018-19 = \$13.4 Million (via secured bills)

## Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)

#### City Bed Tax Rebounds

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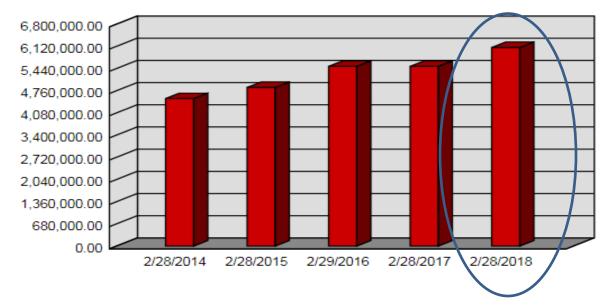
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#### UNINCORPORATED TOT up also...

#### Revenue Trend by Line Item Account

3131 -- Transient Occupancy Tax



Increase of \$583K over prior year due to:

 The TOT rate increased from 10% to 12%, eff 1/1/2017

But, factoring out the 2% rate increase, TOT is showing a decrease from prior year...

## Sales Tax?

Timing delay ----

Maybe some onetime decreases but hard to measure at this time.

But depending on recovery, could see increases as people rebuild and replace lost items

 For FY 2017-18, General Fund (GF) Sales Tax was budgeted at \$10.6M, representing 3.5% of Taxes revenue in the GF

## **Estimated County Government Cost**

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#### As of March 2, 2018

"Reimbursable"	Not Reimbursable	Total	
\$8.2 M	\$5.7M	\$13.9M	
\$34.2M	\$3.9M	\$41.5M	
\$42.4M	\$9.6M	\$55.4M	
\$2.7M	\$9.6M	\$12.3M	
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## Personal Property Loss

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 Personal property losses are mostly covered by property insurance, and maybe some FEMA loans/grants

Usually these are pretty small amounts

### What's the ESTIMATED Total?

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- Property tax: \$33.7M = \$6.9M+\$26.8M (\$13.4M x 2 Yrs)
- TOT: ?
- Sales Tax: ?
- County Damage Costs: \$55.4M (\$12.3M County share)
- Personal Property Loss: \$204M
- = \$293.1 Million (total)
- = \$89.1 M (County total)
- = \$46 M (County unreimbursed total)

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## Other Slides

## Impact to Schools

#### What type of school funding?

- Cold Spring & Montecito Union are "Basic Aid" schools \* Basic Aid
   schools do not receive taxes from "supplemental" roll activity as they
   already receive enough from the annual roll. Any "supplemental" changes
   during the year are rolled into the following year's assessed property
   values.
- Whereas NON Basic Aid schools do not receive enough on the annual roll, and therefore get revenue from the "supplemental" mid year activity which decreases the amount the State would otherwise have to backfill.
- \* When/if property taxes become too low to support per student costs based on a
   "local funding calculator," a Basic Aid School will revert to a NON Basic Aid status.
   But, the difference per student in a Basic Aid school vs a NON Basic Aid school can
   be significant.

# Best Estimate\* Impact to Schools

	FY 17-18				FY 18-19			
	Estima	ited			Es	stimated		
	Secur	ed	Estimated Supplemental		Secured Allocation		Estimated Supplemental	
	Alloca	tion						
_	Decre	ase	Decrease		D	ecrease	Decrease	
Cold Spring	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(301,674)	\$	-
Montecito Union	\$	_	\$	-	\$ (	1,595,433)	\$	_

<sup>\*</sup> As of today, 3/28/18

## **County Permitting**

#### For information:

http://sbcountyplanning.org/misc/montecito.cfm

