Humboldt County Budget
Fiscal Year 2018-19

Building a
Strong Foundation

Honeydew Bridge

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Budget Proposed
June 5, 2018
Mission Statement  The County of Humboldt, through the
dedication and excellence of its employees, is committed to
meeting the needs and addressing concerns of the
community and enhancing the quality of life.
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more. Government accounting best practices recommend at least 10 percent of General Fund revenues at the low end, and 16 percent as a target. The good news is that this newly adopted policy, if followed, will get the county on firm financial footing within 5 to 7 years, roughly the amount of time when credit rating agencies recommend using new revenues for ongoing costs, such as salaries for new staff.

Despite receiving a little under $3 million in new revenue from Measure S, this budget does not recommend a significant increase in ongoing costs. That is because there is too much financial risk in taking that step at this time. The legal cannabis industry is too new to rely on these revenues going forward. And the liabilities I described earlier are too great.

An additional protective step your Board took this year was to adopt a new policy on General Fund Contingencies, stating that it shall contain no less than 2 percent of General Fund revenues. The former policy was 6 percent, and the county never met that level, with balances usually hovering around $1.5 million. This year for the first time, the recommended budget will fully fund General Fund contingencies, which totals $3.5 million.

Contingencies in the past have been used to fund projects that were unforeseen at the time of budget adoption, such as emergency response services, or economic development opportunities that arise in the middle of the year. With this in mind, I will remind your Board that as of the time of this writing the county’s labor negotiations have not yet been finalized with all bargaining units, which adds volatility to this budget. The Clerk-Recorder’s Office will likely need help purchasing new voting equipment, and there may be other pending obligations. Longer term, the county has already committed to staffing a jail expansion project funded in part by Senate Bill 863. In addition, the county may need to increase its own support services in order to ensure the county meets state and federal regulations. Contingencies could help soften the blow of those impacts upon the budget when those expenses are realized.

We still face a daunting challenge when it comes to deferred maintenance on county facilities. The county last studied this issue 10 years ago and never formally adopted a plan to address regular and backlogged maintenance on its buildings. This budget proposes to continue allocating funding for a Facilities Master Plan that will do just that. Additionally, the new Deferred Maintenance Policy will require the county to contribute 5 percent of Measure S revenues to deferred maintenance. For too long the county has ignored this issue and it is resulting in facilities that cannot be used, and it is costing us more financially in the long-term.

This budget recommends taking two significant steps toward addressing rising pension obligations. The first is to invest more in the retirement trust known as PARS, which your Board established in 2015. This will help flatten the rate of CalPERs growth and bring more predictability to the budget. In FY 2018-19 the Board will contribute 1 percent of total salaries, or $1.2 million to the PARS trust, as well as an additional one-time contribution of $1.25 million, bringing the total balance in that fund to an estimated $4.15 million by the end of the year. The second step is to make the county’s annual CalPERs payment of $19 million upfront as opposed to paying it in installments. The county in the past has invested that money throughout the year, but due to stringent state and federal regulations around government investing, the county has not generated strong returns. Making this
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County budgets are important documents, but their meaning can be difficult to decipher for citizens. So, this Budget in Brief is intended to provide you with a high-level overview of the budget, in plain terms, so you can get a better idea of where your public funds are being spent, and some of the issues facing our community.

**BUDGET PREPARATION**
Departments receive input from the community and the Board about priorities for the new fiscal year.

The CAO verifies department requests, compiles them into a cohesive county budget and presents a recommendation to the Board.

**BUDGET REVIEW**
The Board is obligated to use roughly two-thirds of the budget on state- and federally funded programs.

General Fund monies are under the discretion of the Board and are allocated based on the Strategic Framework, and any other specific guidelines set by the Board.

Upon presentation to the Board, the public has an opportunity to provide feedback.

**BUDGET ADOPTION**
Budget scheduled for adoption at the June 26, 2018 Board meeting.
Priorities for New Initiatives

Provide our core services in ways that:

- Match service availability with residents’ needs
  - Provide community-appropriate levels of service
  - Support self-reliance of citizens
  - Streamline permit processes
  - Retain existing and facilitate new living-wage private sector jobs and housing

Safeguard the public trust

- Manage our resources to ensure sustainability of services
- Invest in county employees
- Invite civic engagement and awareness of available services

Make proactive decisions to:

Partner to promote quality services

- Foster transparent, accessible, welcoming and user-friendly services
- Facilitate the establishment of local revenue sources to address local needs
- Seek outside funding sources to benefit Humboldt County needs
- Facilitate public/private partnerships to solve problems
- Build inter-jurisdictional and regional cooperation

Be an effective and influential voice for our community at the regional, state and federal levels

- Advance local interests in natural resource discussions
- Engage in discussions of our regional economic future
- Engage new partners

Core Roles

1. Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

2. Provide for and maintain infrastructure

3. Create opportunities for improved safety and health

4. Encourage new local enterprise

5. Support business and workforce development and creation of private-sector jobs

6. Protect vulnerable populations
Nearly half of the county’s budget each year is spent on Health & Human Services. This includes vital social services like Cal-Fresh, the supplemental nutrition assistance program for low-income families, and Medi-Cal, which is California’s health care system. Public Works projects like road repairs and bridge maintenance also make up a significant portion of spending each year.

**Expenditures by Service**

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**Property Tax Distribution**

- **Schools**: 62.5%
- **Cities**: 2.5%
- **Redevelopment**: 7.4%
- **Special Districts**: 7.5%
- **County General Fund**: 16.1%
- **County Library**: 1.9%
- **Roads**: 2.2%

Source: Humboldt County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Revenues: $405.8M

Total expenditures are projected to exceed revenues in FY 2018-19. To make up the difference, the county will use $6.62 million in fund balance, or money left over from the prior year.

### Revenue by Source

- **Taxes**: $82.69M (20.4%)
- **Licenses & Permits**: $2.48M (0.6%)
- **Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties**: $3.76M (0.9%)
- **Use of Money & Property**: $333k (0.1%)
- **Other Governmental Agencies**: $261.1M (64.4%)
- **Charges for Services**: $34.38M (8.5%)
- **Other Revenues**: $20.86M (5.1%)

### Six Key Goals for 18-19

This year the Board will seek to enhance our core services by:

1. Emphasizing public safety and health
2. Rebuilding reserve and contingency accounts
3. Streamlining inventory of county properties
4. Target investments that generate long-term savings
5. Using results-driven data to demonstrate program effectiveness
6. Support costs for travel, training, and electronic meetings

#### Personnel Allocation

- **2,305.66 Funded positions**: Increase of 27.06 funded positions
- **49.4% of all expenses are personnel costs**
- **9.2% Increase in costs from FY 17-18**
Much of the revenue that comes into the General Fund is not tied to a specific activity and can be spent on local needs, which can change year to year. In Humboldt, roughly half of those dollars are spent on law and justice services, such as the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and Child Support Services.

**General Fund Expenditures**

- **Law & Justice**: $67.96M
- **Health & Human Services**: $7.76M
- **Education & Agriculture**: $1.63M
- **Planning & Building**: $12.44M
- **Public Works**: $43.75M
- **Transfers & Contingencies**: $16.49M
- **Admin Services**: $15.50M

**General Fund Past Trends**

The General Fund continues to depend on fund balance left over from prior years to finance activities in the current year. In FY 2018-19, the county will utilize $6.02 million in fund balance.

This will result in an estimated balance of $4.9 million at the end of the year.
**Revenues: $159.5M**

**Sales Tax: Where Does It Go?**

- **2011 Realignment**  
  STATE Public Safety  
  - 1.06%
- **1991 Realignment**  
  STATE Health and Welfare  
  - 0.5%
- **Prop. 172**  
  STATE Public Safety  
  - 0.5%
- **Measure Z**  
  County General Fund  
  - 4.43%
- **County Roads**  
  County General Fund  
  - 0.25%
- **Statewide**  
  State Public Safety  
  - 0.5%

**Property and Sales Tax Revenue**

Property taxes are estimated to grow at 3.2 percent while sales tax is projected to grow by 3.8 percent. Total revenue for both is estimated at $59.6 million. The sales tax includes Measure Z revenue.

- **Property Tax**  
  - $59.6 million
- **Sales Tax**  
  - $40.8 million

**Additional Funding**

Departments requested funds for one-time expenses ($3.8 million) and ongoing costs ($630,636). Due to competing priorities and limited funds, not all requests can be funded. The following requests are being recommended for funding:

**One-Time Costs**

- **$1.25M** Contribution to PARS Trust to address pensions
- **$1M** Contribution to ADA Trust Fund for expenses associated to projects ID’d on consent decree
- **$500k** Contribution to Rainy Day Fund
- **$250k** Contribution to Deferred Maintenance
- **$250k** Phase II of the Facility Master Plan
- **$110k** Mitigate site contamination threats at 4th & J - Eureka
- **$100k** Deferred maintenance on county facilities
- **$84k** Two Sheriff’s vehicles
- **$66k** Operational cost exceeded grant revenues in Economic Development
- **$61k** Water rights attorney, consultant
- **$60k** Abandoned Vehicle Program
- **$36k** Vehicle for Ag Commissioner for new hire to perform inspections of cannabis site for the state
- **$20k** Improve wiring in Auditor-Controller’s Office
- **$15k** Asbestos removal at Parks Maintenance Shop
- **$12k** Install wireless access points at Ag Center

**Ongoing Costs**

- **$400k** DHHS collaboration with First 5 to respond to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- **$90k** Project Manager for hiring, employee retention
- **$54k** Land Use Division Administrative Secretary
- **$39k** 2% of TOT tax to Southern Humboldt Visitor’s Bureau
- **$27k** Contract services to landscape county grounds
- **$20k** Increase to Film Commission for wages, marketing to promote tourism, cannabis industry
The county in 2016 entered into a consent decree with the Department of Justice, which requires the county to modify its facilities and services to ensure accessibility for all persons. Over the next 7 years, the county anticipates it will cost $27 million to make the necessary modifications, including $7.5 million for curb ramps alone.

**General Reserves** is a rainy day fund to be used in cases of financial hardship or emergency. Finance officers recommend maintaining a balance of 10 to 16 percent of General Fund Revenues in this fund. For Humboldt, that would equal at least $15.9 million. The Board revised its General Reserve policy this year to add 10 percent of cannabis tax revenues to reserves per year.

**Contingency Reserves** is funding set aside in a yearly budget to be used for unforeseen circumstances. Recommended levels for this fund are between 2-3 percent of General Fund revenues, or $4.7 million.
Opportunities

Retirement Costs Continue to Rise

The county’s contribution rates towards pension costs are expected to rise over the next several years. CalPERS is now requiring fixed payments towards the county’s unfunded liability, rather than a percentage of payroll, which should provide predictability to contribution amounts. The estimated minimum required total employer contribution for FY 2018-19 is $32.2 million and employee contribution is $8.2 million, which reflects the annual required contribution but does not address the increasing unfunded liability.

In addition, CalPERS has lowered its estimates on expected returns, which is forcing local governments to contribute more to retirement. The chart represents the estimated total employer contribution (which includes employee, employer and unfunded liability contributions annually) for the depicted forecasted timetable.

Board has taken action to stabilize pension cost

To combat our rising retirement costs the Board in 2015 decided to participate in a retirement stabilization plan, known as PARS. Here’s how it works: the county invests money in an outside trust fund, which is managed by a third party. This way we can invest more aggressively than the county treasury allows. The idea is that this money grows year after year, and when the time is right – likely at the point we can’t afford CalPERS increases – we put that money towards pension costs, which would help level off the increases. More and more governments are taking part in this idea, and it is one way we can protect ourselves for the long-term.
The county has fallen far behind in regular upkeep of its facilities. As a result, there are several county facilities that need significant repair or rehabilitation. Deferring maintenance on public infrastructure will only make it more costly later when repairs and fixes are eventually made. The county needs to increase spending on maintenance to keep the facilities in serviceable condition.

Deferred Maintenance: How Can We Keep Facilities in Good Order?

While deferred maintenance costs continue to rise, county policy requires a contribution of 5 percent of estimated deferred maintenance costs to be allocated on an annual basis. However, due to a number of internal and external factors, policy levels have yet to be realized. This budget proposed contributing $250,000 to this purpose. Providing for and maintaining infrastructure is one of the Board’s core roles in the 2018 strategic framework. Deferred maintenance costs are estimated at $32 million and should continue to rise by at least 3.5 percent per year. The county must allocate more funding towards deferred maintenance so that it meets or approaches policy levels. In addition, the county must prioritize the projects it will take on with any additional funding.
### Performance Measures

During the months of February and March county departments participated in the Budget Roadshow and traveled to several parts of the county to listen to community members discuss which county services they would like to see improved. Staff then took the feedback received from all four Budget Roadshows and placed this information online for ranking. The county will track its progress for the following priorities:

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| There is a lack of affordable housing in our community and we want to show our efforts to improve this situation. We will measure our performance:  
  - Incentivizing housing investment for community members  
  - Reviewing housing options for county employees | Humboldt County has the highest rate of childhood trauma in the state. How are we working to prevent this in the future, and to ensure those affected will be able to recover? Some ideas include:  
  - Improving mental health services and facilities for children | What efforts are we undertaking to spur economic development in Humboldt County and help businesses have success?  
  - Updating Local Coastal Plans (especially for Humboldt Bay)  
  - Streamlining the county’s multiple permitting processes through policy or co-location  
  - Creating a climate action plan and plan for alternative energy export  
  - Economic Development after the legalization of cannabis |

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<th>Ensuring Success of Cannabis Industry</th>
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| Roads trails and public infrastructure are important assets in our community, and we want to maintain them. We will look at how well we:  
  - Improve infrastructure like facilities, roads and rural broadband  
  - Preserving our rivers and water sheds | How are we dealing with hard drugs like meth and heroin? How are we doing at combating the opioid epidemic in our community?  
  - Addressing substance abuse and opioid addiction | How are we supporting this industry?  
  - Permitting cannabis facilities and farms  
  - Collecting excise tax  
  - Performing inspections |
Through three years of Measure Z, the half-cent sales tax passed by voters in 2014, the community has seen 71 new public safety projects funded, with 19 more on the way this year. Outlying areas now have 24/7 patrol by law enforcement, local roads are in better shape, and motorists can be assured that an ambulance will be there in case an accident happens on Highway 299. While the community still has many public safety needs, we are safer since the passage of Measure Z.

The Fortuna DTF agent has increased the level of drug enforcement in the Eel River Valley. Our SRO is building bridges between students and staff, which is a positive impact.

City of Fortuna Police Department

Project funded 1 officer assigned to the Drug Task Force (DTF) and 1 School Resource Officer (SRO).

We have added deputies in Southern and Eastern Humboldt, and North Area Command. We added Correctional Officers in the jail and are helping fix the emergency radio infrastructure.

Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office

Project funded 38 personnel, a Lenco Bearcat and snow rescue vehicle, and radio study.

Public Safety Projects Funded in First 3 Years of Measure Z

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* A complete list of Year 4 projects is in Section J.
Public Safety

Volunteer fire departments are receiving equipment recognized as standard across the nation, allowing them to perform emergency response.

Humboldt County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Project is funding personal protective gear, fire trucks, building sheds, dispatch and planning fees.

District Attorney Caseload

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Behind the data:
With additional staff the DA now assigns one attorney to follow a serious/violent case from beginning to end. This increases efficiency and effectiveness, and it gives victims of violent crime the attention they deserve.

MIST Program Outcomes

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The DHHS-Mobile Intervention Services Team reports that there has been a 31 percent reduction in psychiatric hospitalizations in the 2 years after first contacting a client.

July ‘17 to March ‘18: Hoopa Ambulance responded to 244 calls with an average response time of 5 minutes in town, and 11 minutes along Hwy 299.

K’ima:w Medical Center
Project is funding Hoopa Ambulance, which provides service along Highway 299.
In May 2018 the Board of Supervisors adopted “Cannabis 2.0,” which revised the county’s cannabis land use ordinance. Among the changes, the new rules cap the total number of cultivation sites based on watershed. This change will help ensure that Humboldt County’s rivers and creeks remain healthy and vibrant for years to come.

Cannabis Permits
Total Applications Received = 2,371

- Applications Being Processed
- Interim Permits Issued for Existing Cultivation
- # of Issued Permits

Permits issued for distributors, manufacturers, processors or dispensaries.*Information is based on estimates

1,829
390
190
170
20

Of the issued permits are for cultivators.
Of issued permits are for other activities.

The Future of Cannabis
Utilizing Measure S revenues to fund ongoing expenses requires careful consideration as this excise tax is a new revenue source and the cannabis industry is in its infancy in terms of legalization. Revenues are projected to decline in 2023 when rules limiting farm sizes sunsets.
A Look Ahead

If current trends continue, the General Fund is expected to fall to a negative balance as early as 2020. This is a significant risk to the county’s ability to serve the community, particularly when it comes to public safety. Major contributing factors to the declining fund balance include increasing retirement and health insurance costs, and slow to moderate revenue growth, particularly property tax and Measure S, the cannabis cultivation tax passed by voters in 2016.

Expenditures exceed revenues for each year of the forecast.
This forecast assumes that annual contributions to deferred maintenance are $500k and reserves are 10 percent of Measure S revenues. Contingencies are $3.5 million.
Entering FY 2018-19, an additional $935,000 is needed annually, or $6.5 million total, to begin to meet annual policy levels for reserves, contingencies and deferred maintenance.

What does this all mean?

Based on the forecast the General Fund is starting to show improvement, however the county is still spending more than it earns, and that disparity will grow in future years if no action is taken.

There are a number of fiscal concerns/ issues, such as insufficient Reserves; fixed costs increasing faster than revenue growth; loss of Measure Z revenue; and reliance on fund balance to produce a balanced budget, that are manageable with a long-term plan and a disciplined approach.

Your Board has taken steps to begin addressing the above concerns. Commitment to those plans will provide the county with the best chance to weather the inevitable financial storms headed our way.
Six Humboldt County programs were recognized by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) as being among the most innovative, efficient and cost-effective in the state. Every year CSAC holds a competition called the Challenge Awards with all of California’s 58 counties wherein each jurisdiction is invited to submit their best new programs for consideration. The competition received more entries than ever this year (288), with 16 programs receiving Challenge Awards (the competition’s top honor), and 31 were recognized with Merit Awards. Humboldt County earned three Challenge Awards and three Merit Awards.

**Sheriff’s Office**  
**Reprogramming Corrections**

The Sheriff’s Office partnered with Humboldt State University sociology students to conduct research regarding reducing recidivism, especially in light of 2011 prison realignment. One of the recommendations that came from the research was to hold a three-day re-entry fair to connect people in custody with community resources and employers.

**Agriculture Department**  
**Track and Trace Pilot Project**

The Agriculture Department developed and implemented a cannabis track and trace project for tracking the movement of medical cannabis from cultivator to dispensary. Humboldt was the first California county to implement a program to track the movement of cannabis products through the distribution chain. The project has proven useful to both industry and regulators as it provides verification for proof of origin and whether the product is legal.

**Public Works**  
**Tsunami Zone App**

The Tsunami Hazard Zone App was developed to provide an additional tool for community tsunami hazard planning and emergency preparedness on the North Coast. Staff took an inter-agency approach and used existing tsunami hazard data to create an accessible, dynamic interface that could be used online from any device. The goal is to use the app as part of the community’s emergency planning efforts for home, work, school, and play. Check out the app at humboldtgov.org/TsunamiApp.
Helping Humboldt

County Administrative Office
Budget Roadshow
In a critical year where Humboldt County was set to begin receiving cannabis tax revenue for the first time, staff from many departments and elected officials went on the road to discuss the budget face-to-face with the community, and received more input than ever.

County Administrative Office
All Hands Training Day
Humboldt County reserved a full work day to bring all employees together and provide mandated and elective trainings, and had the training sessions take place on what was traditionally a county holiday for minimal impact on the public.

North Coast Regional Department of Child Support Services (NCDCSS)
Child Support Collections for Multiple Small Counties
The challenge was to maximize the opportunity for small counties to collect child support for parents when the other parent is receiving worker’s compensation. Staff with specific expertise in this subject used relationships they have built to hone in on a process that is effective and efficient for smaller counties. This process is now being used by NCDCSS to collect child support on worker’s compensation claims for 14 small, rural counties.

Wraparound program unites services for youth
The Department of Health & Human Services has increased outreach to struggling youth and their families, and is currently engaging more than 40 young people dealing with emotional and behavioral health challenges in an innovative program.

Wraparound is a holistic approach to at-risk youth client intervention, bringing together staff from multiple programs to collaborate on cohesive treatment strategies. It’s an intensive method of engaging children and youth with complex needs so that they can remain in their homes and communities. Perhaps most importantly, family members are engaged and encouraged to fully invest themselves in treatment plans. Staff from Children’s Mental Health, Child Welfare Services and Probation collaborate on individualized cohesive recovery strategies.

Beginning in April 2016, Children & Family Services, joined by Probation, started training as Wraparound coordinators and coaches. In September, eight employees attended the National Wraparound Implementation Academy in Washington D.C. That was followed in October by National Wraparound Implementation Center training in Humboldt.

The Wraparound program has the ability to accommodate up to 100 families.
Staying Involved

Digitally at Humboldtgov.org
- Sign up for the county’s monthly electronic newsletter
- Weigh in on county issues on the Open Humboldt discussion forum
- Join Nextdoor.com to connect with your neighbors

In Person
- Attend the annual Budget Roadshow in Feb or March
- Attend or watch a Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesdays
- Attend the budget hearings in June
Martin Swett

P. 7 Patrick’s Point  P. 14 Baker Beach
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P. 7 Bald Hills (Snow) Valley
P. 9 Ave. of the Giants  P. 19 Prairie Creek
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Martin Swett is an avid landscape photographer who prefers to go off the beaten track in search of great images. Martin’s photography expeditions take him throughout the Western United States, but he can frequently be found on Humboldt’s trails, creeks and beaches during golden hours. Check out more of his work on Flickr.com.

Nanci Bryant

P. 7 Kneeland Road  P. 23 Hummingbird
P. 7 Mattole Road
P. 10 Upper Monument
P. 11 Kneeland

Nanci Bryant is an employee of the Agriculture Department. She takes her camera everywhere and enjoys taking landscape shots and clearly identifying a subject within a frame. Her dog Beau is a frequent star of her photography.

Jill Duffy

P. 8 Orick
P. 22 Stone Lagoon
Back Cover

Jill Duffy is a former 5th District Supervisor. She enjoys taking nature shots of the beautiful 5th District, which includes Hoopa, Orick, Fieldbrook,Korbel, Orleans, McKinleyville, Trinidad and more.

Other Submitted Photos

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