

## County Budget for FY 2019-20 Approved

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted to revise the Approved Budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The Approved Budget in June totaled \$4.4 billion. With the completion of the County's FY 2018-19 year-end financial closing activities and updated information, an increase of \$138 million was proposed, bringing the Budget Recommended for Adoption to \$4.5 billion in appropriations. Most of this increase involved re-budgeting funds for capital projects due to shifts in timing for those projects.

In June, to close a general shortfall of \$55 million, **Sacramento County made \$43 million in reductions** in General Fund

Departments and reduced \$12 million in General Fund reserves to bridge the gap.

General Fund departments identified a number of targeted program and position reductions. The reductions included the elimination of 181.3 full time employee positions that were either vacant or, in a few cases, filled by employees who were shifted to other positions in the same class. No layoffs were necessary.

For details, read the **Budget Letter to the Board of Supervisors** or view all budget documents on the **Office of Budget and Debt Management website**.



## Emergency Alerts Sign Up!

Have you signed up for Sacramento-Alert yet? Just go to [www.Sacramento-Alert.org](http://www.Sacramento-Alert.org) and sign up your home and work phone numbers and emails, as well as your cell phone numbers. This way, when an emergency happens in your area, you will be notified about critical and time-sensitive issues – including fires, floods, evacuations and disasters.

Signing up is easy, and your information is protected. Register now on the region's mass notification system:

[Sacramento-Alert.org](http://Sacramento-Alert.org), [Yolo-Alert.org](http://Yolo-Alert.org) or [Placer-Alert.org](http://Placer-Alert.org).

For more emergency preparedness information, go to the Sacramento Ready website at: [www.SacramentoReady.org](http://www.SacramentoReady.org).



## Registering and Updating Voter Reg at the DMV

With the 2020 March Presidential Primary coming closer, registering to vote and updating your registration and party information is more important than ever. It is also easier than ever – you can register and update your information online, in person or even at the DMV. However, if you go to the DMV, understand that ALL eligible individuals completing driver license or ID card applications or change of address transactions will be registered to vote in the county of their residence unless they choose to opt-out of automatic voter registration.

Our voter registration staff has been hard at work reconciling voter files with information coming from the DMV. They are finding that many residents are unintentionally registering to vote, or mistakenly changing their contact information or party preference.

If you are completing a driver license/ID application or renewal or changing your address, the touch screen will prompt you with options to **1-Register to Vote, 2-Update Registration or 3-Do Not Change Registration**. These options have been confusing to many voters and have led to errors in their voter registration file.

### What does each option mean?

- » **I want to register to vote:** This is your option if you are currently eligible, but not registered to vote and would like to register.
- » **I want to update my registration:** You must update your registration if you have moved, changed your name or want to change your political party status. Updating due to these changes is important to ensure you receive your ballot at the correct location with the correct information come next election.
- » **I do not want to register to vote or update my registration:** This option means you are already registered to vote and you have no changes to your file. Your information is still correct and up to date.

What changes have been made to the voting process now that Sacramento County is administering elections under the Voter's Choice Act?

- » Every registered voter will receive a postage-paid, Vote by Mail ballot
- » All voters can drop off their ballot at one of 57 Ballot Drop Box location up to 29 days before Election Day
- » All voters can drop off their ballot, register to vote and vote in person at any Vote Center in the county up to 10 days before Election Day



- » All Vote Centers (84 total) will be open at least four days before Election Day
- » Eligible, but unregistered voters can register online or in-person at a Vote Center, before and through Election Day

### How can I check my registration status online?

Visit the **"Check my status"** webpage. It will prompt you to enter your name, driver license/ID number, last four numbers of your social security number and your date of birth.

### How can I register to vote online?

Visit the **Register to Vote** website and fill out the online voter registration form.

### Why does it matter if I update my registration information?

If you have moved, changed your name or political party since the last election and did not update your voter registration record, your registration is out of date. To receive the correct ballot for the district you live in, with your correct name and political party preference you must provide up to date information. Your signature validation is based on your latest signature and name on file, so it is critical they match.

### What do I need to know about the presidential primary and party preference?

The Primary Presidential Election has moved to March 3, 2020. Primary Presidential Elections are party specific. The party you are registered with is the ballot type you will receive (Ex: If you are a registered Democrat, you will only see declared Democratic Presidential candidates on your ballot). Before the upcoming election check your status to see what party you are registered with. Contact the County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections office with any questions by calling (916) 875-6451.

For more information on Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections, [visit our website](#).



## Meet Taz, Sac County's Newest Pet Detection Dog

Taz is the newest agriculture detection dog at the **Sacramento County Department of Agriculture**. Like his predecessor, Taz is a Labrador retriever mix who was selected by the National Detector Dog Training program from a shelter in Atlanta, Georgia. He underwent four months of training and arrived in Sacramento County on Aug. 14, 2018 – “An awesome day for me!” says handler Mariah deNijs, a county Agriculture and Standards inspector.

Taz is part of the Sacramento County Pest Detection and Exclusion program, which focuses on unmarked packages shipped directly to Sacramento County. Taz has been trained to focus on the scents of five fruits most likely to harbor pests and diseases that are dangerous to crops.

Once Taz identifies a package, and proper contacts have been made if necessary, deNijs opens it and inspects the contents.

If they are properly certified and pest-free, she re-seals the box and sends it on its way for delivery. If she sees potential pests, the material is confiscated and quarantined until the pests can be identified by the California Department of Food & Agriculture lab.

Taz has found 21 instances of pests in packages, including six that were “A-rated.” An A-rating means the pest is known to cause economic or environmental damage and is subject to state enforcement action. His biggest find was a group of red-banded whiteflies on a bunch of smilax vines from Texas.

The California Agricultural Detector Dog Team Program is funded under the Farm Bill by the US Department of Agriculture and implemented by the California Department of Food & Agriculture. Taz is one of 13 canines in California who assist



Photo by Laura McCready.

agricultural inspectors with detection of plant products.

The Pest Detection and Exclusion program is one of many activities performed by the Department of Agriculture to promote and protect local agriculture. For more information, [visit the Agriculture Commissioner's website](#).

## Alcohol and Drug Treatment Service Expansion

### Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System

**Waiver** is part of a statewide initiative that offers counties the opportunity to expand access to high-quality care and increase alcohol and drug treatment services. Before the waiver, Medi-Cal patients suffering from substance use/abuse had a small selection of addiction treatment services and did not have an organized system to help them find quality care.

Under the approved waiver, Sacramento County **Alcohol and Drug Services** can provide a broader range of services, while also having additional resources to coordinate and manage those services, monitor the quality of care and provide more affordable rates. Services will be offered to Sacramento County Medi-Cal beneficiaries, both adults and youth.

### Waiver Benefits

- » Outpatient Services
- » Intensive Outpatient Services
- » Residential Treatment (*multiple levels of care for all enrollees and no bed limitation*)
- » Withdrawal Management (*continuum*)
- » Narcotic Treatment Program Services
- » Recovery Services
- » Case Management
- » Physician Consultation
- » Additional Medication-Assisted Treatment (*optional*)
- » Partial Hospitalization (*optional*)

### Standard Drug Medi-Cal Benefits

- » Outpatient Services
- » Intensive Outpatient Services
- » Perinatal Residential Treatment (*perinatal only and 16-bed limitation*)



- » Inpatient Hospital Detoxification
- » Narcotic Treatment Program Services

If you or someone you know suffers from substance abuse or addiction, please call for an assessment, 916-874-9754, or reference the **Alcohol and Drug Services Resource list** for information on treatment services within the County.

To learn more about the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, visit the **California Department of Health Care Services website**, email [dmcodswaiver@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:dmcodswaiver@dhcs.ca.gov) or contact Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Services at 916-875-2050.

## Used Oil and Oil Filter Weekly Curbside Pick-up

Sacramento County's Department of Waste Management & Recycling now picks up used oil, motor oil filters every week, and cooking oil, on the same day as your garbage service.

### Please follow these easy set-out reminders:

- » Put used oil in a rigid or semi-rigid one-gallon plastic container, such as milk/juice/water jugs, detergent, or cooking oil bottles.
- » Up to three one-gallon containers may be collected per week.
- » Lids need to be securely closed. Screw-top lids are best. Tape lids to avoid spills!
- » Used oil filters must be drained and placed in a zip-lock plastic bag.
- » Put used motor oil, used oil filters, and cooking oil on the curb three feet away from the garbage cart.
- » Don't mix cooking and motor oil, and don't mix motor oil with other automotive fluids, such as antifreeze or brake fluid. Residents can drop off these items for free at a local Household Hazardous Waste Facility. [Visit the Department of Waste Management and Recycling website for locations.](#)



This curbside service is provided at no additional charge as part of your regular weekly garbage service.

Used oil and motor oil filters can be recycled into many helpful products. Motor oil doesn't wear out and can be re-refined into fresh motor oil or used as fuel oil that heats homes, businesses, and electric power plants. The steel in used oil filters is also easily recycled. Cooking oil can be converted into biodiesel fuel.

Remember - motor oil poured on the ground, into storm drains, or tossed into the trash (even when sealed) **pollutes our soil** and water. It's also **against the law**. So - be a part of the solution - not the pollution.

Please contact Customer Service at 916- 875-5555 or email us at [sagreenteam@saccounty.net](mailto:sagreenteam@saccounty.net) with any questions.



## 2019 Adult and Family FREE FLU CLINICS

Sacramento County Public Health  
Immunization Assistance Program  
**(916) 875-SHOT (7468)**

**Healthy Sacramento Day**  
Saturday, October 12  
9am-2pm  
819 19th Street  
Sacramento, CA. 95811

**Bates Elementary – Courtland**  
Tuesday, October 15  
1pm- 5pm  
180 Primasing Avenue  
Courtland, CA. 95615

**Pannell Comm. Center**  
Wednesday, October 16  
10am-1pm  
2450 Meadowview Road  
Sacramento, CA. 95832

**California Care Force (Cal-Expo)**  
Friday and Saturday,  
October 25 & 26  
9am-4pm  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA. 95815

**Church of Christ – Lemon Hill**  
Saturday, November 2  
9am-2pm  
4910 Lemon Hill Avenue  
Sacramento, CA. 95824

**Rio Linda Comm. Center**  
Tuesday, November 5  
10am-1pm  
810 Oak Lane  
Rio Linda, CA. 95673

**Mission Oaks Comm. Center**  
Wednesday, November 6  
10am – 1pm  
4701 Gibbons Drive  
Carmichael, CA. 95608

**Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**  
Saturday, November 9  
9am-2pm  
3407 Altos Avenue  
Sacramento, CA. 95838

**Robertson Comm. Center**  
Tuesday, November 12  
10am-1 pm  
3525 Norwood Avenue  
Sacramento, CA. 95838

**Loaves and Fishes**  
Wednesday, November 13  
10am-1pm  
1351 N. C Street #22  
Sacramento, CA. 95811

**Healthy Sacramento Day**  
Saturday, November 16  
9am-2pm  
South Sacramento

**Turkey Giveaway Luther Burbank HS**  
Saturday, November 23  
9am-2pm  
3500 Florin Road  
Sacramento, CA. 95823

**Galt Library**  
Tuesday, December 10  
10am-1pm  
1000 Caroline Avenue  
Galt, CA. 95632

**Healthy Sacramento Day**  
Saturday, December 14  
9am-2pm  
North Sacramento

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