Community Budget Meeting
Fiscal Year 2014-15
Budget Process

- Jan. 28 – Five-Year Financial Forecast
- Feb. 11 – Budget Parameters
- Feb. 24 – Strategic Framework
- Mar. 6 – Community Meeting
- Apr. 7 – Department Proposals to CAO
- June 3 – CAO Recommended Budget
- June 16 – Public Hearing
- July 1 – Budget Adoption; New Fiscal Year Begins
Fund Budgeting

General Fund
$106,923,261

Other Funds
(Health, Construction, Roads, Library, Aviation, etc.)

TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET
$303,147,212
FY 2013-14 Budget

- Feb. 28, 2013: Community Meeting
  - Increased reserves, more funding for fire
- June 25, 2013: Budget Adopted
  - $1.2 million structural deficit ($2.9 M total)
- Nov. 5, 2013: First Quarter Review
  - Ending balance 6/30/13: $6.8 million
- Feb. 11, 2014: Mid-Year Review
  - If no changes, deficit for FY 2014-15 of $3.6M
- June 30, 2014: End of Fiscal Year
  - Projected balance $3.7 million
Five-Year Forecast

General Fund Revenues & Expenditures


- $20,000,000

- $0

- $20,000,000

- $40,000,000

- $60,000,000

- $80,000,000

- $100,000,000

- $120,000,000

Revenues Expenditures Fund Balance & Reserves Reserves per Policy
Why is there a problem?

• Slow growth in income – typical for Humboldt
• Faster growth in costs – especially pensions, insurance
• Lack of savings account – spent down during crisis
What We’ve Already Done

• For FY 2014-15
  – Safety Departments Covering Insurance
  – Other Departments Looking at Staffing Changes

• Long-Term
  – Pension Reform
  – Reserve Targets
  – Training for Higher Performance
Issues for FY 2014-15

• Leaving $100,000 balance in a $100M fund is not responsible (0.1%)
• If we cut $2 million in ongoing costs, can achieve sustainability
• Cooperative approach (departments/public) – across-the-board cuts don’t work long term
• May need to spend to save
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What We Need from You

• Ideas
  – How do we achieve $2 million in ongoing savings?

• Priorities
  – If we have to get by with less, what can you live without?

• Feedback
  – How can we best communicate with you on budget issues?

• Participation
  – Willing to be part of focus group?
How You Can Connect With Us

• Tonight
  – In person: five locations
  – Twitter: @HCBudget

• Through June
  – Open Humboldt Forum: www.co.humboldt.ca.us/openhumboldt/
  – E-mail to cao@co.humboldt.ca.us
  – Public comment, Tuesdays at 1:30
  – Monday, June 16, public hearings
Questions?