Purpose

The county Assessor is a constitutionally elected officer and is responsible, under state law, for the discovery, valuation and assessment of all taxable property located in the county.

The duties of the Assessor’s office include:

- Locate all taxable property in the county and identify the ownership
- Establish a taxable value for all property subject to local assessment
- Produce annual and supplemental assessment rolls
- Apply all legal exemptions
- Maintain and update Assessor’s records and maps
- Perform business property audits to ensure compliance and equalization of business property assessments.

Mission

The mission of the Humboldt County Assessor’s office is to create equitable, timely, and accurate property tax assessments to fund public services in accordance with the California Constitution and the laws and regulations of the State of California and the State Board of Equalization. The Assessor is committed to integrity, mutual respect, and teamwork within the office, with other county departments, and through providing services to the public.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for the Assessor’s office for FY 2017-18 is $2,651,858, an increase of $152,366 or 6 percent from the previous year. The General Fund contribution is $2,063,708, which represents an increase of $107,366 or 5 percent from the prior year. The General Fund contribution increase is due to the revenue distribution methodology for General Fund departments, which allocated a 6 percent
increase based on FY 2016-17 General Fund allocations.

**Proposed Personnel Allocation**

The Assessor’s office continues to review the office’s structure, work flow and assigned duties for the purpose of reorganization. The Assessor’s office proposed personnel allocation for FY 2017-18 is 31.0 FTE with 4.0 FTE positions frozen. There is no net change in the position allocations over the prior year.

**Additions:**
1.0 FTE Principal Auditor-Appraiser
1.0 FTE Appraisal Tech

**Deletions:**
1.0 FTE Auditor-Appraiser
1.0 FTE Assessment Tech I/II

Changes made in FY 2016-17 include the allocation of 2.0 FTE Principal Appraiser positions that were previously frozen. These positions will be returned to frozen status in FY 2017-18 as filling those positions was unsuccessful.

**Board Adopted**

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

**Program Discussion**

All school districts, special districts and the seven incorporated cities receive funds from county property tax revenue. In recent years, many special districts have based flat charges and benefit assessments on information included in the assessment roll.

The county General Fund pays for the administration of the property tax system. Since the passage of Senate Bill 2557 in 1990, special districts and cities have reimbursed the county for their proportionate share of this cost. This amount is called the Property Tax Administration Fee (PTAF). Public schools are exempt by state law from paying their proportionate share even though schools receive over 62.5 percent of the property tax revenue generated in Humboldt County. The county receives 5 percent of supplemental roll billings for costs of administering the supplemental program.

The Assessor’s office sells assessment roll information, property characteristics, and copies of documents and maps. These revenues, along with the Assessor’s office share of the PTAF, are netted against total expenditures to arrive at the net county cost of the Assessor’s budget.

According to the California State Auditor’s study of the property tax loan/grant program for every dollar invested in additional field staff work an additional $11 in tax revenue is generated. Based upon this information, the staffing level of the Assessor’s office directly impacts additional property tax revenue. With the county receiving 16.1 percent of total property tax revenue, the return on $1 investment would be $1.77. The county retains a portion of additional revenue and the PTAF revenues increase.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
Organizational Chart:
Purpose

The Auditor-Controller, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 24000 and 26880, is the chief financial officer for the county. In addition, Government Code Section 26881 provides that the County Auditor-Controller, upon order of the Board of Supervisors, shall prescribe and shall exercise a general supervision, including the ability to review departmental and county-wide internal controls over the accounting forms and the method of keeping the accounts of all departments under the control of the Board of Supervisors, and of all districts whose funds are kept in the county treasury. This budget grouping includes Auditor-Controller (111) and Auditor-Controller Measure Z (300).

Mission

To provide the county with credible financial records that promote public trust by the most efficient and expedient means possible, and promote the safeguarding of county assets.

Proposed Budget

The Auditor-Controller’s proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,492,520, an increase of $65,873 or 4 percent from the previous year. The Auditor’s office expects to see no significant changes in revenues for FY 2017-18.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The Auditor-Controller’s proposed personnel allocation for FY 2017-18 is 14.1 FTE with a 0.6 FTE frozen.

A recent salary study by Human Resources recommends reclassification for several positions in the Payroll Division of the Auditor-Controller’s office. The reclassifications were approved by the Board on April 18, 2017, and the FY 2017-18 departmental budget accounts for the salary and wage increases for those reclassifications.

In addition, the Auditor-Controller is working with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to place DHHS Accounts 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2017-18 Increas e

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Allocated Positions

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Payable staff in the Auditor-Controller’s office to increase the office’s capacity to pay claims.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

Services provided by the Auditor-Controller’s office include, but are not limited to:

- Auditing and processing claims for payment; recording revenue received
- Processing payroll and related reports and records; accounting for property tax monies and updating and making changes to the property tax rolls
- Maintaining the county’s official accounting records and financial system
- Complying with state and federal reporting requirements and generally accepted accounting principles
- Working with the county’s external auditors to complete required annual audits and to receive several audit reports in a timely manner.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles, by enforcing laws and regulations.

1100 111 Auditor-Controller

The Auditor-Controller’s proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,443,191, an increase of $65,484 or 5 percent from the previous year.

The increase is due to the revenue distribution methodology for General Fund departments, which allocated a 6 percent increase based on FY 2016-17 General Fund allocations. The General Fund contribution is $1,258,691. The Auditor’s office expects to see no significant changes in revenues for FY 2017-18.

The Auditor-Controller’s office proposed personnel allocation for FY 2017-18 is 13.6 FTE with a 0.6 FTE frozen. There is no net change over the previous year.

1100 300 Auditor-Controller Measure Z

The Auditor-Controller Measure Z budget unit manages the Measure Z allocations that were approved by the Board of Supervisors. This budget unit provides one concise location for funding allocated to the Auditor-Controller to ensure a high level of transparency. Measure Z is the local half-cent sales tax passed by voters in November 2014.

The Auditor-Controller’s Measure Z proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $49,329, an increase of $389 or less than 1 percent from the previous year.

The Auditor-Controller’s Measure Z proposed personnel allocation for FY 2017-18 is 0.5 FTE. There are no changes from the prior year.
Organizational Chart:

Auditor-Controller 1.0

Assistant Auditor-Controller 1.0

PAYROLL
Payroll Manager 1.0
Asst. Payroll Manager 1.0
Payroll Specialist I/II 2.0 BU 111 0.5 BU 300

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Sr. Fiscal Assistant 2.0

FRONT DESK/CASH RECEIPTS/DATA ENTRY
Fiscal Assistant I/II 1.0

AUDIT & COST ACCOUNTING
Accountant Auditor I/II 1.0
Sr. Accountant Auditor 2.0

TAX
Sr. Accountant Auditor 1.0
Sr. Fiscal Assistant (0.6 - Frozen)
Purpose

The Board of Supervisors is the elected legislative body for the County of Humboldt. The five members of the Board of Supervisors represent the residents of their supervisorial districts, specifically, and the total population, in general. The Board is responsible for the enactment of all general policies concerning the operation of the county, and is the governing authority for the non-elected department heads and a number of boards and commissions with advisory and regulatory functions.

Proposed Budget

The Board of Supervisors proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,328,776, an increase of $48,131 or 3 percent from the previous year.

Additional Funding Requests

The Board of Supervisors submitted one additional funding request totaling $62,770 to fund a full-time position to execute the expansion of Granicus, improve Boards and Commissions process, as well as assist Board members with increased workload due to their roles as officers of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the California Coastal Commission. Funding this request would support the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services.

This additional funding request is not recommended at this time. Although the request has merit it is not recommended because it did not achieve a priority level that allowed it to be funded based on available financial resources.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The Board of Supervisors proposed personnel allocation for FY 2017-18 is 8.0 FTE with no positions frozen. There are no changes from the previous fiscal year.
Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended with two amendments. The Board approved funding the following:

- $41,000 to add a 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board position to address public records requests and to provide staff support
- $29,500 for the purchase of new computers and county issued cell phone devices to improve communications and promote transparency

Program Discussion

This budget provides salary, benefit and office expenditures for Humboldt County’s five-member elected legislative body and support staff. The Board guides county policy with the development of the county’s Strategic Framework which was adopted on February 14, 2017. In the Strategic Framework there are Key Goals for FY 2017-18. Readers will see these principles and goals echoed throughout the budget narrative.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles, by enforcing laws and regulations.
Organizational Chart:

Board of Supervisors
Elected Officials
5.0

Administrative Support
Manager/Clerk of the Board
1.0

Administrative Assistant / Deputy Clerk of the Board
I/II/III
2.0
The Clerk-Recorder’s Office includes the following budget units:

- **1100 140** Elections
- **1310 267** Record Conversion
- **1100 271** Clerk-Recorder
Organizational Chart:

- **Budget Unit 271**
  - Fiscal Officer 1.0
  - Manager - Clerk/Recorder 1.0
    - Sr. Recordable Document Examiner 2.0 (1.0 Frozen)
    - Recordable Document Examiner I/II 3.0
    - Office Assistant 1.0 (Frozen)
  - Sr. Microfilm Technician 1.0
  - Microfilm Technician 1.0

- **Budget Unit 140**
  - Elections Manager 1.0
    - Assistant County Clerk 1.0 (Frozen)
      - Administrative Analyst I/II 1.0
        - Poll Workers
        - Election Workers
        - Election Rover
    - Election Specialist 3.0
The Recorder’s Office is the official repository for all land records and vital records. The Recorder is charged with recording, archiving and making records available to the public. The Recorder’s Office is governed by the statutes of the California Government Code Title 3, Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 6.

The County Clerk is responsible for filing and archiving a variety of bonds, filing Fictitious Business Name Statements and serving as the Commissioner of Civil Marriage. The county Clerk’s Office is governed by the statutes of the California Government Code Title 3, Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 3.

The Recorder’s proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,178,256, an increase of $34,844 or 3 percent from the previous year.

The budget increase is offset by additional revenue and conservatively estimates a contribution to the General Fund of $125,000.
Program Discussion

The Recorder’s Office provides two distinct services that were historically provided by two different officials: The County Recorder and the County Clerk.

The County Recorder is the official repository for all documents and maps relating to land in Humboldt County as well as the official repository for vital records of events (birth, death, and marriage) that occur in Humboldt County. The recording of documents affecting land in Humboldt County accomplishes the mandate to “impart constructive notice” of any action effecting title to real property. Once a document is recorded it becomes a part of the official record of the county and is retrievable by examining the alphabetical and chronological indexes.

Revenues are generated through the collection of recording fees (mandated by state law) and the sale of copies of documents. In this last fiscal year, revenues for recording fees exceeded the budget by 12 percent, while documentary transfer tax came in significantly higher than budget by 26 percent. This most likely indicates that property values and recording volume have increased. Additionally, the Recorder’s Office maintains the records of births, deaths and marriages that occur within Humboldt County. Per Health and Safety Code, the Recorder’s Office sells copies of these records and certifies their accuracy. In recent years, it has become increasingly difficult to make these records available to requesting parties while protecting the identities of the individuals from theft and/or fraud. State and federal laws determine who is eligible to request records.

Examples of the duties of the County Clerk include filing a variety of required bonds and fictitious business name statements, as well as issuing marriage licenses and registering various professionals.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles, by enforcing laws and regulations.
Purpose

The Office of Elections conducts federal, state and local elections; provides election related deadlines and information to candidates, agencies and measure proponents; processes candidate nomination documents; distributes election materials; maintains election jurisdiction boundaries; maintains the voter registration roles for the county; receives and maintains copies of campaign reporting and conflict of interest filings; and provides election and related statistics to the California Secretary of State. The Office of Elections is governed by statutes in the California Elections Code and provisions of the Government and Education Codes.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,649,392, an increase of $47,296 or 3 percent from the prior fiscal year.

This budget includes $34,327 carried forward from FY 2016-17 to complete the relocation the Office of Elections to a new facility as the office is in need of public access stations and building modifications to enhance the security of the new location. In addition, a fixed asset request in the amount of $12,018 for a new mailing machine to replace the existing one that is no longer supported by the manufacturer is proposed. The General Fund contribution is $1,359,172 plus the one-time funding of $46,345 is proposed for fixed assets; additional detail on the equipment is available in the Capital Expenditures table.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for Elections is 6.0 FTE with 1.0 FTE position frozen. There are no changes from the previous fiscal year.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

The Humboldt County Elections Office strives to ensure that all Humboldt County residents are able to exercise their right to vote; that elections are held in a fair, accurate, and efficient manner; and to provide reliable information and the best
possible service to voters, media, and others interested in elections. Year to year, Elections budget can vary drastically based on the number of elections held. Special Elections are often not budgeted, and are historically reimbursed by the state or other entity calling for the special election.

Reimbursement by the state is not guaranteed. This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles, by enforcing laws and regulations.
Purpose

This fund is authorized under California Government Code Section 27361.4 which provides for $1 per document to be collected for the conversion of records from paper and microfilm to a micrographic document storage system.

Proposed Budget

This office is in the midst of a record conversion project that will carry forward into the new fiscal year. Any new projects for the FY 2017-18 will be addressed with a supplemental budget request.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

This fund supplements the county General Fund by providing for the conversion, storage, and retrieval of recorded documents and maps as well as the archival storage of those records.

The fund is driven by the volume of certain recordable documents. The volume is impacted by any economic change which affects the sale or refinancing of real property. If interest rates rise or property values decrease, fewer documents are recorded thus fewer fees are collected for this fund.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
### County Administrative Office Summary

#### Amy S. Nilsen

**County Administrative Officer**

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| **Expenditures** |                |                |                |                 |                 |                     |
| Salaries & Employee Benefits | 2,580,427 | 2,554,482 | 2,678,570 | 3,245,136 | 3,110,048 | 431,478 |
| Services and Supplies | 1,486,782 | 1,701,915 | 2,015,345 | 2,176,663 | 2,358,683 | 343,338 |
| Other Charges | 4,041,805 | 3,310,590 | 3,140,867 | 4,162,867 | 4,120,387 | 979,520 |
| Fixed Assets | 530,448 | 344,176 | 78,725 | 1,191,977 | 1,191,977 | 1,113,252 |
| Intrafund Transfers | (315,068) | (122,106) | (19,947) | (28,663) | (28,663) | (8,716) |
| **Total Expenditures** | 8,324,394 | 7,789,057 | 7,893,560 | 10,747,980 | 10,752,432 | 2,858,872 |
| **Net Revenues (Expenditures)** | (688,529) | (1,628,206) | (1,462,464) | (2,229,700) | (2,084,152) | (621,688) |

|                  |                |                |                |                 |                 |                     |
| **Additional Funding Support** |                |                |                |                 |                 |                     |
| 1100 General Fund | 1,347,751 | 1,415,768 | 1,500,319 | 1,740,715 | 1,675,715 | 175,396 |
| 1120 Economic Development | (189,899) | 184,724 | 162,463 | 80,548 | 0 | (162,463) |
| 1700 Fish & Game | 921 | (3,269) | 1,911 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 2,689 |
| 3521 Communications | 19,378 | 21,604 | (119,394) | 0 | 0 | 119,394 |
| 3550 Information Tech Enterprise | (356,913) | (45,654) | (109,383) | 390,533 | 390,533 | 499,916 |
| 3552 ADA Compliance ISF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3555 Central Services ISF | (132,709) | 56,033 | 26,548 | 13,304 | 13,304 | (13,244) |
| **Total Additional Funding Support** | 688,529 | 1,628,206 | 1,462,464 | 2,229,700 | 2,084,152 | 621,688 |

|                  |                |                |                |                 |                 |                     |
| **Staffing Positions** |                |                |                |                 |                 |                     |
| Allocated Positions | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 36.00 | 36.00 | 2.00 |
The County Administrative Office (CAO) includes the following budget units:

**ADA Compliance**
- 3552 152 ADA Compliance

**County Administrative Office**
- 1100 103 CAO Management & Budget Team

**Communications**
- 3521 151 Communications

**Economic Development**
- 1120 275 Economic Development
- 1120 286 Headwaters
- 1120 287 Workforce Investment

**Economic Development Promotion**
- 1100 181 Economic Development Promotion

**Fish & Game Advisory Commission**
- 1700 290 Fish & Game Advisory Commission

**Forester & Warden**
- 1100 281 Forester & Warden

**Information Technology**
- 3550 118 Information Technology Team

**Purchasing & Disposition**
- 3555 115 Purchasing & Disposition Team

**Mission:**
Support the needs of our community through:
- Unparalleled service,
- Participatory leadership,
- Professional growth,
- Optimal management of resources,
- Responsible policies and procedures and
- Teamwork
### Purpose

In the summer of 2016, the Board of Supervisors entered into a consent decree with the Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ brought this action forward in order to enforce the county’s compliance with Title II of the American’s with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990. The consent decree contains many elements including accessibility for services, programs and activities that require modifications to facilities and roadways. The ADA Compliance budget unit is used to manage mandated improvements required in accordance with the 2016 Consent Decree that the county entered into with the DOJ.

### Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $963,579. An increase of $963,579 from the prior year as this budget unit was established in FY 2017-18 to effectively manage ADA projects. Fixed asset funding of $500,000 is proposed for fixed asset needs associated with ADA Projects. A supplemental budget will be brought forward once final estimates for ADA projects have been finalized; additional detail on the equipment is available in the Capital Expenditure table.

### Additional Funding Requests

ADA Compliance submitted one additional funding request totaling $100,000 for an extra-help CAO Project Manager position that is needed to coordinate and monitor ADA projects to ensure compliance with the consent decree. Also included are expenses for office supplies and cubical space to accommodate the additional staff member. This additional funding request is recommended for funding.

### Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for ADA Compliance is 1.0 FTE for FY 2017-18. This is an increase of 1.0 FTE from the prior year.

- **Additions:**
  - 1.0 FTE ADA Coordinator

This position, an ADA Coordinator, was originally allocated to Risk Management budget unit 359 in FY 2016-17 after the county entered into the consent decree. The proposed personnel allocation for FY 2017-18 moves the position from budget unit 359 to the newly created ADA Compliance budget unit 152.
Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended, with one amendment. The Board approved an additional $200,000 in professional services for a facilities assessment plan.

Program Discussion

The ADA Compliance program investigates all ADA-related complaints, works with an Independent Licensed Architect (ILA), coordinates with outside vendors on capital improvement projects, provides required reporting and administration to confirm ADA compliance, and reviews facilities, programs, services and activities to ensure their compliance with ADA. The ADA Compliance budget supports the Board’s Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health, protecting vulnerable populations and maintaining infrastructure.
Purpose

The County Administrative Office-Management
& Budget Team (CAO-MBT) provides
leadership and guidance in the implementation
of the policies of the Board of Supervisors. The
CAO-MBT analyzes issues and makes
recommendations to the Board regarding the
administration and operation of county
departments and programs. The CAO-MBT
coordinates and oversees the county budget, fee
schedule and legislative platform and monitors
the use of financial and human resources.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is
$1,173,441 a decrease of $137,597, or 10
percent from the previous year. The decrease is
due to a reduction in consulting service expense.
Consulting services were needed in FY 2016-17
to prepare for Measure S, the cannabis
cultivation tax, which was on the ballot in
November 2016. The General Fund
ctribution is $1,103,341, which represents a
$138,197 decrease from FY 2016-17.

Additional Funding Request

The CAO-MBT submitted one additional
funding request totaling $5075 for costs
associated with the Community Budget
Roadshow. These workshops provide the
community with an overall view of the state of
the county and an opportunity for public input
on priorities for spending to address local needs.

This additional funding request is not
recommended at this time. Although the request
has merit it did not achieve a priority level that
allowed it to be funded based on available
financial resources.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for CAO-
MBT for FY 2017-18 is 6.0 FTE with 1.0 FTE
frozen position. There are no changes from the
previous fiscal year.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as
recommended.
Program Discussion

CAO-MBT works to fulfill mandated functions through supportive collaboration between departments, the Board of Supervisors and external stakeholders.

The CAO-MBT has experienced many successes in FY 2016-17 such as the passing and implementation of Measure S, a commitment and action to achieving compliance with the DOJ’s 2016 ADA Consent Decree, the creation of the Pension Policy as a means of equitably addressing the county’s mounting pension liability and the Community Budget Roadshow as a means to create transparency and foster public engagement with the community in a meaningful and effective manner.

The FY 2017-18 goals and efforts include:

- Demonstrating meaningful progress in Compliance with the DOJ’s 2016 ADA Consent Decree. This requires multiple capital improvements over multiple years to county-wide facilities to include recreational assets and emergency shelters for ensuring accessibility to all programs, services and activities.

- Creating a concise, informative and transparent budget document with relevant information that depicts trends, measurable goals and the financial health of the county; and, submittal of the county budget for consideration of the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award in either FY 2017-18 or 2018-19.

- Providing the MBT team with professional development opportunities to enhance public service, communication, leadership and team building skills necessary to seek out the opportunities and meet the challenges facing the community and County of Humboldt.

- Creating a high-performing organization by encouraging leadership at all levels, fostering intra and inter-agency collaboration and ensuring a responsive organization by promoting a solution oriented and a technologically adaptive environment.

- Promoting fiscal responsibility and long-term planning efforts by establishing guidelines to address capital improvement costs, short-term and long-term cash management and to create policies and procedures that minimize the county’s debt service and issuance cost with an overall objective of ensuring prudent debt management practices in order to maintain financial stability, preserve public trust and minimize costs to taxpayers.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
Communications Division manages the county’s radio and telephone systems.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $285,814, a decrease of $43,687 or 13 percent from FY 2016-17. This decrease is primarily due to the completion of seven telephone system upgrade projects. Fixed asset funding of $116,857 is proposed for upgrades to telephone and radio systems; additional detail on the equipment is available in the Capital Expenditure table.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for Communications is 1.0 FTE for FY 2017-18. There is no change from the prior year.

Purpose

Proposed Personnel Allocation

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

The primary functions in both the radio and telephone programs consist of maintenance, contract administration, system design and equipment specification, capitalization fund management, and monthly bill auditing, payment and cost distribution to departments.

Communications is an Internal Service Fund, and performs services for other county departments on a cost for service basis. This budget supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing and maintaining communications infrastructure.
Purpose

The Economic Development Team works to strengthen the economy of Humboldt County by securing and distributing funding for projects and programs that implement Prosperity 2012: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

The Economic Development budget grouping is made up of the following budget units: Economic Development (275); Headwaters Fund (286); and Workforce Investment (287).

Proposed Budget

The proposed Economic Development budget for FY 2017-18 is $3,163,669, a decrease of $500,951 or 13 percent from the previous year. The decrease is due to the spend-down of set-aside funding and a reduction the AB 2060 Supervised Population grant.

While the majority of Economic Development’s activities are funded through grant sources, such as grant scoping and business assistance not related to workforce. The Economic Development Trust Fund currently covers costs not eligible for grant reimbursement; inasmuch, the balance in the fund provides a short-term solution for the next several years until a revenue source can be identified.

Additional Funding Requests

Economic Development submitted one additional funding request totaling $80,548 to fund 1.0 FTE Economic Development Specialist position. The FTE position will support economic development work that falls outside of grant funds. Funds would support grant scoping and writing, cannabis industry engagement (currently state and federal funds prohibit) and the ability to respond to varying industry needs as they arise.

This additional funding request is not recommended at this time. Although the request has merit it is not recommended because it did not achieve a priority level that allowed them to...
be funded based on available financial resources.

**Proposed Personnel Allocation**

The proposed personnel allocation for Economic Development budget units 275 and 286 for FY 2017-18 is 6.0 FTE with 2.0 FTE positions frozen; there are no changes from the prior year.

**Board Adopted**

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

**Program Discussion**

The overarching goal of all the budgets within the Economic Development Team is to implement the county’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) through the local initiative Prosperity! The Northcoast Strategy. The CEDS helps to focus public and private economic development resources on local priorities. The team works to implement the CEDS by:

- Promoting the growth of export and emerging industry clusters
- Building local capacity for coordinated economic development initiatives
- Obtaining grants and leveraging economic development funds
- Improving regional capacity to train, attract and retain a qualified workforce

Staff anticipates an update to CEDS taking place in FY 2017-18. Economic Development will apply for a US Economic Development Administration grant to fund the costs associated to the update. If grant funds are not awarded, staff time will be billed to the Economic Development budget units accordingly.

**1120 275 Economic Development**

This budget unit contains funding from economic development set-aside, additional grants that fall outside of the Workforce Investment budget, Redevelopment Dissolution, and special projects. All staff expenses are included in this budget unit, associated costs are applied to Headwaters Fund and Workforce Investment in the form of expense transfers for time billed to those two funding sources.

The Economic Development proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $385,247, a decrease of $241,593 or 38 percent from the previous year. The Economic Development budget is funded primarily by grant funds. The budget’s decrease is due to spend down on the AB 2060 Supervised Population grant and the reduced use of the Economic Development Trust Fund.

The proposed personnel allocation for Economic Development for FY 2017-18 is 5.0 FTE with 1.0 FTE frozen position. There is no change from the prior year.

**1120 286 Headwaters Fund**

In 1999, the state and federal governments purchased the 3,000-acre old-growth Headwaters Grove. While this landmark acquisition preserved internationally noteworthy forest habitat, it also removed significant timber resources from Humboldt County’s economy. A local effort resulted in a combined $22 million state and federal appropriation to the county.

On October 19, 1999, the Board of Supervisors voted to reserve the bulk of the funds for the “economic prosperity and quality of life for all Humboldt County residents.” In December 2002, the Board adopted a final *Headwaters Fund Charter* that outlines the purpose and structure of the fund.
To advance economic and community development in Humboldt County, the Headwaters Fund offers business loans, loans/grants for infrastructure projects, and economic development grants via the following three funds:

- Revolving Loan Fund
- Community Investment Fund
- Grant Fund

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 for the Headwaters Fund is $522,580, a decrease of $351,726 or 40 percent from the prior year. The FY 2016-17 budget included larger than usual grant allocations to fund grant initiative commitments from the two previous fiscal years, plus an additional $150,000 for grant initiative commitments approved in FY 2016-17.

The proposed personnel allocation for Headwaters for FY 2017-18 is 1.0 FTE, this position is frozen.

Workforce Investment’s proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $2,255,842, an increase of $92,368 or 4 percent from the previous year.

The Workforce Investment unit secures and oversees funding for workforce training programs, employer services delivery, and workforce projects to benefit local industry clusters, as described in the county’s CEDS. Services are provided in partnership with the federally mandated One-Stop System for Workforce, organized in Humboldt County as The Job Market.

The Job Market includes services to support: employers, job seekers, dislocated workers, long-term unemployed, and at-risk youth. The Economic Development Team supports the Board of Supervisors’ Strategic Framework by supporting business, workforce development, and creation of private-sector jobs.
Purpose

The county appropriates a portion of Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel/motel tax, or TOT) receipts to the Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau (HCCVB) to promote tourism and attract businesses to Humboldt County, and to the Redwood Region Entertainment and Education Liaisons, Inc. (RREEL), doing business as the Humboldt Del Norte Film Commission, to promote Humboldt County as a location for film and digital media production work.

Proposed Budget

The total proposed budget and General Fund contribution for FY 2017-18 is $366,786, an increase of $31,778 or approximately 9 percent, from the previous year. The FY 2017-18 budget is based on actual TOT received in FY 2015-16 which was $1,739,459. The allocations to RREEL and the HCCVB in FY 2017-18 are $86,973 and $278,313, respectively.

Additional Funding Requests

Economic Development & Promotion submitted one additional funding request totaling $85,000 for increased funding for the Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission to allow for participation in film conferences to educate industry leaders on Humboldt County, improved employee retention by increasing benefits and offering competitive wages and an increased marketing budget.

This additional funding request is not recommended at this time. Although the request has merit it is not recommended because it did not achieve a priority level that allowed it to be funded based on available financial resources.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended with one amendment. The Board approved an additional $20,000 for the Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission to promote Humboldt County to the film industry.

Program Discussion

The goal of the contracts with TOT funds is to invest in the county’s tourism economy, as identified in the county’s CEDS and the regional Prosperity! strategy. In July 2005, the county entered into an agreement to dedicate 20 percent of the prior year’s annual TOT revenue to the HCCVB.
In FY 2007-08, the Humboldt Film & Digital Media Commission (HFDMC), formerly a part of HCCVB, was split off into a separate organization. In 2010 HFDMC became RREEL. The 20 percent TOT allocation was divided between the agencies 16 percent to HCCVB and 4 percent to RREEL. In FY 2013-14, the allocation to RREEL was increased to 5 percent resulting in a total TOT allocation of 21 percent.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
Purpose

The purpose of this budget unit is to function as the funding source for the Fish and Game Advisory Commission’s grant program. Fish and Game code requires that fines collected be deposited into a special fund and expended for the protection, conservation and preservation of fish and wildlife under the direction of the Board. Grants are awarded after recommendation of the Commission and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Proposed Budget

The total proposed budget for Fish & Game Advisory Commission for FY 2017-18 is $18,000, there is no change from the previous year. The budget for FY 2017-18 draws $4,600 from the fund balance, leaving an estimated year-end fund balance of $29,987.

While this does not deplete the balance, the commission is seeking a balance between granting the maximum amount each year, and reserving a fund balance to sustain grants through low revenue years.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

Grants are awarded to groups and individuals who submit proposals to the Fish & Game Advisory Commission for projects with the purpose of protection, conservation, propagation or preservation of fish and wildlife.

The awards are made after recommendation of the Commission and approval of the Board of Supervisors.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
Purpose

This budget unit provides for support of fire suppression services in the Trinidad area and cooperative fire dispatch services for smaller fire districts throughout the county. Expenditures for the Trinidad area are offset by a Special Assessment District, Community Service Area #4 (CSA #4), for fire services.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $385,005, an increase of $18,332 or 4 percent from the previous year. This budget includes $136,747 for Cooperative Dispatch expense and $248,258 for contract services provided by Cal FIRE to respond to CSA #4. The General Fund contribution is $185,588, and increase of $16,659. The disparity between revenues and expenses is of concern. The proposed budget does not anticipate that costs for CSA #4 fire services will be fully reimbursed from fire assessments.

In FY 2011-12 the state increased the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal FIRE, formerly CDF) billing in an effort to fully recoup the cost of providing the service. The assessments have a cap that cannot exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). These two factors have resulted in the potential for costs for service exceeding assessment revenue.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

Rates for providing fire suppression services in Trinidad and cooperative fire dispatch services are calculated by Cal FIRE. In 2003, the citizens residing in CSA#4 voted to increase their fire assessments to pay for increasing Cal FIRE personnel costs. Cal FIRE costs have continued to increase and the General Fund is covering the difference between the assessments and the fire service costs.

In addition, this budget unit also provides a 75 percent share of the Co-op Fire Dispatch. Fire dispatch services are provided by Cal FIRE to the county’s local fire districts. The cost of fire dispatch services is partially offset by the Dispatch Co-op (cities of Trinidad, Ferndale, Rio Dell, and 25 fire protection districts). The Dispatch Co-op has received Measure Z funding to pay for their 25 percent share. This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by providing community appropriate levels of service.
Purpose

Information Technology (IT) is responsible for assisting county departments and staff in improving work methods and productivity through the application and use of a variety of automated services, methodologies, and information technologies. IT also maintains the integrity and security of official county information.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget is $3,835,084, a decrease of $443,257 or 10 percent from FY 2016-17. The decrease is due to reduced fixed assets for fiscal year 2017-18. Funding of $575,390 is proposed for fixed assets; additional detail on the equipment is available in the Capital Expenditures table.

Projects for FY 2017-18 include Time & Attendance and Workforce Scheduling software, offsite data replication, computer aided dispatch (CAD) software, records management system (RMS) migration, Active Directory upgrade, Windows 10 migration, Microsoft e-mail hosting, phone upgrades and the implementation of Prosecutor by Karpel software to be used by the District Attorney as an interface with the courts and jail systems/software.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for IT for FY 2017-18 is 18.0 FTE. There is no net change in the total number of positions however a 1.0 FTE Administrative Secretary position that has been frozen is proposed for funding.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

IT is a division of the County Administrative Office. IT is responsible for the operation and integrity of the county’s overall information infrastructure, which includes core telephony, primary internet/cloud access, security,
network, the virtual environment, servers, databases, desktop computers, phones, and business applications. IT provides overarching IT services for all departments, some of which also support a portion of their own departmental infrastructure. In total, the county has over 2,200 personal computers, plus printers, communicating with 100 servers over a high-speed network connecting 57 county service locations.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.
Purpose

Pursuant to Section 245-1 et seq. of the Humboldt County Code, the Purchasing and Disposition Team purchases, rents and/or leases goods and equipment as needed by departments. Purchasing negotiates with contractors for limited services at the best possible price. Purchasing facilitates the re-use of office furniture and equipment before selling or disposing of unusable goods. Purchasing focuses on volume buying and product standardization which creates vendor competition.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.

Proposed Budget

The Purchasing & Disposition Team’s proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $341,054, a decrease of $15,215 or 4 percent from the previous year. This decrease is primarily due to the completion of the business process reengineering of a comprehensive “workflow” moving the county to an electronic purchasing and payment system.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for Purchasing & Disposition Team for FY 2017-18 is 4.0 FTE with no frozen positions. There is no net change from the prior year.

Additions:
1.0 FTE Senior Buyer

Deletions:
1.0 FTE Fiscal Assistant I/II

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.
The County Counsel Office includes the following budget units:

- 1100 121 County Counsel
- 1100 299 County Counsel
- Measure Z

**Purpose**

Government Code Sections 26529, 27640 et seq., and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 931, adopted in 1956, establish the Office of the County Counsel in Humboldt County. The Office of the County Counsel is comprised of the attorneys for the county, providing legal services and advice to the Board of Supervisors and all county officers. Also, upon request, this office is the attorney for the Grand Jury and some special districts.

**Mission**

The Office of the County Counsel is committed to providing the highest quality of legal advice, representation and services, in a timely and responsive manner, to assist the county, its governing Board of Supervisors and other clients, to promote the public interest and to aid the county in carrying out its mandatory and discretionary functions relating to the health, safety and welfare of county residents. The office is committed to providing sound legal assistance to the Board and county officers to enable them to carry out their policy goals, and to provide assertive representation of the county in civil litigation and administrative hearings.

**Proposed Budget**

County Counsel’s proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $2,239,148, an increase of $458,923 or 20 percent from the previous year. The General Fund contribution is $2,052,148, which is an increase of $383,694 from the previous year. This increase is due to additional funding for 3.0 FTE Investigator-Code Enforcement positions. Funding of $46,000 is proposed for fixed assets; additional detail on the equipment is available in the Capital Expenditures table.
Additional Funding Requests

County Counsel submitted one additional funding requests totaling $385,131 to fund 3.0 FTE Investigator-Code Enforcement positions plus two additional vehicles, and office supplies and equipment. These additional positions are needed to allow for enhanced code enforcement due to increased caseloads associated with cannabis cultivation. These positions are necessary to keep up with the additional workload associated with the cannabis permitting process.

This additional funding request is recommended as it met a priority level for funding and was supported by the community through the feedback received from the Community Budget Roadshow.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for County Counsel’s budget units 121 and 299 for FY 2017-18 is 24.5 FTE with 3.0 FTE positions that remain frozen. This is an increase of 2.0 FTE from the prior year. Position changes are detailed in the budget unit section and in the Position Allocation table.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

The County Counsel’s Office is structured around three units:

General Services Unit: Legal advice to all county departments and, when requested, provides legal advice to the Grand Jury, the Humboldt First 5 program for children’s welfare, and some special districts. The representation includes, but is not limited to, the trial of conservatorship cases, mental health writs, Riese hearings (determination of capacity of mental health patients to give or withhold informed consent for administration of antipsychotic medication), bail bond forfeitures, jail writs, weapons confiscation filings, pitchess motion defense, personnel hearings, election issues, review of contracts/agreements, review of licenses, review of leases, review of memoranda of understanding, review of Joint Powers Agreements, review of agenda items, review of procedures and protocols, review of guidelines, review of Requests for Proposals, responses to subpoenas, Public Records Act requests, and other legal demands, including writs of mandate and other litigation. This office is in charge of keeping the county code updated and maintaining it online.

Child Welfare Services Unit: Legal services to Child Welfare Services from the trial court to the appellate court level.

Code Enforcement Unit: Investigation, inspection, abatement and compliance work related to the uses, maintenance and safety of land and structures. This includes zoning, public nuisance, neighborhood preservation, hazardous materials, waste disposal, air pollution, uniform codes (Building, Housing, Abatement of Dangerous Buildings), public health and safety, and abatement of abandoned vehicles and related equipment. The Code Enforcement Unit’s placement within the Office of the County Counsel gives it the ability to pursue administrative and/or civil remedies, which results in a much more effective compliance capability. The Unit has the ability to attend community meetings to assist the public in solving neighborhood issues.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles, by enforcing laws and regulations.
1100 121 County Counsel

This budget unit provides legal services to the Board of Supervisors and all county officers; in addition, County Counsel enforces code violations to address properties that display serious blight and pose a hazard to the community.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $2,106,932, an increase of $474,313 or 29 percent. This increase is due to additional funding for 3.0 FTE Investigator-Code Enforcement positions.

The proposed personnel allocation for County Counsel for FY 2017-18 is 23.0 FTE with 3.0 frozen positions. This is an overall increase of 2.0 FTE positions with 1.0 position being unfrozen.

Additions:
2.0 FTE Investigator-Code Enforcement

1100 299 County Counsel Measure Z

The County Counsel Measure Z budget unit manages the Measure Z allocations that were approved by the Board of Supervisors. This budget unit provides one concise location for funding allocated to County Counsel to ensure a high level of transparency. Measure Z is the local half-cent sales tax passed by voters in November 2014.

The proposed budget for County Counsel Measure Z is $132,216, a decrease of $15,390 or 10 percent from the prior year. This decrease is due to one-time monies for cleanups that was allocated in FY 2016-17.

The proposed personnel allocation for County Counsel Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 1.5 FTE, there is no change from the prior year.
Organizational Chart:

- County Counsel
  - 1.0
  - Budget Unit 121
- Assistant County Counsel
  - 1.0
  - Budget Unit 121
- Legal Office Services Manager
  - 1.0
  - Budget Unit 121
- CHILD WELFARE SERVICES UNIT
  - Budget Unit 121
  - Deputy County Counsel
    - 3.5
  - Investigator
    - 1.0 (Frozen)
  - Sr. Legal Secretary I/II
    - 1.0
- GENERAL SERVICES UNIT
  - Budget Unit 121
  - Sr. Deputy County Counsel
    - 1.0
  - Deputy County Counsel
    - 6.3 (1.0 Frozen)
  - Legal Accounting Specialist
    - 1.0
  - Sr. Legal Secretary
    - 1.0 (Frozen)
  - Legal Secretary I/II
    - 1.0
- CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT
  - Budget Unit 121
  - Deputy County Counsel
    - .20
  - Budget Unit 121
  - Investigator
    - 4.0
  - Budget Unit 121
  - Code Compliance Officer I/II
    - 1.0
  - Budget Unit 299
  - Legal Office Assistant I/II
    - 0.5
  - Budget Unit 299
### Departmental Summary

**FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget**

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**Staffing Positions**

Allocated Positions

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The Human Resources Department includes the following budget groupings:

### Personnel Services
- 1100 130 Personnel

### Risk Management Services
- 3520 359 Risk Management Administration
- 3522 352 Employee Benefits
- 3523 353 Workers Compensation
- 3524 354 Liability
- 3525 355 Medical Plan
- 3526 356 Dental Plan
- 3527 357 Unemployment
- 3528 358 Purchased Insurance Premium
Organizational Chart:
Purpose

The Human Resources (HR) Department is divided into two primary functions for budget purposes: Personnel Services and Risk Management Services. The personnel functions performed by HR are mandated by federal and state laws, Merit System rules, memoranda of understanding (MOU), compensation and benefit plans and other policies as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Proposed Budget

The proposed Personnel budget for FY 2017-18 is $753,065, an increase of $39,075 or 5 percent from the previous year. The General Fund contribution is $751,065, which represents a $39,075 increase from FY 2016-17. The General Fund contribution increase is due to the revenue distribution methodology for General Fund departments, which allocated a 6 percent increased based on FY 2016-17 General Fund allocations. Due to the increased volume of recruitments and services provided as a result of Measure Z funding, the Sheriff’s Department funds a 1.0 FTE Human Resources Technician I/II position.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for HR for FY 2017-18 is 4.0 FTE, with no frozen positions. This is a decrease of 2.0 FTE from the prior year.

Deletions:
1.0 FTE Director of HR*
1.0 FTE Assistant Director of HR*

*Positions reallocated to the Risk Management (359) and salaries and benefit expenses are transferred to Personnel based on actual work per audit recommendations

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

As administrators of the county’s centralized personnel system, HR provides services that include: recruitment, administration of qualification appraisal examinations, maintenance of employment eligibility lists, administration of in-service personnel transactions, coordination of equal employment
opportunity, coordination of the deferred compensation programs, employer-employee relations, labor negotiations, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act employment section, and maintenance of employee medical leaves and other employee actions.

In addition, the department coordinates the grievance and appeals process for all county departments.

HR provide personnel services to all county departments, including 2,196 funded FTE positions as reported in the Board adopted FY 2016-17 budget. HR also serves the citizens of Humboldt County, whether it is those seeking employment, or those referring prospective employees.

It is the goal of HR to develop staff into fully cross-trained, well-rounded professional human resources generalists in the effort to provide the county with the highest quality personnel/human resource services.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.
Purpose

The Human Resource Department’s Risk Management (RM) services include identification, analysis and treatment of the county’s exposures to loss; safety and loss-control programs; administration of all employee benefit programs, both self-insured and premium-based; claims administration of the self-insured liability programs and supervising the county’s third-party administrator for primary workers’ compensation.

RM is also responsible for administering the county’s property insurance by filing any claims resulting in a property loss and recovering any loss from the county’s insurer. RM also coordinates claims involving the airports, medical malpractice, faithful performance and crime bond, watercraft, boiler and machinery, and special insurance programs. RM subrogates to recover the costs for damage to county vehicles, equipment, and property caused by a third party. RM is responsible for the county’s Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA) compliance. Additionally, RM provides, develops and monitors state and federal required training programs and skill level improvement workshops.

Proposed Budget

The overall RM proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $34,153,329, a decrease of $64,291 or less
than 1 percent from the previous year. The changes to individual programs are explained below.

**Proposed Personnel Allocation**

The proposed personnel allocation for Risk Management for FY 2017-18 is 6.0 FTE with no frozen positions. This is an increase in 1.0 FTE.

**Additions:**
1.0 FTE Director of Human Resources
1.0 FTE Assistant Director of Human Resources

**Deletions:**
1.0 FTE ADA Coordinator *

*Position reallocated to CAO-ADA Compliance (152)

**Board Adopted**

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

**Program Discussion**

RM services provide training workshops to county employees on safety, discrimination, ethics, state and federally required training, defensive driving, and disaster compliance with National Incident Management Systems and Standardized Emergency Management Systems. Additionally, staff provides, develops and monitors mandated training programs and skill level improvement workshops. Consultations are provided to departments regarding safety and health issues, and assist in developing loss-prevention programs and policies. RM actively participates with the California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) in Third Party Administrator contracts and insurance coverage renewals.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

**3520 359 Risk Management Administration**

All costs associated with Risk Management budgets are cost allocated to appropriate county departments as an expense. This budget unit contains staffing to administer the Risk Management programs.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $581,915, a decrease of $35,265 or four percent from the prior year.

**3522 352 Employee Benefits**

This budget provides funding for vision, life insurance, the employee assistance program and insurance continuation mandated through the federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA).

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $413,477; an increase of $23,686 or 6 percent from the prior year. The increase is primarily due to increased vision claims.

**3523 353 Workers’ Compensation**

This budget provides funding for workers’ compensation premiums, administration and employee safety expenses.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $6,386,133, an increase of $156,855 or 3 percent from the prior year.

**3524 354 Liability**

This budget provides funding for claims for damages and lawsuits filed against the county, and also funds any investigative costs or expenses associated with existing or potential claims.
The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $2,954,366 increase of $181,804 or 6 percent from the prior year. This increase is primarily the result of increased claim payments.

**3525 355  Medical Plan**

This budget provides funding for medical health plan costs and flu shots.
The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $21,458,622, an increase of $292,991 or just over 1 percent from the prior year.

**3526 356  Dental Plan**

This budget provides funding for the county’s self-insured dental expense and administration.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,469,968, an increase of $2,929 or less than 1 percent from the prior year.

**3527 357  Unemployment**

This budget provides funding for the self-insured unemployment claims and claims administration.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $212,237, an increase of $30,048 or 14 percent from the prior year. This is a result of increased claim payments.

**3528 358  Purchased Insurance Premiums**

This budget provides funding to procure property, medical malpractice, life insurance, airport, crime bond and other special miscellaneous insurance coverage.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $676,611, a decrease of $306,880 or 31 percent from the prior year. The decrease is due to a refund to contributing departments of $300,000 that was issued in FY 2016-17. Fund balance has been reduced to an appropriate level, it is not anticipated that a refund will be necessary in FY 2017-18.
Purpose

This section is a comprehensive collection of all Measure Z revenue and expenditures to ensure a high level of transparency.

Measure Z supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $11,489,916, a decrease of $2,018,322 or 14 percent from the previous year. This decrease is due to savings from FY 2015-16 that was allocated in FY 2016-17, increasing the funding capabilities. A total of $4,693,015 is proposed for new applications in FY 2017-18, plus $280,000 in funding that is being carried forward into FY 2017-18 and $6,516,901 in ongoing expenses from the previous year’s allocations to the Auditor, Sheriff, Probation, Department of Health and Human Services, District Attorney, Public Defender and County Counsel.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended with four amendments. The Board approved the following Measure Z requests totaling $382,028:

- $189,870 for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide Adult Protective Services, including the allocation of a 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator.
- $162,158 for the Sheriff’s Office to conduct a radio system needs study.
- $15,000 for Mountain Community and Culture to conduct a walkability study in the Willow Creek area of Humboldt County.
- $15,000 for the Library to increase security at the Eureka Main Library.

Program Discussion

Measure Z, a half-cent sales tax set to sunset in 2019, was voted on by the citizens of Humboldt County.
County on November 4, 2014. With an approving vote, Measure Z was put into effect on April 1, 2015. The intent for Measure Z funding is to maintain and improve essential services such as 24-hour patrols, 9-1-1 emergency response, crime investigation and prosecution, drug enforcement and prevention, services for abused children and the mentally ill, rural fire protection, road repairs and other county services.

The Citizens’ Advisory Committee was established to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the expenditure of these funds. A total of 44 applications were received, however one was withdrawn by the submitting party. Of those applications, five were submitted by county agencies and 24 by non-county agencies totaling $11,038,920 in funding requests. The requests are outlined as follows:

1. $55,548 for Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc. to develop and supervise a safe, legal, transitional sanctuary camp.

2. $575,000 for Alcohol and Drug Care Services, Inc. for the purchase and remodel of a vacant skilled nursing facility to be converted into a treatment facility.

3. $74,045 for Area 1 Agency on Aging for the Long Term Care Ombudsman program. This program advocates for residents in long-term care settings and investigates allegations of elder abuse and neglect.

4. $125,000 for Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods to increase training and teen center unit director time from 35 to 40 hours per week, as well as add a full-time staff person to split time between Eureka and McKinleyville Teen Center locations and a part-time staff person per unit.

5. $100,000 for Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods to expand to offer additional programming at another site near the clubhouse and Alice Birney.

6. $100,000 for Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods to increase the director and program assistant time spent in Teen Court, as well as adding additional staff based in Fortuna to establish an Eel River Valley court.

7. $465,222 for City of Arcata Police Department/Sheriff for two student resource officers and two juvenile probation diversion positions to directly serve K-12th students and families in the north county to work collaboratively with the schools to reduce truancy and to keep juveniles out of the juvenile justice system.

8. $75,317 for City of Blue Lake for one half-time deputy sheriff.

9. $5,580 for City of Blue Lake to purchase two radar feedback signs.

10. $459,140 for Eureka Police Department to continue funding two full-time positions to expand the scope and capabilities of the Mobile Intervention & Services Team (MIST) and implement the Focus Strategies Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan.

11. $54,000 for City of Ferndale Police Department to purchase a 4x4 heavy duty truck outfitted with emergency equipment.

12. $192,580 for City of Fortuna Police Department to fund a Fortuna police officer assigned as a school resource officer.
13. $149,580 for City of Fortuna Police Department to fund a drug task force officer to be assigned to the Eel River Valley.

14. $30,969 for City of Fortuna Police Department to purchase 20 tasers and accessories.

15. $76,741 for City of Rio Dell Police Department for one full-time community services officer to support the mission of the city’s law enforcement officers.

16. $34,101 for City of Rio Dell Police Department for maintaining the current Measure Z funding for a part-time clerical position in the city’s police department to support law enforcement, nuisance abatement and code enforcement.

17. $162,685 for City of Trinidad for one full-time deputy sheriff position to provide a dedicated peace officer in the Trinidad area seven days a week.

18. $189,869 for the Department of Health and Human Services to develop an interagency Elder and Vulnerable Adult Services Team (EVAST).

19. $10,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to purchase 133 nasal Narcan kits.

20. $40,131 for District Attorney to hire a non-sworn investigator to assist in review of materials related to homicides and other violent crimes.

21. $112,000 for Garberville Sanitary District to repair 14 failing fire hydrants.

22. $3,622 for Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction to fund three outdoor Safe Disposal Bins to be placed in Eureka and Arcata for safe disposal of used hypodermic needles.

23. $57,000 for Humboldt County 2-1-1 to continue to work as a lead second responder and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

24. $2,172,679 for Fire Chiefs’ Association for equipment such as construction of fire stations, personal protective equipment and fire hose, and dispatch services and efforts to improve sustainability. As well as out of jurisdiction response to Highway 299 and the Avenue of the Giants.

25. $125,000 for the Humboldt County Library to fund a community health outreach coordinator and a facilities and safety coordinator, plus additional funding for an outside security guard at the Main Eureka Library.

26. $13,920 for Humboldt IPA on behalf of RX Safe Humboldt Coalition to fund ongoing expenses associated with the safe disposal of unwanted medications.

27. $17,030 for McKinleyville Community Collaborative to fund an existing county-wide home visiting program to families that are at high risk of experiencing abuse or neglect.

28. $357,801 for K’ima:w Medical Center for the continuation of ambulance service in the Willow Creek Service area.

29. $54,268 for Kunle Centre to maintain a warm line and peer support groups for people over the age of 18 who are
experiencing anxiety, stress, suicidal thoughts or other mental health issues.

30. $50,000 for Mountain Community and Culture to conduct a pedestrian safety walkability/mobility study for the downtown Willow Creek area.

31. $106,650 for North Coast Substance Abuse Council, Inc. to provide treatment services to individuals who lack the financial ability to pay for such services. In addition, funding is requested to replace a van in order to safely transport clients.

32. $3,000,000 for county Public Works to provide funding for chip sealing and slurry sealing of county roads to prevent pavement failures and insure safer driving surfaces.

33. $291,000 for county Public Works to provide funding for the portion of Federal Aviation Administration mandated Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services required for commercial service at Arcata-Eureka Airport that is not covered by Transportation Security Administration.

34. $145,000 for county Public Works to provide security services at the Arcata-Eureka Airport.

35. $32,000 for county Public Works to provide Arcata Fire Department with ARFF training.

36. $80,000 for county Public Works to fund traffic signal battery back-up systems for county's signalized intersections.

37. $8,500 for county Public Works to install cell phone service paddle markers for turn-outs on rural roads with limited cell coverage.

38. $9,200 for county Public Works to create a gated entrance at Mad River County Park to curtail inappropriate nighttime activity.

39. $330,000 for county Public Works to replace fire truck and small back-up truck at ACV.

40. $18,000 for RBS Enterprises to outfit Eureka and the surrounding areas with one repeater for new low-power mini-transceivers that will exchange data with the repeater as far as 20 miles away allowing agency asset tracking.

41. $730,484 for the Sheriff to staff two deputy sheriffs, one community services officer, one public information officer and funding for overtime. Purchase a four 4-WD rescue/recovery vehicle intended for snow and the inclement environment of Humboldt County.

42. $309,658 for the Sheriff to conduct a radio systems need study that will provide a comprehensive report on geographic areas of the county that do not have proper radio coverage to ensure the safety of emergency services personnel.

43. $39,600 for Southern Trinity Area Rescue to provide ambulance services to the Eastern Humboldt/Southern Trinity County area off Highway 36.

Full funding is recommended for items 13, 16, 35, 38 and 43. In order to provide funding to the most applicants as possible, partial funding is recommended for items 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, 21, 24, 28, 32, 41 and 42. More detail on the amounts recommended for funding can be found in the appendices beginning on page J-33.

The remaining Measure Z request are not proposed because they did not receive a priority
ranking that allowed them to be funded based on available Measure Z revenue. All Measure Z requests were reviewed and prioritized by the Citizens’ Advisory Committee and the Board of Supervisors.

**Proposed Personnel Allocation**

The proposed personnel allocation for Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 67.0 FTE with no frozen positions. This is an increase of 2.0 FTE from the prior year. Positions changes are detailed in the budget unit sections and in the Position Allocation table.

1100 197 Measure Z Contribution

Other

The proposed budget for Measure Z Contribution is $3,139,696, a decrease of $621,554 or 16 percent, from the previous year. This decrease is primarily due to a reduction in the allocation to the Fire Chief’s Association in an effort to fund as many projects as possible.

This budget unit contains the allocations for all non-county agencies who have been allocated Measure Z funding. For FY 2017-18, 23 agencies submitted a total of 29 applications totaling $5,738,078. A total of 13 agencies are recommended for funding totaling $3,034,969.

1100 889 General Purpose Revenue

Measure Z

The proposed budget for General Purpose Revenue Measure Z is $11,090,596, an increase of $663,396 or 6 percent from the prior year. This increase is due to an anticipated increase in sales tax revenue.

1100 292 Public Defender Measure Z

The proposed budget for Public Defender Measure Z is $216,657, an increase of 5 percent from the prior year. This change is primarily due to negotiated salary and benefit increases. The proposed personnel allocation for Public Defender Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 2.0 FTE, there are no changes from the prior year.

1100 293 DHHS Measure Z

The proposed budget for DHHS Measure Z is $562,802, an increase of $29,876 or 5 percent from the prior year. This change is primarily due to negotiated salary and benefit increases.

The proposed personnel allocation for DHHS Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 7.0 FTE, there are no changes from the prior year.

1100 295 District Attorney Measure Z

The proposed budget for District Attorney Measure Z is $1,155,986, an increase of $57,342 or 5 percent from the prior year. This change is primarily due to negotiated salary and benefit increases.

The proposed personnel allocation for District Attorney Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 11.0 FTE, there are no changes from the prior year.

1100 296 Probation Measure Z

The proposed budget for Probation Measure Z is $496,361, a decrease of $27,973 or 5 percent from the prior year. This change is primarily due to a reduction in training and equipment expense required for new hires as the majority of the Probation Measure Z positions have been filled.

The proposed personnel allocation for Probation Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 6.0 FTE. There will be no changes from the previous fiscal year.

1100 297 Sheriff Measure Z

The proposed budget for Sheriff Measure Z is $4,516,842, an increase of $359,491 or 8
percent, from the prior year. This increase is due to the addition of 2.0 FTE and funding to begin a radio systems needs evaluation. Fixed asset funding of $255,000 is proposed for fixed asset needs associated with the carry forward of funding for a Bearcat rescue and recovery vehicle and the purchase of two additional patrol vehicles; additional detail on the equipment is available in the Capital Expenditure table.

The proposed personnel allocation for Sheriff Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 38.0 FTE. This is an increase of a 2.0 FTE from the previous year.

**Additions:**
- 1.0 FTE Community Services Officer
- 1.0 FTE Public Information Specialist

**1100 298 Public Works Measure Z**

The proposed budget for Public Works Measure Z is $1,219,754, a decrease of $1,812,766 or 59 percent from the prior year. This decrease is due to a reduction in the allocation for road improvements.

The Public Works Measure Z budget unit has no personnel allocations proposed for FY 2017-18.

**1100 299 County Counsel Measure Z**

The proposed budget for County Counsel Measure Z is $132,216, a decrease of $15,390 or 10 percent from the prior year. This decrease is due to one-time monies for cleanups that was allocated in FY 2016-17.

The proposed personnel allocation for County Counsel Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 1.5 FTE positions for FY 2017-18, there is no change from the prior year.

**1100 300 Auditor-Controller Measure Z**

The proposed budget for Auditor-Controller Measure Z is $49,329, an increase of $389 or less than 1 percent from the prior year.

The proposed personnel allocations for Auditor-Controller Measure Z for FY 2017-18 is 0.5 FTE. There is no change from the prior year.
Certificates of Participation-Payments (1100 190)

Purpose

This budget includes debt service payments on Certificates of Participation (COP) issued to finance the Library, Jail Phases I and II, the Regional Juvenile Facility, the Animal Shelter, Juvenile Hall, earthquake repairs and airport hangars.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,496,168, an increase of $101,839 or 7 percent from the previous year. The General Fund contribution is $1,142,141, which represents a $148,301 increase from FY 2016-17. This increase is primarily due to additional funding of $100,000 to begin the repayment on the 2016 Finance Plan.

The overall budget is increasing due to higher COP payments, and the General Fund contribution is also increasing due to an anticipated reduction in the Proposition 172 allocation in the amount of $46,462 for FY 2017-18.

Additional Funding Requests

One additional funding request of $250,000 was submitted for the debt service payments anticipated for the 2016 COP Financing. This request would cover the annual cost of repayment for the debt issuance approved by the Board on January 19, 2016. This loan is covering costs for the Juvenile Hall, Weights and Measures building, Public Defender, Courthouse, Airport restaurant and Eureka Vets Hall capital projects. This request is recommended for reduced funding in the amount of $100,000, as no all debt is likely to be issued this fiscal year.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

This budget funds long-term debt payments on the county’s capital improvement projects. The budget of $1,496,168 includes funding in the following amounts:

- $65,426 1994 Library Project
- $258,956 1994 Jail Phase I Project
Certificates of Participation-Payments (1100 190)  

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County Administrative Officer

- $41,943 1996 Regional Juvenile Center Project
- $103,901 1996 Jail Phase I Project
- $126,683 1996 Jail Phase II Project
- $172,253 1996 Jail Phase II Public Safety Project
- $278,070 2004 Animal Shelter Project
- $180,075 2012 Earthquake Repairs
- $168,861 2012 Juvenile Hall
- $100,000 2016 Financing

The 1994 COP financed the Eureka Library and Jail Phase I. It also included remodeling the ground floor of the Courthouse after the Eureka Police Department moved out. The Library budget includes an additional $52,396 paid toward the Library debt service; the above amount represents that portion allocated to the General Fund.

The 1996 COP financed modifications to Jail Phase I resulting from the decision to construct the second phase of the Jail, the Jail Phase II project, and the Juvenile Regional Facility. A portion of this debt service payment, $354,057, is paid from sales taxes dedicated to public safety purposes.

The 2004 COP financed construction of the Animal Care Shelter Facility in McKinleyville. This was a variable rate debt service.

In FY 2011-12 the Board authorized the Treasurer/Tax Collector to refinance the COP’s into a single debt obligation. This has resulted in savings to the county as a result of the low interest rates available. The refinance did not increase the term of the debt.

In 2012, the Board also authorized the issuance of new debt to provide the financing needed for local matching funds for the January 9, 2010 earthquake damage repairs, building the new Juvenile Hall facility and for new hangars at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport. The hangars are financed from the Aviation budget.

On April 19, 2016, the Board authorized a plan to finance county office space and capital improvement projects in the amount of $5.59 million. These projects were originally approved on January 19, 2016. The list of projects consists of: Juvenile Hall Replacement $2.1 million; Weights and Measures Building $1.14 million; 1001 4th Street for Architectural and Engineering Services $1.2 million; Fifth-floor of Courthouse Remodel $900,000; and the Arcata/Eureka Airport Restaurant $250,000. In addition, on April 18, 2017, the Board approved an additional $594,035 in matching funds to be included in the finance plan for the Eureka Veterans Memorial Building. The $594,035 is in addition to the $5.59 million for a total of $6.18 million. As projects included in the 2016 COP get underway, the county will need to budget an allocation of approximately $250,000 annually for a fixed period (30-years). For FY 2017-18 the proposed budget includes a payment of $100,000 to begin repaying the 2016 financing.

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This budget supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.
Purpose

The General Fund Contingency Reserve budget provides funds to meet unforeseen expenditures in countywide operating budgets.

Proposed Budget

A Contingency Reserve of $1,500,000 is proposed for FY 2017-18 based on other funding needs in the General Fund. This is an increase of $27,649 from the FY 2016-17 adopted contingency amount of $1,472,351. During FY 2016-17 the Contingencies budget was increased to $2,104,394 after budget adoption to allow for a contribution to Reserves in FY 2017-18 in the amount of $350,000 and $282,043 in Cannabis Excise Tax revenue to be allocated to Contingencies for the purpose of completing the Cannabis Environmental Impact Review.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

The Reserve for Contingencies budget is for unanticipated requirements occurring in all county operations during the fiscal year. While state statutes provide that up to 15 percent of the total of all other appropriations can be placed in reserve, the amount historically reserved for the county’s budget has been at a much lower level. The proposed contingency amount for FY 2017-18 represents slightly more than 1 percent of the total General Fund revenues. The proposed $1,500,000 contingency reserve is far less than the 6 percent target established in Board policy on Contingencies and Reserves. While the current contingency level is very low, it is consistent with recent recommendations based on funding availability.

This budget serves as an additional appropriation from which funds can be transferred to operating units for needs not anticipated at the time of budget adoption.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
Contributions to Other Funds (1100 199)  

County Administrative Officer

Purpose

This budget provides for various allocations and required contributions of General Fund money to support specific programs that operate out of other funds or outside agencies.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $6,854,696, a decrease of $1,309,397 from the previous year. The General Fund contribution is $6,662,276 for FY 2017-18.

The proposed budget does not include a contribution to the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Post Employment Trust as the county has begun to contribute a fixed percentage to PARS based on actual payroll costs. The proposed budget does include a contribution to the General Reserve in the amount of $500,000, a decrease of $250,000 from fiscal year 2016-17. Funding for this contribution to the General Reserve comes from available fund balance.

Additional Funding Requests

Various departments submitted additional funding requests that require a contribution from the General Fund to another fund. These requests totaled $2,292,885. The requests are outlined as follows:

1. $80,548 contribution to Economic Development for a position to support business, workforce development and creation of private sector jobs.
2. $100,000 contribution to the ADA trust to provide extra-help staffing to manage projects.
3. $800,000 contribution to the ADA trust to complete mandated ADA compliance projects.
4. $150,000 additional contribution to General Reserves.
5. $400,000 contribution to Mental Health for early childhood mental health projects and support.
6. $425,900 contribution to Alcohol and Drug fund for detox services.
7. $163,302 contribution to Environmental Health for enforcement of cannabis related environmental violations.
8. $173,135 contribution to the Library fund to maintain current services and staffing levels.

The County Administrative Office recommends the additional funding requests:

- $900,000 for ADA mandated projects
Contributions to Other Funds (1100 199)

- $150,000 for additional General Reserves contribution
- $150,000 for childhood mental health services
- $110,000 to maintain Library staffing levels

Although the remaining requests have merit they are not recommended because they did not achieve a priority level that allowed them to be funded based on available financial resources. As additional funding becomes available, unfunded requests will be considered during the First Quarter and/or Mid-year Budget Review process.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended with five amendments. The Board approved funding the following:

- $671,000 for capital projects
- $671,000 for ADA mandated projects
- $250,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services to respond to Adverse Childhood Experiences
- $200,000 for deferred maintenance
- $200,000 to conduct a facility assessment plan

Program Discussion

This budget is used to account for transfers from the county General Fund to other operating funds within the county, several veterans’ organizations located throughout the county and outside agencies.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.

The allocations are as follows:

- $85,382 for a loan to the McKay Tract Community Forest (and increase of $15,382)
- $500 for special district benefit assessment on county owned property (no change from previous fiscal year)
- $17,219 for communications expense for administering utilities for General Fund departments (no change from the previous fiscal year)
- $33,891 for contributions to veterans’ organizations located in Arcata, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Garberville, McKinleyville, and Rio Dell (no change from the previous fiscal year)
- $36,566 for Local Agency Formation Commission
- $192,420 for contribution of Proposition 172 sales tax proceeds to independent fire protection districts (decrease of $24,413 from the previous fiscal year)
- $500,000 for contribution to General Reserve (an increase of $250,000 from the previous fiscal year)
- $425,065 for county Library System, (includes base funding of $153,000 and additional funding of $110,000, $8,000 for the Hoopa Library and the General Fund’s obligation for the County Librarian position of $154,065; an overall increase of $111,844 from the previous fiscal year)
- $544,899 for Mental Health (includes funding for services to the Jail for Mental Health services and additional funding for early childhood mental health services; this is an increase of $150,000 from the prior fiscal year)
- $64,250 for Deferred Maintenance Trust Fund
- $673,661 for Public Health (includes base funding of $591,126 plus $65,000 for tobacco
education, no change from the previous fiscal year)

- $3,320,349 for Social Services (no change from the previous fiscal year)
- $100,000 for ADA Compliance expenses for a CAO Project Manager to monitor ADA projects
- $800,000 for ADA Trust Fund mandated ADA projects
- $60,494 for Economic Development which represents 10 percent of the property tax increment received by the county from redevelopment dissolution
Purpose

The Courthouse Construction Fund is used for the acquisition, rehabilitation, construction and financing of courtrooms or of a courtroom building containing facilities necessary or incidental to the operation of the justice system.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $309,720. There is no change from the previous fiscal year.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

In 1982, pursuant to California Government Code Section 76100, the Board of Supervisors established the Courthouse Construction Fund.

The revenues in the Courthouse Construction fund come from a portion of the $2.50 surcharge that is added to every parking penalty imposed by the Superior Court for violations occurring within Humboldt County.

This amount is in addition to the $2.50 surcharge that is dedicated to the Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund.

The Courthouse Construction Fund can be used for the acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, and financing of courtrooms or a courtroom building that contains facilities necessary or incidental to the operation of the justice system.

The expenditures shown above represent the Certificates of Participation (COP) long-term debt financing associated with the Courthouse Remodeling project that was completed in December 2004.

When the debt service is retired, any remaining funds will go to the Judicial Council under the terms of the Trial Court Funding Act.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.
Purpose

The Criminal Justice Facility Construction Fund is used for construction and financing of various criminal justice facility projects.

Criminal Justice Construction has the following budget units:

- Criminal Justice COP (190)
- Criminal Justice Construction (242)

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,028,390, an increase of $901,101 from the previous year. This increase is due to a $915,000 contribution to the Juvenile Hall construction project that was not budgeted in FY 2016-17.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

In 1982, pursuant to Government Code Section 76101, the Board of Supervisors established the Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund. The revenues in the Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund come from a portion of the $2.50 surcharge that is added to every parking penalty imposed by the Superior Court for violations occurring within Humboldt County. The Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund can be used for the construction, reconstruction, expansion, improvement, operation, or maintenance of county criminal justice and court facilities, and for improvement of criminal justice automated information systems.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 76000, 76101 and 76009, revenues collected for the Automated Fingerprint Identification and Digital Image Photographic Suspect Identification Funds can be authorized to be deposited into the Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund when other funds have been identified for fingerprinting equipment. This additional source of revenue is why
the Criminal Justice Construction fund often shows more revenue than the Courthouse Construction Fund.

Criminal justice facilities include buildings such as the county Jail, Juvenile Hall, the Juvenile Regional Facility, and courthouses. Any new jail, or addition to an existing jail that results in the provision of additional cells or beds, must be constructed in compliance with the “Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities” regulations promulgated by the California Corrections Standards Authority.

1410-190 Criminal Justice COP

The expenditures of $113,290 in this budget unit represent the Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund’s contribution to the COP payments associated with the Jail and Juvenile Regional Facility Construction projects (see COP Payments 1100 190 for more details).

1410-242 Criminal Justice Construction

Expenditures of $915,000 in this budget unit are for the construction of a new Juvenile Hall facility. The funds will be transferred as expended with the remaining balance being rolled forward into the next budget year.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles by providing for and maintaining infrastructure.
Purpose

This budget unit is comprised of a variety of revenues that are deposited into the county’s General Fund, the county’s primary source of discretionary revenue.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $59,318,761 of discretionary revenue. This total represents an increase of $1,492,242 or 2 percent, from the previous year. This increase is primarily due to additional Measure S revenues. There have been adjustments totaling $2,941,271 that took place throughout FY 2016-17 to allow for additional General Fund expenditures. These costs were primarily for one-time investments in contributions to capital projects for ADA mandates, the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Post-Employment Benefit Trust Program and a contribution to General Reserve for FY 2017-18.

In FY 2015-16, Measure Z revenues were included in this budget. In an effort to ensure a high level of transparency, those funds have been moved to budget unit 889 as of FY 2016-17, contained in the Measure Z section beginning on page B-44.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended with one amendment. The Board approved increased Cannabis Excise Tax revenues by $2,630,000 due to revised estimates based on the permit process.

Program Discussion

The majority of the county’s revenues are program-specific; that is, the revenues received are dedicated for a specific purpose. In contrast, the county’s General Purpose Revenues are the discretionary revenues that the Board of Supervisors controls. Even though General Purpose Revenues comprise only 20 percent of the total county budget, they are the primary source for funding core county departments, such as ADA Compliance, the Board of Supervisors, Assessor, Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office, Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures. Additionally, in accordance with maintenance-of-effort...
requirements for Public Health, Mental Health, and Social Services programs, a significant portion of General Fund revenue is contributed to the Department of Health and Human Services.

The General Purpose Revenues budget unit collects revenues from a variety of sources, including property taxes, sales tax, transient occupancy (hotel/motel) tax; interest on investments; reimbursements from the state and federal governments; and A-87 charges to other county funds. A-87 charges are reimbursements to the General Fund for providing centralized services (such as accounting, building maintenance, and personnel services) to other funds.

They are named after the number of the federal circular that regulates how the charges are computed. A-87 reimbursements are charged two years in arrears, which means FY 2017-18 revenues are based on actual expenditures in FY 2015-16.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives by managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.
The Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office includes the following budget units:

**Treasurer-Tax Collector**

- 1100 109  Treasury Expense
- 1100 112  Treasurer Tax Collector

**Revenue Recovery**

- 1100 114  Revenue Recovery Team
Organizational Chart:

Treasurer-Tax Collector
1.0

Administrative Services
Officer
1.0

TREASURY
Sr. Treasury & Tax Assistant
1.0
Treasury & Tax Assistant I/II
1.0

TAX COLLECTIONS
Sr. Treasury & Tax Assistant
1.0
Treasury & Tax Assistant I/II
3.0

REVENUE RECOVERY
Senior Revenue Recovery Officer
1.0
Revenue Recovery Officer I/II
7.0

Program Coordinator
1.0
**Purpose**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector’s office is divided into three primary functions for budget purposes: Treasury, Tax Collecting and Revenue Recovery. The department provides county-wide services not only to other county departments but also to other local government agencies not under the control of the county Board of Supervisors. The Treasurer-Tax Collector also safeguards and invests the monies for the county, school districts and most of the special districts in Humboldt county.

The Revenue Recovery budget (1100 114) represents costs to perform collections for delinquent court ordered debt, victim restitution and delinquent non-court ordered debt owed to county departments.

**Proposed Budget**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector’s (not including Revenue Recovery) proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,186,181, an increase of $3,079 or less than 1 percent from the previous year.

The General Fund contribution is $313,883, which represents a decrease of $20,650 or a 6 percent from the prior year. The General Fund decrease is because there are no planned fixed asset costs for FY 2017-18.
Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for the Treasurer-Tax Collector for FY 2017-18 is 8.0 FTE with no frozen positions. There are no changes from the previous fiscal year.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

Treasurer-Tax Collector’s responsibilities include servicing taxpayers, title companies, and realtors, various governmental agencies including the State of California, the county, school districts, special districts, cities, commissions and other local government entities.

This budget group supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives, by providing community-appropriate levels of service and managing resources to ensure sustainability of services.

1100 109 Treasury Expense

Treasury staff receipt, deposit, disburse, and invest the funds of the county and most local government agencies in the county. The funds are deposited and invested with various financial institutions to accommodate the diversified investment holdings of the county while ensuring adequate liquidity to meet daily cash requirements. Staff transfers funds as necessary to facilitate money flow for the county and the agencies it serves; and calculates interest apportionment to all those agencies from funds in the county’s portfolio as well as satisfying all reporting obligations as required by state law.

Receipts and disbursements now exceed $1.5 billion each year with average daily transactions in excess of $5 million; including over 150,000 checks processed annually. The Treasury portfolio and liquidity reserves vary between $270 and $350 million throughout the year. The Treasury proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $318,534, an increase of $32,700 or 11 percent from the prior year. This increase is because all vacancies have now been filled and increased banking and armored car costs.

This Treasury Expense budget does not receive a General Fund appropriation. There are no staff allocated to this budget unit.

1100 112 Tax Collector

Tax collection staff are responsible for secured and unsecured property and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collections, the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) assessments, the processing of all business license applications and renewals; and the collection of cannabis excise taxes.

State and local government entities, including the county, rely heavily on property tax revenue to finance their programs. To provide this tax revenue on a timely basis throughout the year the county has entered into agreements with taxing agencies to pay them 100% of the tax levy through the Teeter Plan, even though all taxes have not yet been collected. Per California Revenue and Taxation codes, the county then adds delinquent penalties and interest to the tax payment owed until it is received.

The county General Fund receives roughly 16 percent of every property tax dollar collected. Of the remaining 84 percent, the state receives 63 percent for education, leaving only 21 percent for all other local government entities; including county roads, county library, special districts, and cities in the county.
The Tax Collector proposed budget for FY 2017-18 is $867,647, a decrease of $29,621 or 3 percent from the prior year. The General Fund contribution is $313,883, which represents a $20,650 decrease from FY 2016-17 as there are no fixed asset purchases budgeted in FY 2017-

The proposed personnel allocation for the Tax Collector for FY 2017-18 is 8.0 FTE, there are no changes from the prior year.
Purpose

Under the provisions of Penal Code Section 1463.007, the Revenue Recovery Team operates a Comprehensive Collection Program to collect court ordered debt for the Superior Court of Humboldt County. In addition, Revenue Recovery serves as the collection agent for county departments.

Proposed Budget

The proposed Revenue Recovery budget for FY 2017-18 is $1,047,829, a decrease of $3,443, or less than 1 percent from the prior year. Revenue Recovery has historically contributed significantly more to the General Fund than is budgeted in FY 2017-18. The reduction in the contribution to the General Fund is due to collection agreements that were not advantageous for Revenue Recovery. It is anticipated that an upgraded software operating system purchased and installed in late FY 2016-17 and revised collection agreements will improve the conservative revenue estimates in FY 2017-18 and by year-end will contribute more dollars to the General Fund.

Proposed Personnel Allocation

The proposed personnel allocation for Revenue Recovery for FY 2017-18 is 9.0 FTE with no frozen positions, there is no change from the prior year.

Board Adopted

The Board adopted this budget as recommended.

Program Discussion

Effective July 1, 2016 the Revenue Recovery budget unit became part of the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s department. Revenue Recovery’s primary function of collecting delinquent court-ordered fines, fees and victim restitution comprises approximately 84 percent of its business. The remaining 16 percent is the collection work done for other county departments such as Animal Control, the Sheriff, and the Library. Revenue Recovery always attempts to collect payment in full but many accounts are managed on monthly payment plans. When necessary, Revenue Recovery utilizes resources such as the State
Employment Development Department for employment information, the California Franchise Tax Board’s tax intercept program to intercept tax refunds, the Franchise Tax Board’s court ordered debt program, and also contracts with an outside collection agency as needed. Other collection tools include Department of Motor Vehicle license holds, abstract recording, wage garnishments, third party levies and small claims court.

At the end of each month, total collections are distributed to specific funds of various departments from debt collected on behalf of those departments for specific programs and providers of service.

Revenue Recovery also remits collected victim restitution payments directly to the victims of crimes.

Revenue Recovery meets the requirements of a comprehensive court collection program as detailed in Penal Code Section 1463.007. This allows a cost of collection offset, which is the primary means of funding the efforts of the Revenue Recovery Team.

This budget unit supports the Board’s Strategic Framework, Core Roles, by enforcing laws and regulations.