

**FY 21-22 Budget Committee Question Log and Tracking**

Date of Meeting	Committee Member asking the Question	Department / Respondent	Description	Date Sent to Dept./Budget Contact	Date Response Rcvd. From Dept./Budget Contact	Date Distributed to Committee - Hardcopy	Answer/Response Received
5/11/2021	Dawn Lesley	Public Works	<p>Kir mentioned a "\$2.1M revenue loss" associated with the permit waivers that the BOC issued to Holiday Farm Fire victims for rebuilding their homes. Is that number calibrated somehow to the revenue that would have been expected this past year if it had been a normal year? I think it might be a calculation of how much the permits for rebuilding the burnt homes "would cost" if the waiver hadn't been implemented. But if the fire hadn't happened, none of those homes would have had to be rebuilt, so they would not have needed permits? Plus, I cannot imagine that rebuilding has happened much yet, it will occur in future years, so any "loss" associated with it would realistically accrue to future years somehow?</p> <p>Most of the other "revenue loss" numbers refer to "revenue expected and budgeted for FY 20/21 that never came in." This does not seem to me to be the same thing, and it's a bit of an illusion, whether it is considered to have been "lost" in 20/21 or future years. Or please explain if I'm misunderstanding how that was calculated.</p>	5/12/2021	5/13/2021	5/20/2021	<p>You are correct. The 2.1 million dollar figure represents the revenue that will not be realized due to the fee waiver. It was not revenue that was planned for and budgeted. However, please note that work on these permits is requiring us to increase staff and increase contract amounts. It also adds to M&amp;S costs for vehicles computer equipment, training, etc.. So while it is true this is not revenue that we would have expected in a normal year, we are also incurring major costs that we would not have seen in an ordinary year. It is important to note that the 2.1 million figure only assumes a 50% rebuild rate within the next 3-5 years. If the rebuild rate is higher costs will be higher. Finally, we are seeing a high volume of permits being pulled this year for planning, sanitation, building (about 30 single family dwellings and scores of accessory buildings and emergency RVs) as well as associated electrical and mechanical permits.</p>
5/11/2021	Dawn Lesley	Public Works	<p>It is my understanding that large fires can leave long-lasting underground smolders that can re-ignite after the winter or even multiple years. Has an investigation of this been performed on the area affected by the Holiday Farm Fire?</p>	5/12/2021		5/20/2021	<p>There are frequent (hourly/daily) infrared fly overs of the area, ODF reports we will continue to see flare ups in the impacted area for years to come. I would refer to ODF, USFS, and OSFM for questions of these types.</p>