

Sacramento County's Recommended Budget Approved

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the \$8.4 billion recommended budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

The \$8.4 billion budget consists of \$3.2 billion in Enterprise and Special Revenue Fund appropriations (utility rates, fees and other dedicated revenue), \$3.9 billion in General Fund appropriations (funded with \$979 million in discretionary resources, \$1.3 billion in reimbursements from restricted funds, and \$1.7 billion in Federal, State and fee revenue dedicated to specific purposes), and \$1.3 billion in Restricted Funds.

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

Mays Consent Decree Jail Population Reduction – The Recommended Budget includes \$34 million in appropriations, with \$7 million in Net County Cost to fund new or enhanced programs aligned with the County's jail population reduction plans to comply with the Mays consent decree.



Mays Consent Decree Remedial Plan – \$10 million in Net County Cost included in the Recommended Budget 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.

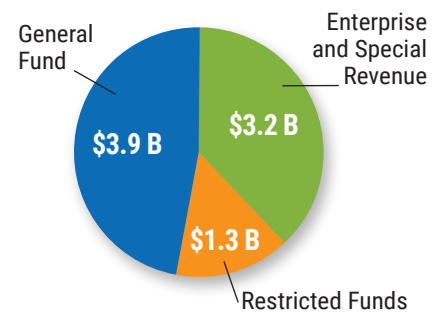
Addressing Homelessness – \$2 million in Net County Cost to fund new programs and services addressing homelessness in the County.

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BY THE NUMBERS:

Total Budget: \$8.4 B

Number of Employees: 13,611

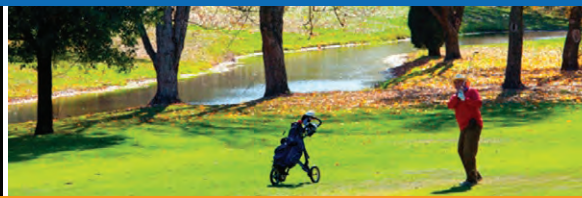


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Help Your Pets Beat the Heat

Summer has arrived, and rising temperatures are sure to follow in Sacramento County. Unlike humans, dogs and cats can't sweat to keep cool. Instead, dogs cool themselves off by panting, and both dogs and cats regulate their temperatures through the pads of their feet.

Here are some tips for keeping your pet safe in the heat:

1. **Never leave pets in parked cars:** Even on seemingly mild days, the temperature inside a parked car can escalate rapidly, turning it into a deadly heat trap. Leaving pets unattended in cars, even with the windows cracked and even for a short period, can have fatal consequences and is against the law in California.
2. **Hydrate:** Make sure your pets always have access to plenty of fresh, cold water.



3. **Avoid peak heat hours:** Schedule outdoor activities and walks during cooler parts of the day, such as early mornings or evenings. Asphalt and concrete surfaces can become scorching hot and burn your pet's paw pads.
4. **Avoid extreme heat:** When temperatures get above the 90s, take your pet inside.
5. **Create a cool environment:** Provide your pets with a cool and comfortable place to retreat from the heat. Keep them indoors, preferably in air-conditioned rooms.

6. **Provide adequate shade:** Make sure there is always access to shaded areas when pets are outdoors.

Don't have a pet? Find a best friend to spend the summer with at Bradshaw Animal Shelter! To start the adoption process, visit animalcare.sacounty.gov or visit the shelter Tuesday through Sunday from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. The shelter is located at 3839 Bradshaw Rd. in Sacramento.

It's Good to Be Home

It's been 13 years since 71-year-old Wayne hopped on a bus in Augusta, Georgia, in search of somewhere with trees to call home. The first time he laid eyes on the American River Parkway, he was in love. Just a few weeks later, someone walked near his camp with a bucket of puppies, tiny bundles of all-white fur. Again, Wayne instantly fell in love, picking up a six-week-old female pup, drawing her close and agreeing to keep her. He named her Whitey.

A door, even an open one, is a new concept for Whitey. She's lived her entire 13 years of life outdoors. But in early June, Wayne and Whitey moved into their first apartment together. Access to a shower, a toilet, a bed, and a full kitchen is something Wayne hasn't experienced in more than 13 years.

Wayne hopes to inspire others to accept the help they're offered, now that they see

him living housed successfully. "I had chances over the years to get housing, but I always said no. But when I met Jenny, and she offered to help me get housing, I decided it was time – because Whitey deserves to be inside."

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Jenny is Wayne's Community Health Worker from Sacramento Covered, hired in October 2022 as one of the 10 new positions funded by the Board of Supervisors that are dedicated to encampment outreach on the American River Parkway. In 2021, the Board approved \$940k for 10 navigators dedicated to the Parkway. Since then, funding has increased to \$1,714,000 a year, which includes 10 navigators plus



flexible client assistance, funding for short-term motel stays for particularly vulnerable people and/or folks actively working towards permanent housing goals, as well as funding for client transportation.

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Free Self-Serve Compost for Sacramento County Residents

Sacramento County Department of Waste Management & Recycling (DWMR) provides weekly residential curbside collection of Organics.

Food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings should be separated from garbage and put into the Organics cart for weekly service. The material in the Organics cart is kept out of the landfill and is sent to permitted composting facilities. The finished compost is tested and has certain requirements to make a nutrient rich soil amendment.

This compost that naturally builds healthier soil will be available for free as a pilot program for Sacramento County residents!

Self-Serve Compost Location/Details

The County plans to restock the self-serve compost weekdays, from spring until early fall, at the parking lot of 3843 Branch Center Rd, Sacramento, CA 95827.

- » Compost will be available 24/7 on a first-come, first-served basis.
- » Residents will need to bring a shovel and containers. No staff are available to assist with loading.
- » Manual loading only. No mechanical loading allowed.

The DWMR SacGreenTeam is excited to see the response from our residential curbside customers about the availability of self-serve compost. If there is enough demand, the goal is to expand the pilot program to more locations in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

What is Compost?

Compost is nature's way of recycling our food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings. Compost transforms a previous waste stream into a beneficial, nutrient rich soil amendment. This simple act of keeping Organics out of our landfills helps protect our environment, reduces garbage, puts carbon back into the soil where it builds healthy soil, and addresses a changing climate.

Gardeners know the value of compost as a soil amendment to improve water retention, plant growth and erosion control.

Adding compost to potted plants, gardens and lawns helps foster a healthy landscape and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Benefits of Using Compost to Fill Nutritional Gaps

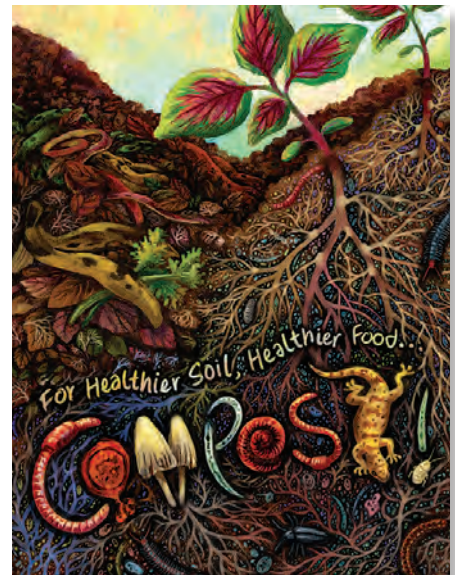
Organic material that is composted is soil's natural multivitamin. Compost fills nutritional gaps in your landscape with natural ingredients and puts carbon back into the soil.

Use compost in your landscape anywhere you want to:

- » Create water-holding soil structure.
- » Promote soil fertility.
- » Aerate plant root systems for healthy development.
- » Aid in erosion control.

How to Use Compost

Compost applied to soil as an amendment promotes healthy plant



growth that removes pollution from the air.

Compost is vital for soil to retain water, prevent erosion and store carbon in the soil where it is a benefit.

Where to Use Compost:

- » Add compost to the soil of potted plants.
- » Mix compost to the soil in planter beds and gardens.
- » Make compost tea for a boost of nutrients.
- » Top dress your garden with a layer of compost.
- » For new plants, add 50/50 compost to native soil.
- » Spread a half-inch of compost on the lawn for growth and to retain moisture.

Learn More About Compost

To learn more about compost, the vendor requirements for producing compost or to learn how to make your own backyard compost, go to www.SacGreenTeam.com

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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.

Child, Family and Adult Services – \$3 million in Net County Costs to support Child Family and Adult Services' programs 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.

During Board deliberations, the Board added additional items totaling \$7.6 million:

- » **\$5 million** to address road repairs/improvements in the unincorporated County
- » **\$1.7 million** to Regional Parks to fund ongoing contracted trash pickup and removal and for necessary equipment expenses
- » **\$300,000** to Water Resources for staff time or contracted services to manage flood mitigation efforts in the south County
- » **\$463,150** to the District Attorney for two additional attorneys
- » **\$168,000** to Human Assistance for Cal-Fresh benefits at farmer's markets

For more details on the recommended budget, read the County Executive's Budget Letter or view the budgets documents on the Office of Budget and Debt Management's website at bdm.saccounty.gov.

The numbers on the Recommended Budget will change, 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 adoptions.

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Jenny first met Wayne in December 2022 – she came upon his camp while out offering help to those along the Parkway. She asked Wayne if he was interested in help and for the first time, he said "yes."

Jenny helped Wayne enroll in CalAIM, to provide ongoing medical care, ensured he had every document he needed, and eventually helped him purchase housewares for his new place. A bed, a dresser, sheets, towels, pots, and pans – basic items that many housed people don't give a thought.

While Wayne is no longer an active client of Sacramento Covered, Jenny stays connected to Wayne – helping him navigate housed life, ensuring he is taking care of himself and assessing what else he needs to stay successfully housed.

Right now, Wayne reminds himself why he came inside – "I came inside for Whitey. She is getting older and slower, and she deserves to be comfortable. Because she is the best thing to ever happen to me. We saved each other's lives."

For more information about the County's Department of Homeless Services and Housing, visit schs.saccounty.gov.

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 to view a list of all the positions currently accepting applications and subscribe to emails to be alerted when a specific job is available.

