



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET WORKSHOPS APRIL 18, 19 & 21, 2023 *“Ready for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow”*

Summary: The purpose of this week’s workshops is for the Board of Supervisors and the public to receive information on, and provide input to, the preliminary Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 County budget. The theme for the FY 2023-24 budget is **Ready for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow**, signifying the progress made on Board priorities and investments and continued prudent planning for the known and emerging issues on the horizon. The budget outlook is stable, despite uncertainties, as a result of the Board’s prudence and fiscal planning.

**Preliminary operating budget is \$1.48 billion, 6.2% increase from previous year  
This marks the fifth year in a row that service level reductions are not necessary**

### Ready for Today....

- Several years of setting aside funds, status quo budgets and adopting fiscally sound budgets has resulted in a sustained stable budgetary environment for the County
- This long-term fiscal planning has enabled support and progress to be made on many of the Board’s priorities, including homeless and housing services; mental health services; electric vehicle infrastructure and energy efficiency solutions; deferred maintenance; diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts; and criminal justice initiatives

### Transformative Projects on the Horizon

- Regional Fire Dispatch & New Ambulance Services Model
- Broadband Strategic Plan
- Calle Real Master Plan, Recreation Master Plan & Climate Action Plan
- New technology infrastructure

### Preparing for Tomorrow...

- State budget shortfalls, unforeseen disasters, legislative changes and workforce instability can significantly impact the County
- FY 23-24 will be without significant program expansions or new ongoing expenditures supported by the General Fund.
- Setting aside ongoing funding for future deficits given the uncertainty of the State budget and known cost increases identified in the five-year forecast will be critical

### Key Challenges

- Recruiting and retaining qualified staff
- New and changing State and Federal mandates and regulations
- Addressing homelessness in the long term currently funded through one-time funds
- Increased costs for insurance premiums, worker’s comp, benefit cost and other charges becoming difficult to absorb

### [Budget Workshop Schedule](#)



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## Highlights in FY 2023-24 Preliminary Budget

- Homelessness: \$16 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$30.1 million in other funding in FY 23-24 to address homelessness
- Regional Parks and Libraries: Improvements at Cachuma Lake, Manning Park, Arroyo Burro and Lookout Park, planned release of the Countywide Recreation Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report, and more funding for libraries through CPI growth
- Capital Improvements: ADA restrooms at Rincon Park, new Probation Headquarters, completion of the Regional Fire Communication Center, Foothill Bridge replacement, and continued progress on the Public Safety Radio Network
- Economic Vitality: The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy will be completed in FY 2023-24 and implementation efforts will begin in August 2023 giving the County access to federal funding opportunities for economic development efforts
- Energy and Sustainability: Investments in electrification of the County's fleet and EV infrastructure upgrades, energy efficiency upgrades to increase the County's renewable energy profile, and 2030 Climate Action Plan development
- Deferred Maintenance: 18% plan increasing by \$3.3 million for a total FY 23-24 allocation of \$15.0 million
- Criminal Justice: Coordination of multi-disciplinary teams, optimizing diversion programs, expanding alternative sentencing, and improved discovery management
- Supporting Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Populations: Funding for childcare recovery and resiliency, digital literacy, senior meals, and farmworker assistance are helping to address critical needs countywide
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility: Internal, HR DEI coordination; improved language access; external outreach for hard to reach communities

### Budget at a Glance

	FY 2022-23 Adopted	FY 2023-24 Preliminary
Operating Revenues	\$1.42 Billion	\$1.52 Billion
Operating Expenditures	\$1.39 Billion	\$1.48 Billion
Non-Operating Expenditures	\$0.03 Billion	\$0.04 Billion
Staffing (FTEs)	4,467	4,629

### Discretionary General Fund Revenue Summary (in millions)

	FY 2022-23 Adopted	FY 2023-24 Preliminary	\$\$ Change
Cannabis Taxes	\$16.29	\$7.50	-\$8.79
Property Taxes	261.72	290.00	28.28
Sales and Use Tax	14.24	15.08	0.84
Transient Occupancy Tax	15.17	17.56	2.39
All Other Discretionary Revenue	33.14	37.24	4.10
<b>Total General Fund Discretionary Revenues</b>	<b>\$340.56</b>	<b>\$367.38</b>	<b>\$26.82</b>