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Stanislaus County Final Budget Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Stanislaus County, CA – Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office has released the County's Final Budget Addendum for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year. The Final Budget Addendum makes adjustments to the interim-spending plan for Stanislaus County operations adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 13, 2006. A Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Final Budget has been scheduled for 9:25 a.m. on September 12, 2006 to be continued if necessary on September 13 and 14 at 9:00 a.m.

The Final Budget totals \$899,890,972, an increase of 2.1% over the Proposed Budget and a 5.7% increase over the preceding year's Final Budget. The Final Budget is balanced as follows:

Fund Type	Total Appropriations		Designations		Total Revenue		Fund Balance One-time Funding Required	
General	\$	261,756,438	\$	14,516,707	\$	255,306,008	\$	20,967,137
Special Revenue		462,738,641		0		457,867,967		4,870,674
Capital Projects		15,519,607		0		7,957,568		7,562,039
Enterprise		89,357,832		0		83,034,141		6,323,691
Internal Service		70,518,454		0		68,348,750		2,169,704
Tota	\$	899,890,972	\$	14,516,707	\$	872,514,434	\$	41,893,245

While the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget addressed and included funding for many of departments' unfunded critical needs at that time additional funding recommendations are being made at this time that with the Proposed Budget will reflect the County's 2006-2007 Final Budget. An overview of the Final Addendum recommendations include:

- \$2,150,000 in Appropriations for Contingencies for unresolved issues including various pressures on the County's behavioral and health services and preparation for the Avian Flu;
- \$3,850,087 for various parks and capital projects and facility improvements;

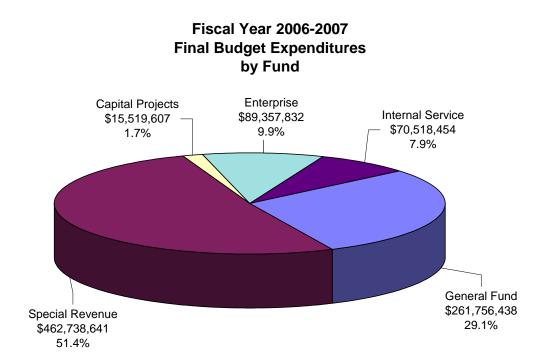


- \$2,100,000 to pay back the Courthouse Construction Fund once an agreement is reached concerning the disputed use of these funds;
- ♦ A decrease in Debt Service net county cost by \$750,907 for the use of one-time funding available in the financings and the transfer of USDA revenue from discretionary revenue;
- \$250,000 for staffing changes in the Chief Executive Office;
- A \$97,942 increase in interest earnings from the Tobacco Securitization Fund to repay the Health Services Agency's accumulated cash deficit;
- \$159,043 of Vehicle License Fees to pass through to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services;
- \$368,044 for the General Services Agency for additional costs related to the operation of the 12th Street Office Building and Parking Garage, additional positions, and facilities maintenance issues;
- ◆ \$300,000 for to replace vehicles in the County fleet;
- \$210,013 for increased dispatch costs for the Office of Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Department;
- A revenue increase of \$189,288 for Parks from the close out of capital projects and Public Facility Fees revenue; and
- Various other facility, staffing, and operational requests.

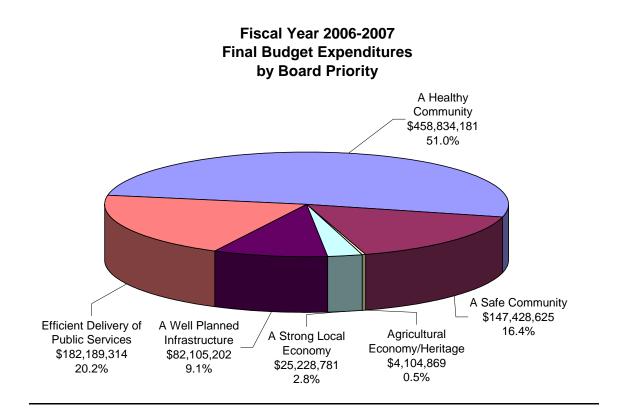
Adjustments in other funds were also recommended. In the Proposed Budget, the Public Works Road and Bridge Division anticipated the receipt of nearly \$3.2 million of Proposition 42 revenue, which represented the entire amount owed to the County for streets and roads from Proposition 42 loans. That revenue was received in August, and the Department has requested an additional \$399,000 for ongoing maintenance of County roads. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services also increased its budget by \$2.7 million for Mental Health Services Act revenue that was not spent in 2005-2006, and the Community Services Agency anticipates receiving an additional \$2.2 million for its various programs. While 20 new positions are being added, 20 positions will be deleted for no net change to the County's overall authorized positions of 4,509

The Final Budget totals \$899,890,972 and outlines State Budget actions as well as the actual year-end fund balances from the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year that ended on June 30, 2006. It adds an additional \$14.88 million in discretionary revenue, which reflects increases in Secured Property Taxes; Supplemental Property Taxes; Sales and Use Tax; Property Tax In-lieu of VLF; Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties; Interest; and Endowment Trust revenue. This additional revenue is used to fund all of the departmental requests in the General Fund as well as a designation of \$4.5 million for possible State shortfalls and a portion (\$1.5 million) of a new designation. This new designation of \$10 million would be established to allow the General Fund to fulfill its prior commitment to repay the Fink Road Landfill Enterprise Fund for any land not designated for landfill expansion or endangered species mitigation once a plan is developed and approved by the Board.

In the Proposed Budget, \$6.1 million of fund balance was used to balance the General Fund Budget. This was reduced significantly from the \$14 million that was used in the previous fiscal year budget. The Final Budget Addendum uses an additional \$8.5 million of fund balance which is entirely dedicated to funding the new \$10 million designation. There was no additional fund balance used to balance the Final Budget for ongoing, operational costs. Recommended expenditures totaling \$899,890,972 by fund are reflected as follows:



Consistent with the Proposed Budget the County's Final Budget Addendum has been prepared around the Board of Supervisors' Priorities. In previous years the Budget has focused on functional areas within County government. The 2006-2007 Final Budget is reflected by Board of Supervisor priority as follows:



The Stanislaus County 2006-2007 Final Budget is available for public review. It can be viewed at the Chief Executive Office of the County at 1010 10th Street in Modesto. It is also available on the County's web site, <u>www.co.stanislaus.ca.gov</u>T, or at any of the thirteen libraries located throughout Stanislaus County.