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COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

The Sacramento County [Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023-24](#) has been released and is available for the public to read. The Board of Supervisors will begin hearings on the Recommended Budget at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 7, in Board Chambers at the Sacramento County Administration building, located at 700 H Street in Sacramento.

The public is invited to attend the hearings and be heard on any items in the budget, [either publicly, over the phone or through written comments](#). Budget hearings will also be telecast [live on Metro Cable 14](#) and on the [County's website](#).

The hearings will continue at 9:30 a.m. on June 8 and 9, if necessary.

This year's \$8.4 billion spending plan is a 6.4% increase compared to the [FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget](#). Of the total \$8.4 billion budgeted:

- \$3.2 billion is in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue)
- \$3.9 billion is in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$979 million in discretionary resources, \$1.3 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and the remaining \$1.7 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes)
- \$1.3 billion in Restricted Funds

The Board's budget priorities, based on the [budget priority survey results of adult residents in Sacramento County](#), for the uses of General Fund discretionary resources are:

1. Complying with the County's legal, financial, regulatory and policy obligations
2. Maintaining existing service levels budgeted for County programs, improving effectiveness and efficiency where possible and limiting the extent to

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which reductions in categorical revenue are backfilled with discretionary resources

3. Funding new or enhanced programs that focus on the most critical and urgent needs, with the priority focus areas being 1) addressing homelessness and its impacts and 2) improving the condition of streets and roads in the unincorporated County

The Recommended Budget's most significant new or enhanced programs include:

- **Mays Consent Decree Jail Population Reduction –** The County of Sacramento was sued due to the conditions in the main jail and Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, and the Board of Supervisors approved a decree in 2019 to address both facilities. The Recommended Budget includes \$34 million in appropriations, with \$7 million in Net County Cost and \$1 million in AB 109 semi-discretionary revenue, to fund new or enhanced programs aligned with the County's jail population reduction plans.
- **Mays Consent Decree Remedial Plan –**\$10 million in Net County Cost is included in the Sheriff and Correctional Health budget units to fund continued efforts to meet the County's obligations under the Mays consent decree remedial plan, including additional staffing and services.
- **Addressing Homelessness -** \$10 million (\$2 million Net County Cost) is recommended to fund new programs and services addressing homelessness in the County, including establishing a new Community Outreach Recovery Empowerment (CORE) site in downtown Sacramento, adding outreach teams at existing CORE sites, adding behavioral health staff and vehicles for Homeless Engagement and Response Teams (HEART), adding outreach capacity for Encampment Services Teams (EST), and funding for equipment and office space for the new Homeless Services and Housing Department. Additionally, the Recommended Budget includes growth associated with mitigating the community impacts of homelessness, including enhanced funding for abandoned or inoperative vehicle towing and shopping cart enforcement.
- **Health Services –**Overall, the Health Services budget includes \$84 million of Growth funded almost entirely by State, Federal and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue. In addition, there is recommended growth of \$14 million for Cal-AIM performance-based incentive programs, \$14 million to construct a new Children's Mental Health Psychiatric Health Facility and Crisis Stabilization Unit, \$10 million to construct a new Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, \$5 million to increase the Children's Mental Health Flexible Integrated Treatment contract pool, and \$2 million to increase existing Full Service Partnership contracts.

- **Child, Family and Adult Services** -\$17 million (\$3 million Net County Cost) is recommended to support Child Family and Adult Services' programs, including one-time State funding of \$7 million to implement the Families First Prevention Services block grant program and \$2 million in Net County Cost to provide additional funding for Child Protective Services welcome and assessment center contracted services.

The budget letter and a complete set of budget documents may be found [online](#) and at the County Executive's Office, 700 H Street, Room 7650. The Recommended Budget is a preliminary spending plan. The Revised Recommended Budget will be presented to the Board in September for deliberation and adoption.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

In this newsletter, social media posts, and at every community meeting, I have encouraged the public to speak out to let me and the entire Board of Supervisors know your thoughts and feelings on budget and policy matters. As residents, business owners, and taxpayers, I rely on your input about priorities for Sacramento County.

The unincorporated communities, which make up almost 95% of the communities I represent, are faced with chronic issues such as homelessness, crumbling roadway infrastructure, vacant commercial corridors and crime that affects the quality of life in our neighborhoods. I implore you to take an active role in matters being decided by the Board of Supervisors and advocate to all five Board members about issues of concern to you.

Board meetings are held live in the Sacramento County Administration building and are broadcasted on MetroCable 14 Comcast, Consolidated Communications, and AT&T U-Verse television channels as well as online at the [Metro Cable 14 website](#).

There are numerous ways to participate in Board meetings. The public can email, write letters, attend in person, or participate virtually and provide live comments by calling (916) 875-2500. Phone lines are open 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time.

If you are unable to watch live, a recording of each meeting will be uploaded to the [County's YouTube account](#) and [on the Board of Supervisors meetings page](#).



SUMMER CAMPS FOR EVERYONE

The United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California (UCP) works with individuals with a wide range of disabilities, including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, intellectual disability, Down Syndrome, and more. They offer a number of summer camps for adults, children and the entire family.

UCP CAMP provides individuals with developmental disabilities and their families the opportunity to enjoy a fun and safe outdoor experience. Many of the campers have not had the chance to participate in camping activities such as sitting by a campfire and participating in fun activities and games. UCP CAMP allows everyone to learn new skills, meet new friends, and experience the beauty and excitement of the outdoors.

Please check out the UCP CAMP website at this link if you are interested. <https://ucpsacto.org/programs-services/ucp-camps/>



NEW SPORTS COURT AT CARMICHAEL PARK

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD) has partnered with the [Over Under Initiative](#) and [Sacramento Republic FC](#) to provide a new and improved basketball court that doubles as a soccer court! This is the first kind of court in Northern California and only the second one in the State of California.

The [Over Under Initiative](#) is a non-profit organization, founded by soccer legend Kyle Martino, dedicated to improving the health and wellness of kids by increasing access to sports in urban neighborhoods. By converting basketball courts and other blacktops to multi-sport spaces, OUI provides greater play opportunities for kids most in need of these proven benefits.

We had a wonderful Ribbon Kicking Event on May 25, 2023, and were able to see local kids enjoying the new facility. Thank you to the [Sacramento Republic FC](#), the [Over Under Initiative](#), and the CRPD for bringing this type of multi-use facility to the Community.

Picture Courtesy of Susan Maxwell Skinner



VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP CLEAN OUT THE WATERWAYS

River City Waterway Alliance and volunteers have successfully removed an estimated 28,800 pounds of trash and debris in their last five events, and they have several more opportunities for you to participate.

The River City Waterway Alliance (RCWA) focuses on restoring and protecting Sacramento waterways. Join the

alliance for any of the following upcoming clean-up opportunities:

Saturday, June 3

Arcade Creek Cleanup at Palm Avenue

5600 Palm Avenue, Sacramento 95841

9 a.m. - noon

Sunday, June 4

Arcade Creek Cleanup at Del Paso Regional Park

3921 Reycraft Drive at the intersection with Park Road

9 a.m. - noon

Participation in this clean-up event is at your own risk. Your safety comes first. Participants will be required to sign a release and waiver form.

Find out more about the River City Waterway Alliance on their Facebook page by clicking this link: [River City Waterway Alliance | Facebook](#)



SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC POOLS AND SPAS

The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department is offering a free workshop to owners and operators of public, commercial or multi-residential pools and spas. Pools are an amazing recreation resource, but

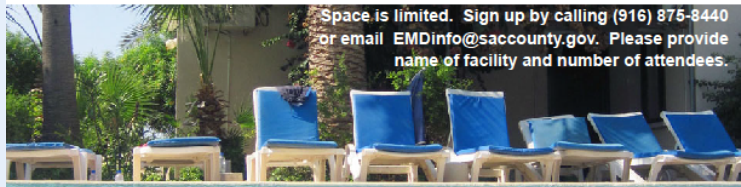
accidents, injuries and even drownings can occur without the facilities being properly managed. Sacramento County invites all owners to attend a workshop on June 27, 2023, or July 12, 2023, at the EMD office in Rancho Cordova. There will be a number of topics covered with regard to general pool maintenance, equipment, safety and chemicals. Space is limited so RSVP for the workshop by calling (916) 875-8440 or email EMDinfo@sacounty.gov.



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Free Pool and Spa Workshops

Swimming pools and spas can be a source of disease such as Giardia, Cryptosporidium and Pseudomonas as well as injuries such as slips, falls, accidental entrapment and drowning, if not properly monitored. If you own or operate a public, commercial or multi-family residential pool or spa in Sacramento County, this workshop is for you.



Space is limited. Sign up by calling (916) 875-8440 or email EMDinfo@sacounty.gov. Please provide name of facility and number of attendees.

Tuesday, June 27
1:00—3:00 pm
and
Wednesday, July 12,
9:00-11:00 am

At EMD Office, 11080
White Rock Road Suite
200, Rancho Cordova, Ca
95670

Topics covered :

- Water chemistry
- Records/daily logs
- Signage
- Suction covers
- Safety vacuum release system (SVRS)
- Recirculation equipment
- Fencing/gates

FIRE PREVENTION ON THE PARKWAY

Summer is here and so are fire dangers. The [Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks](#) has initiated its multi-pronged plan to reduce fire risk, defend wildlife habitats and protect our natural resources and the neighborhoods adjacent to the parks.

The Department of Regional Parks is focused on their 2023 Fire Fuel Reduction Action Plan and has lined up sheep and goat grazing contracts, is utilizing maintenance crews to

maintain fire breaks, and is issuing fuel break maintenance permits to properties bordering Park properties.

Due to the wet weather this winter and spring, the vegetation has grown extensively and there is an increase in fire dangers.

To decrease the number and size potential of wildfires in our parks system, the county is using several techniques including:

- **Firebreaks**– A combination of mowing, soil discing and targeted herbicides will be used where appropriate to create perimeters around open fields, along fence lines and behind neighborhoods. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.
- **Ladder Fuel Hand-Crews**– In limited, hard-to-reach areas, hand-crews will remove vegetation that allows the potential for a fire to climb up or move into urban areas.
- **Grazing** –There are hundreds of acres of undeveloped or protected land in our Regional Parks. Goats and sheep are ideal for vegetation management and are great at eating down weeds, bushes and grass that manned crews cannot reach. Grazing is expected to occur through the end of June.
- **Annual Encroachment Permits** –Residents who live adjacent to Regional Parks' properties are able to apply for free annual encroachment permits to maintain a fire break behind their property line. These allow residents to string-trim grass and weeds for up to 50 feet beyond their private property line. To request a permit, provide your name, address and contact information to Regional Parks at parksinfo@SacCounty.gov.

Additionally, the Ranger Division will continue its increased education and enforcement efforts related to illegal fires and cooking along the parkway in an effort to reduce the number of new fire outbreaks.

Visitors to Sacramento County Regional Parks should be aware of the following regulations:

- Open flame fires are NOT allowed, and barbequing is only permitted in designated picnic areas.
- Smoking is only allowed in developed picnic areas, asphalt surfaces, golf courses and levee tops along the American River Parkway.

Visit the [Regional Parks website](#) to learn more about the 2023 Fire Fuel Reduction Action Plan for Sacramento County Parks. If you see a fire burning in our Regional Parks, please call 9-1-1.



PROJECT ROOM KEY

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Project Room Key was funded by the State of California to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the unhoused population. Since April 2020 Sacramento County has operated 522 prevention rooms and 41 medical isolation trailers. Residents have received three meals a day delivered to their door, laundry services, and connections to social, public health, and rehousing services.

There has been quite a bit of media coverage and concern about the County's efforts to ramp down the program. Unfortunately, some of the media coverage has continued to misinform the public about the County's efforts to assist these individuals. Please take a moment to read the [Facts About Project Roomkey](#) and learn about the County's efforts to find alternate housing for Project Room Key residents.



COMMUNITY MEETING ON TRANSPORTATION

I held three **community meetings** last month to discuss **transportation and our roadways**. **Ron Vicari, Director of the Sacramento County Department of Transportation** provided an update on the condition of our roadways and what

the County is doing to address it. **Many constituents who attended said the meeting was an eye opener, and they enjoyed hearing about what the county is doing and how they can advocate for more funding.** There is still one more community meeting and it will be held on Monday, June 12th in Carmichael.

CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 12, 2023

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Gibbons Community Park, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608

I hope you will be able to join me at this last meeting to discuss our roads.



BE SAFE FOR SUMMER

Summer is here, and the river is calling your name. Visiting Sacramento County public waterways, rivers and lakes is an

excellent way to cool off and enjoy the outdoors but remember **TO BE SAFE.**

Due to the snowpack, the rivers are running cold and even the strongest swimmer can be pulled under.

Whether you are swimming, fishing, boating, floating or just wading, you should always wear a life vest. You can borrow a life vest at any of the many borrowing stations along Sacramento's public waterways or at a local fire station. It's the law for kids under 13, and it could help save your life. There are 11 life vest stations in the Sacramento area. Learn more about the [Kids Don't Float program](#).

Life vest borrowing stations on the [American River Parkway](#):

- Discovery Park (2 sites) (kids and adults)
- Ancil Hoffman Park (kids only)
- Howe Avenue river access (kids only)
- Paradise Beach (kids only)
- Watt Avenue river access (kids only)
- River Bend Park (kids only)
- El Manto Access (kids and adults)
- Sunrise river access (kids only)

Life Vest Station in the City of Sacramento: [Sand Cove \(kids only\)](#)

Each station offers 8 to 12 life vests in various sizes and life vests are also available at several [Sacramento area fire stations](#).

