



**FISCAL STABILITY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES**

October 5, 2004

Joe Newmyer called the meeting to order at 3:30

Roll Call

Members Present: Cuaron, Davis, Doran, Dowd, Frady, Gommel, Gordon, Jay, Kratcoski (for Lopez) Madrigal, McCluskey, Metzger, Miyamoto, Neault-Kelber, Newmyer, Roth, Springer, Townsend-Merino,

Members Absent: Eckman, Smith, Versaci

**I. Approval of Minutes** - The approval of the minutes of September 21, 2004 was postponed until the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Unfortunately, the minutes could not be e-mailed to the task force members until this morning due to other commitments. The postponement is to give the members ample time to review the minutes before approving.

**II. Reports from Groups**

A summary report of the four sub-groups separate meetings were distributed and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**III. Budget Update**

A motion was made (MSC - Townsend-Merino/Dowd) to move the discussion to the Budget Update.

Information was provided on the budget summary of FY 2003-04, and 2004-05. According to Fiscal Services, the final budget for 2003-04 was finalized today. It was reported that the ending fund balance appears to be significantly larger than anticipated. Joe Newmyer presented a variance analysis between FY2003-04 Budget and Actual, which he handed out to all task force members. It was reported that almost half of this balance overage is attributable to designated accounts. Joe reported that some changes have been made to the designated accounts as a result of the work that has been done thus far by FSTF. Concern was expressed about the unprecedented number of designated accounts Palomar has on its books.

Joe also reported the Actual amounts for the 2002-03. Joe reported the ending fund budget balance is over \$6 Million higher than expected. This is probably due to vacancies, eliminating positions, and departments being frugal and conservative in their spending. A question was asked how the district could have a deficit and still have an ending fund balance. Concern was also expressed that FSTF believed there was a financial crisis yet there appears to be a significant fund

balance. The task force members have requested a complete reconciliation of accounts and a variance analysis.

*Meeting adjourned at 5:00*

*The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m., October 19, 2004  
Room SU-18*