

## Sacramento County Budget Approved



### By The Numbers:

- » \$4.4 B: Total Budget
- » \$1.8 B: General Fund
- » \$1.6 B: Enterprise and Special Revenue
- » \$918 M: Restricted Funds
- » 12,307: Number of Employees

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the \$4.4 billion recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 on June 11, 2019.

The County's General Fund and Restricted Funds budgets for FY 2019-20 totaled \$2.7 billion in appropriations, which is a 4.2 percent increase over last year's total. Enterprise and special revenue funds comprise the remaining \$1.68 billion.

The budget also **recognized areas of growth, including:**

- » \$21.7 million to make improvements to the County's jails as part of continuing efforts to resolve conditions of confinement concerns identified in a recent lawsuit;
- » \$2.3 million in state and federal revenue to add 25 full time employee (FTE) positions in Child Support Services;
- » \$1.2 million in 2011 Realignment Local Innovation funds to add seven positions in Probation to establish a Pre-Trial Assessment and Monitoring Pilot Program;

- » \$1 million set aside for costs related to the Hardesty/Schneider lawsuit against the County;
- » \$3.5 million to add 29 FTE positions in Airports Department to handle the impact of increasing passenger and freight volume; and
- » \$668,000 to cover the cost of postcards and postage for the March 2020 Primary Election, as required by state law.

The budget also **continued funding for programs and services that were initiated over the last few years with Board approval**, including:

- » Homeless Initiatives
- » The Parkways and Unincorporated Communities Clean-up and Safety Initiative
- » The intelligence-led policing model implemented by the Sheriff's Department.

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## Summer Water Safety

As the weather heats up in Sacramento County, residents will be heading to the water to cool off. Whether it's our lakes and rivers, or a public swimming pool or water park, you should be aware of healthy swimming behaviors as the water we swim in is rarely germ-free.

Every natural water body can be a conduit for pollution, trash, bacteria, algae and microorganisms. Even when swimming pool chemicals are well maintained, bacteria and microorganisms can still be present.

### Know How to Enjoy Public Waterways

**Sacramento County Public Health and Environmental Management** advises the public and pet owners to stay away from water with foam, scum or mats – which indicate an algae bloom. Naturally occurring algae bacteria can be toxic and can be green, blue-green, white or brown. If toxic algae touches skin or is accidentally inhaled or swallowed by people, pets or livestock, it can cause rash, allergic reactions, gastrointestinal problems (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), and in large quantities, cause neurological or liver damage and lead to death.

Reactions can occur within a few hours to days after exposure. Medical treatment should be sought if any person, pet or livestock is suspected of having been poisoned by algae toxins. Learn more about harmful algae blooms by visiting [MyWaterQuality.ca.gov](http://MyWaterQuality.ca.gov).

Because bacteria, algae and microorganisms can be present, anyone enjoying public waterways should always follow healthy swimming habits:

- » Avoid algae blooms (brightly colored water), scum layers, large mats and trash in the water.
- » Do not drink recreational water (lakes, rivers, streams, swimming pools) or use the water for cooking.
- » Do not enter the water if you have cuts or open sores, as these are pathways for bacteria to enter your body.
- » Wash your hands and shower after swimming.
- » Pay attention and follow any warning signs and postings. Do not access a water body if posted warnings indicate it is not safe to do so.



- » Contact your healthcare provider if you have concerns regarding your health after swimming in recreational waters.
- » Wear a life vest:

- **Life Looks Good On You**—and so does a life vest! Before you dive in, put on a life vest. There are borrowing stations along Sacramento's waterways and at local fire stations. Remember, even the strongest swimmer can be pulled under by the strong river currents.
- **Kids Don't Float**—but life vests do. Make sure your child wears a life vest. Sacramento County ordinance requires any child under 13 to wear a life vest before accessing any public waters (Sacramento County Ordinance 13.08.301). Bring a life vest to the river for each of your children.



### Stay Healthy this Pool Season

Protect the health of you, your family and friends with a few steps to keep germs out of the pool:

- » Stay out of the water if you feel ill.
- » Shower before you get in the water.
- » Every hour—everyone out! Take frequent bathroom breaks.
- » Don't swallow the water.

To find a public pool, spray-park, or swim lessons, check out the website that has a collection of park information in the County at [YourSacParks.com](http://YourSacParks.com).



## Sac County 311 Connect is Your Link to County Services

Where do you report an abandoned vehicle or broken street light? Or get information about County services? Get the information you need by submitting a request on the web at [www.311.SacCounty.net](http://www.311.SacCounty.net), through our mobile app or by calling 311. (916-875-4311 if calling from out of the area.) Friendly and knowledgeable customer service representatives are available 24/7, 365 days a year to answer questions, route calls, and resolve issues.





## Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail Receives National Recognition



Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail

This May, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution supporting the designation of the **Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail** as part of the **U.S. Bicycle Route System (USBRS)**.

Caltrans and representatives from Adventure Cycling Association reached out to the **Department of Regional Parks** to request that the Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail be included in the pilot route for the California USBRS designation, as part of USBR 50.

"We are thrilled that our world-renowned trail is going to be included in the

pilot route for the California USBRS designation," said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. "We're hopeful that this designation will increase awareness of our trail for both local residents and experienced, long-distance riders from across the country."

In an effort to establish an official national network of bicycle routes across the United States, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Adventure Cycling Association have designated 13,000 miles of trails as part of the USBRS.

## Know Abuse, Report Abuse (APS)

In California, elder abuse is significantly underreported. For every case of elder or dependent adult abuse known to agencies, 24 are unknown.

There are numerous forms of maltreatment including, but not limited to: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, neglect and abandonment. Elder and dependent adult abuse does not discriminate. Any adult 65 years and older or an adult between the ages of 18 to 65 that requires extra care due to physical or mental limitations can be a victim.

The key to providing help is to recognize indicators that may point to abuse and neglect, including:

- » Lack of adequate food, water and other amenities
- » Dirty clothing and changes in personal hygiene
- » Bruises, black eyes, broken bones
- » Bloody, ripped or stained clothing, sheets
- » Harassment, coercion, intimidation, humiliation

- » Unexplained purchases by the primary caregiver
- » Not performing routine activities of daily living such as bathing, housekeeping, eating, medication management

In 2018, it is conservatively estimated that more than \$5 million annually is lost to financial abuse annually within Sacramento County. At least 40 percent of this is due to scams. Therefore, it is important to know the signs of fraud scams making their way through Sacramento County:

- » **IRS:** Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it can be paid through a wire transfer
- » **Grandparent Scam:** Caller claims to be the victim's grandchild traveling in a foreign country who has been arrested and needs money
- » **Sweepstakes/Lottery Scams:** Caller says the victim is a winner and needs to make a payment to unlock the supposed prize



Sacramento County has a 24-hour hotline for reporting abuse of older adults and disabled adults who may be physically or financially abused, neglected, or exploited. The local APS number is (916) 874-9377.

To report suspected abuse of an elder in a nursing home, residential care facility for the elderly, or assisted living facility, contact the State CRISISline number: 1-800-231-4024.

To report abuse in all long-term care facilities, call Ombudsman Services of Northern California at (916) 376-8910.

To download an abuse or financial abuse report form and to learn more, visit the **Sacramento County Adult Protective Services website** at **DFAS.SacCounty.net**.

## Road Construction Season Underway

It's construction season and the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) crews are busy with projects to improve area roads through new construction and maintenance efforts to beat back the wear and tear on the streets.

SacDOT is rolling out a \$22 million street improvement plan while other scheduled plans include tree maintenance and removal. During the warm weather season, tree crews are out daily clearing the roads and sidewalks of hazards. Last year, crews trimmed 4,000 trees and removed another 257 diseased trees.

SacDOT has compiled a **Project Master List (PML)**. It highlights the planned projects the department is working to complete.

By visiting [SacDOT.com](http://SacDOT.com) you can view:

- » Which projects are in your area
- » A description of the planned work
- » When the Board of Supervisors approved/expects to approve the project
- » When construction is expected to start and end

The PML also shows how much the project will cost and how it is being funded. The PML includes all projects in the County that are currently under construction or will begin construction shortly.

To inform the department of needed maintenance or concerns, the public is encouraged to call 3-1-1 or report it online at [www.311.SacCounty.net](http://www.311.SacCounty.net). Public input can also help stop problems before they grow, and that can help save money by stopping small issues before they become worse.

SacDOT appreciates the public's patience as County crews and contractors work to improve the roads, sidewalks, and landscape in the unincorporated areas. You can stay up-to-date with emails on road closures by subscribing to the SacDOT Road and Lanes Closure List at [SacDOT.com](http://SacDOT.com). You can also follow SacDOT at [Facebook.com/SacDOT](https://Facebook.com/SacDOT) and at [Twitter.com/SacCountyDOT](https://Twitter.com/SacCountyDOT).



## Budget Approved, *Continued*

- » The Healthy Partners Program that provides healthcare services to undocumented immigrants.
- » A strategic plan to reduce disproportionate African-American child deaths
- » Implementation of an Adult Supervision Model in Probation
- » Behavioral Health Services
- » Continue to implement the Board-approved three-year MHSA (Mental Health Services Act)
- » Animal Care Initiatives
- » Efforts to reduce fire danger and illegal camping, increase debris removal and enhance the visitor experience in the American River Parkway and the County's Regional Parks

For details, read the County Executive's Budget Letter or view the budget documents on the Office of Budget and Debt Management at [www.BDM.SacCounty.net](http://www.BDM.SacCounty.net).

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.