

NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Approves Adopted Budget

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the Adopted Budget document on Sept. 6 for Fiscal Year 2017–18 to fund County operations.

The document outlined the County's \$4 billion budget, including a General Fund appropriation of \$2.4 billion.

The final budget for the fiscal year balances the needs of the County while at the same time reserving funds for future needs. The County also enhanced funding in areas such as Child Protective Services, homeless services and addressing critical public safety needs.

In addition, funding has been applied to:

- » Building general reserves
- » Parkways and Unincorporated Communities Clean Up and Safety Initiative
- » Implementing Foster Care Continuum of Care Reform
- » Sheriff's Department pilot program focusing on high incidences of unreported gun shots in the unincorporated County
- » Replacing and upgrading critical technology

Budget documents are available online at www.SacCounty.net or in person on the 7th floor of the Administration Building, 700 H Street, Suite 7650.

ARE YOU STORM READY? Sign up for Emergency Alerts!

The Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services has a state-of-the-art emergency alert system known as Sacramento Alert, that provides information to residents about emergency events quickly and through a variety of communication methods.



To ensure emergency notices are received quickly both at work and home, residents are encouraged to log onto www.Sacramento-Alert.org and provide phone numbers and email addresses. All information in the Self Registration Portal will be kept strictly confidential.

Residents will only receive alerts that are critical and time-sensitive, including: flooding, levee failures, severe weather, disaster events, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods in specific geographic locations. For more information about emergency and weather preparedness, including an "Are you Prepared? Guide," visit www.SacramentoReady.org.

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

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Sacramento County's New Approach to Mental Health Services

With substantial recent investments by the Board of Supervisors in mental health services, Sacramento County Behavioral Health has taken strides to create new options and enhancements to the services in our community.

The new services are appropriately tailored to the level of care needed, can reduce emergency department visits and can be a suitable alternative to inpatient hospital services.

One of those new services is the Mobile Crisis Support Teams. These teams, comprised of a behavioral health services clinician and a law enforcement officer trained in mental health crisis response, are dispatched through law enforcement to provide immediate engagement with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

A recent example of the Mobile Crisis Support Team's (MCST) success involved a man who was picked up by deputies for causing a disturbance at a park. Law enforcement was planning to take him to jail for being under the influence in public. Working with the clinician, the MCST was able to identify that the man had a conservator and had been



missing for approximately two weeks. He was experiencing psychotic symptoms – including disorganized thoughts and speech, and hallucinations.

He was taken to the County's Mental Health Treatment Center, provided a mental health assessment and stabilization and reconnected with his mental health provider and conservator. They were able to provide the appropriate services and avoid incarceration.

Other new and expanded services include:

» **Crisis Residential Facilities:** Designed for people who need acute psychiatric care, but can be appropriately served in a voluntarily community setting, the Crisis Residential Program provides a homelike atmosphere

with 24/7 staffing, coordination of care, intensive crisis support and intervention, individual/group psychosocial rehabilitation support and therapy, family meetings, medication monitoring, peer counseling, and discharge planning.

» **Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic:**

Targeted to open later this year, the Urgent Care Clinic will provide unscheduled walk-in service, referrals to appropriate mental health treatment providers, and identify any service gaps. Located on Sacramento County's Mental Health Treatment Center campus, the clinic will have the capacity to serve 300-400 people a year.

» **Mental Health Navigators:** Eighteen mental health triage navigators are located at different local area health systems to ensure that individuals are linked properly to community services. Locations include the six local emergency departments, the main jail, and Loaves & Fishes.

For more information, visit the Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health website at www.DHHS.SacCounty.net/BHS or call (916) 875-7070.

Board Approves Additional Housing Vouchers



The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, approved the recommendation from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) to issue 68 additional Project-Based Housing Vouchers (PBV) for homeless individuals and families to live in affordable housing units.

The amount exceeds the previously authorized amount of 300 PBV over the next three years.

In addition to the 368 PBV, 75 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers (VASH) had been authorized to house homeless veterans, for a total of 443 housing vouchers for homeless individuals and families over the next three years.

Included in the SHRA recommendation were administrative changes in the prioritization of those receiving vouchers, resulting in placement of homeless individuals at the top of housing voucher waiting lists. The vouchers will be awarded to 11 housing units within the County. Six of those units are existing, while the remaining five are under construction, with move-in dates ranging from 2018 to 2020.

For more information about the housing vouchers and County efforts to address homelessness in the Sacramento Region, visit www.SacCounty.net/homelessness.



Did you know voting in Sacramento County is changing?

The Voter's Choice Act, signed by Governor Brown in 2016 and approved by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in June 2017, will take effect with the June 2018 Primary.

With the Voter's Choice Act, every registered voter in Sacramento County will receive a ballot in the mail, and traditional polling places will be replaced with Vote Centers. At a Vote Center, voting is more convenient; a person can go to any Vote Center to drop off their ballot, vote in person, request a replacement ballot, vote using an accessible ballot marking device, receive voting assistance in multiple languages, and register or update their registration.

At least 16 Vote Centers, located conveniently throughout the county, will open 10 days before Election Day. An additional 62 Vote Centers will open three days before Election Day. All 78 Vote Centers will be open on Election Day. The County is currently in the process of identifying Vote Center locations.

Additionally, more than 50 Ballot Drop Boxes will be available throughout the county, starting 28 days before Election Day.



Voted ballots can be returned one of three ways: by mail, dropped in one of over 50 Ballot Drop boxes throughout the county (*available 28 days before the Election Day*), or returned to any Vote Center (*available 10 days before Election Day*).

More information can be found at www.elections.saccounty.net, where residents may also provide comments about the Voter's Choice Act and Vote Centers.

A Banner Year for Sacramento International Airport



Did you know Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is turning 50 this year? Time flies, and so does SMF! SMF opened on Oct. 21, 1967 as Sacramento Metropolitan Airport. It was initially served by five airlines: Pacific, PSA, United, Western and West Coast. The airport surpassed one million passengers the first year.

A lot has changed since then; in 2016, SMF served more than 10 million passengers, and officials expect passenger growth to exceed that for 2017. The airport currently offers more than 150 daily nonstop flights on nine domestic and international carriers to more than 30 destinations.

What's more; SMF is the best in the nation, according to customers. J.D. Power announced in September that SMF has ranked highest in customer

satisfaction among medium-sized airports in North America. The ranking is based on J.D. Power's 2017 customer-satisfaction survey of almost 35,000 travelers.

The J.D. Power Customer Service Satisfaction Study measures satisfaction among customers in medium, large and mega airports across the United States by examining six factors: Terminal facilities; airport accessibility; security check; baggage claim; check-in/baggage check; and food, beverage and retail amenities.

Sacramento International Airport ranked highest in the categories of security check and terminal facilities. Additionally, the security checkpoint was singled out for praise by customers.

For more information about SMF, visit www.smf.aero.

Are you a Veteran?

Sacramento County Has Services Just for You

Sacramento County is proud to be home to more than 89,000 veterans.

Because accessing well-earned services can be challenging, staff in the Sacramento County Veterans Services, many who are veterans, encourage vets to come in to review available benefits.

Benefits range from disability compensation (*due to injuries/illness resulting from service-related activities*) to VA Pension, which is monthly financial assistance to low-income wartime Veterans, over the age of 65 and/or 'totally disabled.' Surviving spouses may receive benefits.

Sacramento County also participates in a statewide program that assists Veterans with applying for the "Veteran" designation on their California driver licenses and identification cards. The new California driver license "Veteran" designation provides official verification for businesses to easily confirm Veteran status for discounts and special considerations.

To obtain a DMV-required application for the Veteran Driver License and ID Card please bring in an original or certified copy of your military discharge papers (DD-214). If you don't have this, the County Veterans Services Officer can help you obtain one free of charge.

Visit: Sacramento County
Veterans Services Office
2007 19th St., Sacramento, CA
8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday–Thursday
9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Fridays

Email: DHA-VET@saccounty.net

Call: 916-874-6811



2017 Adult and Family FLU CLINICS

County of Sacramento, Department of Health and Human Services, Immunization Assistance Program

(916) 875-SHOT (7468)

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Voter Registration 7000 65th Street Sacramento, CA. 95823	Wednesday, October 18	10am-1pm
Citrus Heights Comm. Center 6300 Fountain Square Dr. Citrus Heights, CA. 95621	Tuesday, October 24	10am-1pm
St. Therese Church 100 4th Street Isleton, CA. 95641	Thursday, October 26	10am-1pm
Mission Oaks 4701 Gibbons Dr. Carmichael, CA. 95608	Wednesday, November 1	10am-1pm
Church of Christ 4910 Lemon Hill Ave. Sacramento, CA. 95824	Saturday, November 4	10am-1pm
Cordova Church of Christ 10577 Coloma Rd. Rancho Cordova, CA. 95670	Wednesday, November 15	10am-1pm
Chabolla Center 600 Chabolla Ave. Galt, CA. 95632	Wednesday, November 29	10am-1pm
Rusch Park 7801 Auburn Blvd. Citrus Heights, CA. 95610	Wednesday, December 6	10am-1pm
N. Highlands Comm. Center 6040 Watt Ave. North Highlands, CA. 95660	Thursday, December 14	10am-1pm

Flu vaccinations are available for persons over 6 months of age without a medical contraindication to receiving the vaccine.

Donations are accepted but not required.