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San Joaquin County Releases 2026-2027 Proposed Budget *Balanced Budget focuses on public safety, healthcare, infrastructure, and long-term financial stability*

Stockton, Ca. –San Joaquin County has released its Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The balanced budget totals about \$3.3 billion and continues funding for public safety, healthcare, roads, parks, behavioral health services, and other core County programs.

The budget increased by about \$258.7 million compared to last year, mainly because of higher labor costs, and continued investment in County services and infrastructure.

Most of the budget, about 78%, comes from departmental revenue such as State and Federal funding, hospital revenue, and fees for services. The remaining funding comes from local revenue sources such as taxes, and use of existing fund balances.

“This budget focuses on protecting the services residents rely on every day while planning responsibly for the future,” said San Joaquin County Administrator Sandy Regalo. “Even with rising costs and economic uncertainty, the County continues to invest in public safety, behavioral health, infrastructure, and long-term financial stability.”

2026-2027 Proposed Budget Highlights

Supports Public Safety

More than half of the County’s General Purpose Revenue supports public safety and justice services, including the Sheriff’s Office, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, and Correctional Health.

The budget includes funding for:

- Continued Sheriff’s Office operations
- Expansion of the Public Defender’s Felony Diversion Program
- Increased Correctional Health costs
- Improvements to the Juvenile Justice Center
- Construction of the Sheriff’s Training Facility

Invests in Healthcare and Behavioral Health

Health and Human Services remains the largest part of the County budget at about \$2.0 billion.

The budget continues support for:

- The SJ BeWell Campus behavioral health project
- Mental health and substance use treatment programs
- San Joaquin General Hospital
- Emergency Medical Services
- In Home Supportive Services for seniors and vulnerable residents
- Aging and veterans' services programs

Improves Infrastructure and County Facilities

The budget includes \$161.6 million for Capital Projects including:

- Initial planning and design for the Hazelton Complex Facility Replacement to house the Public Works, Community Development, and Environmental Health Departments in a centralized location.
- Initial planning and design for a new Solid Waste Transfer Station \
- Planning for a new South County park near Tracy
- Emergency Medical Services facility replacement project

The budget also includes significant investments for ongoing infrastructure improvements including:

- Flood control and groundwater sustainability efforts
- Wastewater treatment upgrades
- Road and stormwater infrastructure
- Maintenance and improvements for more than 425 County facilities

Modernizes County Operations

The budget continues investments in technology and modernization projects designed to improve County services and operations.

These efforts include:

- Implementation of the County's Workday financial and payroll system
- Digitization of historical County records
- Human Resources system improvements
- Long term fuel infrastructure replacement planning

Supports Parks and Recreation

The budget also includes investments in County parks and recreation facilities, including maintenance improvements, landscaping, veterinary services at Micke Grove Zoo, and continued development of the County Parks Master Plan.

Maintains Fiscal Responsibility

The County continues to focus on long-term financial planning while managing rising healthcare and operational costs.

The budget:

- Maintains a balanced budget
- Includes funding for existing labor agreements
- Uses cautious revenue estimates due to economic uncertainty
- Includes difficult reductions and delayed requests in some departments to keep spending in line with available funding

“The purpose of government is to enable the people of a nation to live in safety and happiness,” Regalo wrote in her budget message, quoting former President Thomas Jefferson. “This budget reflects careful decisions that protect core services while preparing for the future.”

The Board of Supervisors is expected to consider adoption of the Final Budget at its June 16, 2026 meeting at 9:00 a.m. Public comment is welcome.

To review the full Proposed Budget and additional budget information, please visit the [County website](#).

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