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## Sacramento County Recommended Budget Approved

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the \$7.3 billion recommended budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23.

The \$7.3 billion budget consists of \$2.8 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$3.5 billion in General Fund appropriations (\$936 million in discretionary resources, \$1.1 billion in restricted funds, and the remaining \$1.4 billion with Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.1 billion in Restricted Funds.

The recommended budget recognized new or enhanced areas of growth, including annual commitments of:

- » **Addressing Homelessness:** \$5.3 million to fund new programs and services addressing homelessness in the County.
- » **Road Pavement Rehabilitation Projects:** \$20 million in one-time Net County Cost transferred from the General Fund to the Roads Fund to



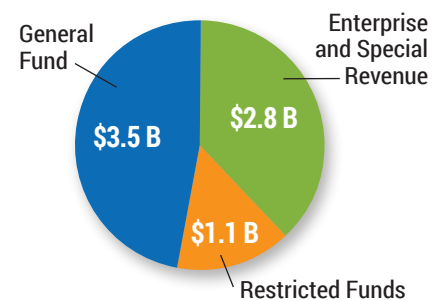
fund pavement maintenance and rehabilitation on roads throughout the unincorporated County.

- » **Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment:** \$10 million for the Department of Health Services to procure an additional 156 beds annually for substance use disorder residential treatment.
- » **Crisis Stabilization Units:** \$5 million for the Department of Health Services

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### BY THE NUMBERS:

**Total Budget: \$7.3 B**  
**Number of Employees: 13,252**

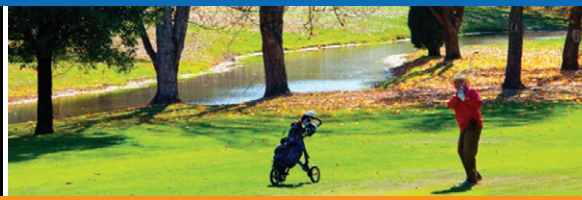


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## Sacramento County Water Agency Honored With Statewide Infrastructure Improvement Award



For the past four years, the Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) has been working to improve the water system in the Arden Area. The Arden Service Area Pipe and Meter Installation Project (Project) is installing approximately 38 miles of new distribution pipelines, and nearly 3000 new water meters.

A 2004 State mandate triggered this multi-phased infrastructure project which impacts one of the oldest neighborhoods in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. The overall project is broken up into eight different phases with Phase 2A recently crossing the finish line.

This work hasn't gone unnoticed.

In April, the American Society of Civil Engineers presented SCWA with the Outstanding Community Improvement Project Award in the State of California. The award honored the Phase 2A portion of the project.

Project Manager, Helen Rocha, accepted the award for SCWA. She is tasked with keeping the whole project under budget and moving under a tight timeline, while minimizing the impact to residents in the area. Helen stressed to the audience that continuous outreach to the residents is a major key to keep the project moving as smooth as possible.

Before each phases starts, Helen and her team meet with the residents in the affected neighborhood to explain the project (removing 60 to 85-year old pipes and adding water meters and fire hydrants), its impact to them (road construction and digging up their front yard and back yard lawns), and the expected outcome (an upgraded water delivery system).



Phase 2A installed nearly three miles of new pipelines, and upgraded the service connections in the area between Watt Avenue and Mills Road. The area received 40 new fire hydrants with larger water mains to improve flow in case of a fire, and also improved neighborhood roads.

The project has now moved onto Phase 2B, which is expected to be completed in late August. Phase 3 will begin in September.

The Arden Service Area are the last group of SCWA customers to receive water meters, and this is in response to the 2004 law requiring the installation of water meters to all customers by water suppliers like the Sacramento County Water Agency. All of the work must be completed by 2025 due to the State mandate.

You can learn more about the entire project at [www.ardenservicemeters.org](http://www.ardenservicemeters.org).

## Weekly Collection of Organics Begins

The SacGreenTeam at the Sacramento County Department of Waste Management & Recycling wants you to know that your Green Waste cart is now your Organics cart for weekly collection of food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings.

California law, Senate Bill 1383, requires we keep organic materials out of the landfill. Residents must separate organics from garbage and put food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings in the Organics cart (formerly Green Waste cart) for weekly collection. It's that easy! Learn about the benefits on the State's CalRecycle website, [calrecycle.ca.gov/organics](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/organics).



### What to put in your Organics Cart

- » **Food Scraps:** uneaten/spoiled food, fruit and vegetable peelings, meat scraps, bones, cheese, eggshells
- » **Food-Soiled Paper:** napkins, paper towels, paper plates (non-coated), coffee filters, tea bags, and pizza boxes
- » **Yard Trimmings:** leaves, grass clippings, prunings (4" diameter or less), and clean wood scraps

### What not to put in your Organics Cart

No recyclables: glass/metal/plastics. No coated paper/cartons. No pet waste. No treated/painted/stained/oiled wood.

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## Update on County's Response to Homelessness

Sacramento County annually invests \$181 million in homeless specific programs, services, shelter, re-housing, data infrastructure to serve our community and more, with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and the County's General Fund, among others.

### Notable projects this year include:

**Safe Stay community developments:** providing on-site services, security, and re-housing to move people from unsheltered homelessness into housing and other supportive services while providing much needed respite to the neighborhoods through a reduction in trash, tents, violence and blight.

**Encampment Service teams:** Comprised of Outreach navigators, re-housing staff and clinical staff to provide behavioral health assessments and referrals for those living in encampments.

**Invested three years of funding to greatly expand Coordinated Access (CAS),** a powerful collaboration designed to ensure

that homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness are matched, as quickly as possible, with the services that will most effectively end their homelessness.

### Landlord Engagement and Re-Housing

**Supports:** conducting outreach and educational events to recruit landlords and expand the availability of rental units; investment in incentives such as sign-on bonuses, move-in assistance, vacancy loss payments, etc. to support landlord retention; and increasing flexible rental subsidies to improve the efficacy of voucher and homeless housing subsidy programs.

### Funding 60 beds through December of 2024

to support the Parkway Navigation team, prioritizing those exiting the portion of the Parkway between Interstate 5 and Highway 160, with an annual goal of rehousing 180 people who previously lived on the Parkway.

### Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program adding 60 units

that provide a continuum of interventions including homelessness prevention, flexible housing funds, rapid rehousing, and



permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing both homelessness and mental health issues.

Critical to the County's success is the ability to partner with the City of Sacramento – and other six cities in our jurisdiction – but also weighing the benefits and drawbacks of every dollar spent with the end goal of reaching every person experiencing homelessness. The County is ready to support projects and programs that are aligned with evidence-based approaches to addressing homelessness.

Visit [www.saccounty.gov/Homelessness](http://www.saccounty.gov/Homelessness) for more info.

### How to collect food scraps:

- » Remove stickers, twist ties, rubber bands, and plastic wrap from food scraps
- » Use a kitchen container or pail to collect food scraps
- » Line with a paper bag/towel, newspaper or compostable bag (BPI certified/meets ASTM D6400 standards)
- » Store in a convenient location (under sink, on the countertop, or in the refrigerator or freezer)
- » Empty daily into the Organics cart to avoid odor and pests

Get a free 2-gallon kitchen pail (one per household, while supplies last), at one of the following locations ([SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com) has a complete list of locations):

3491 Orange Grove Ave., Suite A, North Highlands, CA 95660  
Mon – Fri, 8 am-2 pm, closed holidays

10863 Gold Center Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
Mon – Fri, 8 am-4 pm, closed holidays

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to establish a pool for behavioral health crisis stabilization units, which is a service the County is required to provide to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

- » **Mental Health Services Act Full Service Partnership:** \$7.5 million in MHSa and Federal match for the Department of Health Services to procure Full Service Partnership programming as a requirement in fulfilling permanent supportive housing commitments.
- » **School-Based Mental Health Program:** \$4.3 million of Medi-Cal funding for the Department of Health Services to provide increased support to the school-based mental health program, with a planned site expansion to 40 sites.
- » **Child, Family and Adult Services:** \$19.1 million to support Child Family and Adult Services' programs, including \$5.4 million to provide enhanced security services at the Centralized Placement Support Unit.
- » **Afghan Refugee Assistance:** \$3 million in Net County Cost for the Department of Human Assistance to provide services to support new Afghan arrivals in adjusting to their new environment.

During budget deliberations, the Board added additional items totaling \$2.6 million in appropriations, which included:

- » \$1 million for additional scattered sites to house people experiencing homelessness
- » \$498,072 to provide a fourth staff position in Districts 1,3,4 and 5
- » \$450,000 for improvements at McFarland Ranch, American River Ranch and Dillard Ranch
- » \$167,881 to provide a position supporting homeless issues in District 2
- » \$150,000 to Visit Sacramento for a total annual contribution of \$500,000
- » \$106,690 to provide additional staffing for the Clerk of the Board's Office
- » \$100,000 to the Mack Road Partnership to purchase the South Sacramento Community Center property

- » \$75,000 to Splash for vernal pool education
- » \$25,000 for an additional \$5,000 in TOT District Funds for each District

The Board also set aside \$5 million to fund the new American River Parkway Homeless Reserve.

The numbers on the Recommended Budget will change between now and September, when the County receives new information, including the impact of the State Budget and updated revenue totals. The Final Budget will come back to the Board of Supervisors in September for review and adoption.

## Weekly Collection of Organics Begins, *Continued*

### Tips for reducing odors/pests in the Organics Cart

- » Drain liquid from food scraps
- » Freeze/refrigerate scraps
- » Put food scraps to a paper bag
- » Sprinkle with baking soda
- » Layer food-soiled paper and yard trimmings with food scraps
- » If needed, rinse cart into landscaped areas only and not into storm drain system

Learn more at [SacGreenTeam.com](http://SacGreenTeam.com).

## We're Hiring!

As the region's second largest employer, Sacramento County has more than 13,000 employees working across 40 departments in fields such as technology, health care, finance, waste management, social services, law enforcement, parks and voter registration. If you're looking for a career with purpose, visit [www.SacCountyJobs.net](http://www.SacCountyJobs.net) to view a list of all the positions currently accepting applications. Subscribe to emails to be alerted when a specific job is available.

