

Placer County

2012-13 BUDGET *at a glance*



*A citizen's guide highlighting
Placer County's fiscal health, key
projects in this year's budget and ways
for residents to get more information.*



COUNTY FISCAL HEALTH

- Placer County is focused on providing high-quality, meaningful, and sustainable services to residents.
- The County is financially healthy due to financial policies and Board actions.
- The economy is tiptoeing, rather than sprinting toward recovery.
- The revenue outlook is improving, but is outpaced by cost pressures.
- The County is implementing a five-year budget strategy to ensure revenues and costs remain in balance with priorities in the long term.
- Placer County's credit rating is second to none in the region.

KEY BUDGET DETAILS

- The budget is an annual plan to fund County priorities and services.
- The Board of Supervisors approved a \$730 million budget on Sept. 25.
- The budget is \$19.1 million, 2.5 % lower than the 2011-12 budget.
- Property tax revenue, the County's largest source of revenue, has dropped \$16.4 million, or 12.4 %, since 2007-08.
- The County uses a collaborative approach to services, aligning public and private-sector expertise to best deliver high-quality, cost-effective services.
- The County has about 2,377 funded employee positions, 12.9% fewer than it had in 2007.



THE SPENDING PLAN

LAND USE

(\$218 million, 29.9 %, 489 positions)

- Agricultural Commissioner
- Community Development Resource Agency
- Facility Services
- Farm Advisor
- Public Works

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

(\$180 million, 24.6 %, 336 positions)

- Administrative Services
- Clerk-Recorder
- County Counsel
- County Executive Office
- Library
- Personnel
- Support for departments, direct services and reserves

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(\$169 million, 23.2 %, 690 positions)

- Child Support Services
- Health and Human Services
- Veteran's Services

PUBLIC SAFETY

(\$139 million, 19.1 %, 724 positions)

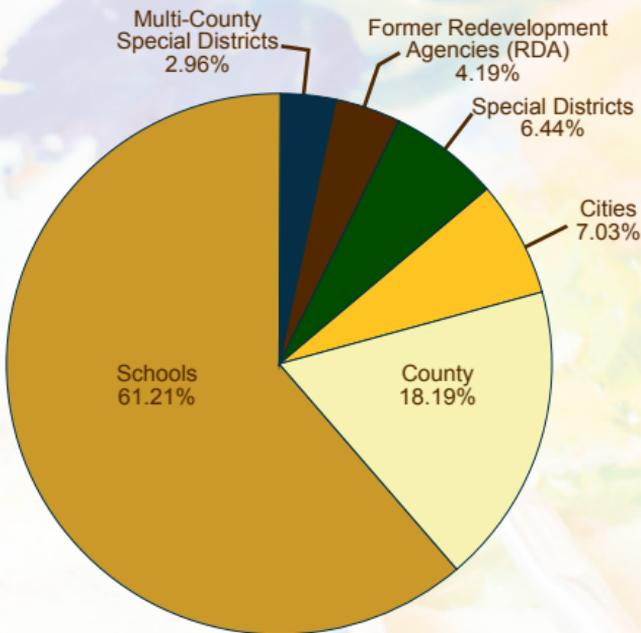
- District Attorney
- Probation
- Sheriff

FINANCE

(\$24 million, 3.2 %, 138 positions)

- Assessor
- Auditor-Controller
- Treasurer-Tax Collector

BREAKDOWN OF \$1 OF PROPERTY TAXES



Property taxes are the County's largest revenue source. The County uses property tax revenue to support services mandated by the Federal and State governments, as well as local-priority services.

DID YOU KNOW?

Placer County offers a broad range of services to all residents – whether they live in cities or unincorporated areas.

The County protects public safety, operates the county jail, prosecutes suspected criminals and supervises adult and juvenile offenders on probation.

It helps veterans get benefits, runs local elections, helps parents collect child support, issues marriage licenses, protects the public from communicable diseases and provides land-development services in unincorporated areas for residents and developers.

Placer County conducts property tax assessments and collects taxes; provides financial services, accounting and auditing services for both county and other government agencies; operates 11 branch libraries; maintains more than 1,000 miles of roads; and operates sewage treatment facilities for many unincorporated areas. It offers many parks, trails and beaches.

As the provider of last resort, the County provides public health clinics; child welfare services; mental health, alcohol and drug abuse treatment; and other Federally and State-mandated safety-net services, including public assistance and indigent health care.

KEY COUNTY PROJECTS

- Completion of construction work on a new jail in Roseville;
- The Foresthill Bridge retrofit;
- Planning and design work on a regional sewer system from North Auburn to Lincoln;
- Expansion of Hidden Falls Regional Park by 980 acres;
- The final phase of the Auburn Folsom Road widening project;
- Continued work on frontage and scenic improvements along Highway 49 in North Auburn;
- The first phase of the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project;
- Improvements to Riosa Road in the community of Sheridan;
- Replacement of the bridge that takes Cook Riolo Road over Dry Creek; and
- A smart-phone application that will allow Placer County Transit riders to know in real time where buses are at and how soon they should arrive.



THE BUDGET PROCESS

Placer County uses a two-phase process to develop its budget each fiscal year. In the first phase, the Board of Supervisors adopts a proposed budget each June so the county has a balanced spending plan in place when the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

In the second phase, the Board has budget workshops in August before holding a public hearing on the final budget and approving it sometime in September.

The two-phase approach allows the county to adopt a final budget that includes updated revenue and expenditure estimates.



A copy of the final budget, recent press releases and other budget information are available at the County website at www.placer.ca.gov. The link is in the upper left corner of the home page.

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