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Expenditure Limitation Report

# Cochise County

Year Ended June 30, 2008

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Cochise County  
Report on Audit of Annual Expenditure Limitation Report  
Year Ended June 30, 2008

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**Independent Auditors' Report**

Members of the Arizona State Legislature

The Board of Supervisors of  
Cochise County, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying Annual Expenditure Limitation Report of Cochise County for the year ended June 30, 2008. This report is the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this report based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the report is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the report. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall report presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying Annual Expenditure Limitation Report was prepared for the purpose of complying with the uniform expenditure reporting system as discussed in Note 1, and is not intended to be a presentation in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the Annual Expenditure Limitation Report of Cochise County for the year ended June 30, 2008, referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the information required by the uniform expenditure reporting system on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Arizona State Legislature, the Board of Supervisors, and management, and for filing with the Auditor General of the State of Arizona, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Jay Zsorey, CPA  
Financial Audit Director

February 2, 2010

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Cochise County  
Annual Expenditure Limitation Report—Part I  
Year Ended June 30, 2008

1. Economic Estimates Commission expenditure limitation	\$60,637,313
2. Amount subject to the expenditure limitation (total amount from Part II, Line C)	<u>59,235,725</u>
3. Amount under the expenditure limitation	<u>\$ 1,401,588</u>

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the information contained in this report is accurate and in accordance with the requirements of the uniform expenditure reporting system.

Signature of Chief Fiscal Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: Lois Klein, Director of Finance

Telephone Number: (520) 432-8370 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

See accompanying notes to report.

Cochise County  
Annual Expenditure Limitation Report—Part II  
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Description	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Internal Service Funds</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Amounts reported on the Reconciliation, Line D	\$ 93,849,703	\$ 39,504,098	\$ 13,379,008	\$ 209,608,965	\$ 356,341,774
B. Less exclusions claimed:					
Debt service requirements on other long-term obligations (Note 2)	1,073,158	71,620	363,538		1,508,316
Dividends, interest, and gains on the sale or redemption of investment securities	2,262,435	551,385	196,513		3,010,333
Trustee or custodian (Note 3)	2,542,700			209,608,965	212,151,665
Grants and aid from the federal government (Note 4)	14,862,668				14,862,668
Amounts received from the State of Arizona (Note 4)	11,708,428				11,708,428
Quasi-external interfund transactions (Note 5)			12,606,276		12,606,276
Highway user revenues in excess of those received in fiscal year 1979-80 (Note 4)	7,639,661				7,639,661
Contracts with other political subdivisions (Note 6)		<u>33,618,702</u>			<u>33,618,702</u>
Total exclusions claimed	<u>40,089,050</u>	<u>34,241,707</u>	<u>13,166,327</u>	<u>209,608,965</u>	<u>297,106,049</u>
C. Amounts subject to the expenditure limitation	<u>\$ 53,760,653</u>	<u>\$ 5,262,391</u>	<u>\$ 212,681</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,235,725</u>

See accompanying notes to report.

Cochise County  
Annual Expenditure Limitation Report—Reconciliation  
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Description	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Internal Service Funds</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Total expenditures/expenses/deductions and applicable other financing uses, special items, and extraordinary items reported within the fund financial statements	\$ 101,737,512	\$ 38,769,941	\$ 12,836,799	\$ 209,608,965	\$ 362,953,217
B. Subtractions:					
Items not requiring use of working capital:					
Depreciation		1,064,529	1,178,865		2,243,394
Loss on the disposal of capital assets			172,251		172,251
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs		263,981			263,981
Expenditures of separate legal entities established under Arizona Revised Statutes (Note 7)	2,443,613				2,443,613
Long-term care contributions withheld by the State Treasurer (Note 8)	<u>5,444,196</u>				<u>5,444,196</u>
Total subtractions	<u>7,887,809</u>	<u>1,328,510</u>	<u>1,351,116</u>		<u>10,567,435</u>
C. Additions:					
Principal payments on long-term debt		64,493	327,973		392,466
Acquisition of capital assets		1,985,633	1,565,352		3,550,985
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs paid in the current year but reported as expenses in previous years (Note 9)		<u>12,541</u>			<u>12,541</u>
Total additions		<u>2,062,667</u>	<u>1,893,325</u>		<u>3,955,992</u>
D. Amounts reported on Part II, Line A	<u>\$ 93,849,703</u>	<u>\$ 39,504,098</u>	<u>\$ 13,379,008</u>	<u>\$ 209,608,965</u>	<u>\$ 356,341,774</u>

See accompanying notes to report.

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Notes to Annual Expenditure Limitation Report  
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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Annual Expenditure Limitation Report (AELR) is presented on the basis of accounting prescribed by the uniform expenditure reporting system (UERS), as required by Arizona Revised Statutes §41-1279.07, which excludes expenditures, expenses, or deductions of certain revenues specified in the Arizona Constitution, Article IX, §20, from the total expenditures, expenses, or deductions reported in the fund financial statements.

In accordance with the UERS requirements, a note to the AELR is presented below for any exclusion claimed on Part II and each subtraction or addition in the Reconciliation that cannot be traced directly to an amount reported in the fund financial statements. All references to financial statement amounts in the following notes refer to the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the Governmental Funds; Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets for the Proprietary Funds; Statement of Cash Flows for the Proprietary Funds; and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets for the Fiduciary Funds.

Note 2 - The exclusion claimed for debt service requirements on other long-term obligations of \$1,073,158 in the Governmental Funds consists of principal and interest and other charges of \$748,160 and \$324,998, respectively.

The exclusion claimed for debt service requirements on other long-term obligations of \$71,620 in the Enterprise Funds consists of principal paid on capital leases and interest paid on capital leases of \$64,493 and \$7,127, respectively.

The exclusion claimed for debt service requirements on other long-term obligations of \$363,538 in the Internal Service Funds consists of principal paid on capital leases and interest paid on capital leases of \$327,973 and \$35,565, respectively.

Note 3 - The exclusion claimed for trustee or custodian in the Governmental Funds consists of \$2,542,700 in contributions by the County to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System for acute care, uncompensated care, and administrative costs.

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Note 4 - The following schedule presents revenues from which exclusions have been claimed for federal grants and aid, amounts received from the State of Arizona, and highway user revenues in the Governmental Funds:

<b>Description</b>	
Grants and aid from the federal government	\$14,862,668
Amounts received from the State of Arizona	11,708,428
Highway user revenues in excess of those received in fiscal year 1979-80	7,639,661
Other revenues—(nonexcludable)	<u>17,979,225</u>
Total intergovernmental revenues as reported in the fund financial statements	<u>\$52,189,982</u>

Note 5 - The exclusion claimed for quasi-external interfund transactions of \$12,606,276 in the Internal Service Funds consists of charges for services expended of \$5,897,907 and charges for health insurance expended of \$6,708,369.

Note 6 - The exclusion claimed for contracts with other political subdivisions of \$33,618,702 in the Enterprise Funds consists of charges for services expended.

Note 7 - The subtraction of \$2,443,613 for separate legal entities established under Arizona Revised Statutes consists of expenditures of special assessment districts included within the County's reporting entity, but not included in the Economic Estimates Commission base limit calculations, and are reported in the Governmental Funds category in the fund financial statements:

<b>Special Assessment Districts</b>	
General government	\$ 37,005
Public safety	1,366,454
Culture and recreation	<u>1,040,154</u>
Total	<u>\$2,443,613</u>

Note 8 - The subtraction for long-term care contributions withheld by the State Treasurer consists of transaction privilege taxes withheld by the State Treasurer to meet the County's share of long-term care costs that was reported as a revenue and an offsetting expenditure in the County's Governmental Funds. Consequently, this expenditure has been subtracted on the Reconciliation.

Note 9 - The addition of \$12,541 for landfill closure and postclosure care costs paid in the current year, but reported as expenses in previous years, consists of cash payments in the current year for those costs reported as expenses in previous years in the Enterprise Funds.