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Board of Supervisors Approve 2026-2027 Budget

Balanced Budget Supports Strategic Priorities – Public Safety, Health Services, Infrastructure Updates, Quality of Life

Stockton, CA - Focused on maintaining a fiscally responsible future, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. The \$3.3 billion balanced budget continues to prioritize funding for public safety, infrastructure, and behavioral health services, among other County services.

“The most important job we have is to responsibly steward our taxpayers’ dollars,” said Chair and District 3 Supervisor Sonny Dhaliwal. “The adoption of this balanced budget reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility while advancing the Board’s Three-Year Strategic Priorities.”

The budget increased by about \$260 million compared to last year, mainly because of higher labor costs, and continued investment in County services and infrastructure. The County has now approved a balanced budget for 13 consecutive years without relying on previous years’ savings to pay current obligations.

2026-2027 Budget Breakdown

- \$2.8 billion, or 84.7% of the budget is supported by departmental revenue including State and Federal funding, charges for services, and use of non-General Fund balances
- The remaining \$502.0 million is funded by General Purpose Revenues

FY 2026-2027 Key Investments:

Public Safety: More than half of the County’s General Purpose Revenue supports law and justice departments. Investments in public safety include continued Sheriff’s Office operations, expansion of the Public Defender’s Felony Diversion Program, increased Correctional Health costs, improvements to the Juvenile Justice Center, and construction of the Sheriff’s Training Facility.

“As a former first responder, I have seen firsthand the dedication, courage, and sacrifice that our law enforcement officers and public safety professionals bring to their jobs every day,” said District 1 Supervisor Mario Gardea. “They are the people who answer the call when our communities need them most, and they deserve the resources and support necessary to do their jobs safely and effectively.”

Let me be clear: the safety of our residents is not negotiable,” said District 5 Supervisor Robert Rickman. “This Board has made public safety a top priority because strong communities are built on safe neighborhoods. Through this budget, we are continuing to invest in the people, programs, and resources that help protect our neighborhoods and support those who serve on the front lines. Every family deserves the peace of mind that comes from knowing their community is safe, and this Board is committed to making that a reality.”

Health and Human Services: The largest part of the County budget will fund SJ BeWell Campus behavioral health project, mental health and substance use treatment programs, San Joaquin General Hospital, In Home Supportive Services for seniors and vulnerable residents, and aging and veterans’ services programs. The Board also voted to pledge \$250,000 to the Children’s Home of Stockton.

“Prevention is one of the most effective investments we can make in the future of our community,” said District 4 Supervisor Steve Ding. “When we provide foster youth with safe housing, therapeutic support, and the stability they need to heal, we are helping them build independent lives. The Children’s Home of Stockton plays a critical role in breaking cycles of trauma that too often lead to homelessness, children being exploited, and involvement in the criminal justice system. By investing in these services today, we are creating safer communities and giving vulnerable young people the opportunity to lead successful lives.”

“The investment in the SJ BeWell campus and the dignity and compassion it will provide to our community is a defining approach to how we address the health and well-being of San Joaquin County,” said District 2 Supervisor Paul Canepa. “Building a healthier community cannot be an afterthought or a reaction to crisis. It must be a commitment we make every day.”

“By expanding access to behavioral health services throughout San Joaquin County, we are strengthening families, improving lives, and building a healthier, more resilient community,” said District 5 Supervisor Robert Rickman. “This investment reflects our commitment to ensuring that every resident has access to the care, treatment, and support they need to overcome challenges, achieve stability, and reach their full potential. When we invest in behavioral health, we invest in the well-being and future of our entire county.”

Parks and Recreation: The budget includes Micke Grove improvements, continued development of the 10-year County Parks Master Plan, landscaping, veterinary services at Micke Grove Zoo, and the Youth Recreation Complex. At the top of Supervisor Gardea’s list of priorities is giving new life to parks that have been neglected in District 1.

“Every family and every child in San Joaquin County deserves access to safe, clean, and welcoming parks where they can play, connect, and thrive,” said Supervisor Gardea. “I have worked hard to prioritize improvements to our parks because these spaces are more than just amenities. They are investments in our communities and our future.”

Public Works and Water Resources: Public Works continues to improve solid waste operations to reduce costs, enhance efficiency, and maintain reliable service. The budget advances the County’s ongoing commitment to flood control, stormwater management, groundwater sustainability, and regional water resource coordination.

“Water is one of our county’s most vital resources, and protecting it is a responsibility we take seriously,” said Supervisor Canepa. “This budget strengthens our commitment to maintaining critical infrastructure, improving flood protection, advancing groundwater sustainability, and planning for the future. By investing in Public Works and Water Resources today, we are protecting our communities, safeguarding our economy, and ensuring we are prepared for emergencies and the challenges ahead.”

Despite economic uncertainty, rising operational costs, and unpredictable State and Federal funding, the 2026 – 2027 balanced budget represents the Board’s commitment to leadership and responsible governance.



“We need to tighten our belts and make smart, responsible financial decisions, just as I did when I opposed increases to County fees. San Joaquin County residents deserve a balanced budget that protects essential services and ensures they remain available without interruption,” said Supervisor Ding. “We will continue fighting to safeguard our county’s financial future. This budget reflects a commitment to fiscal discipline today while laying the foundation for long-term success and opportunity.”

“I want to acknowledge and thank our County Administrator, Sandy Regalo, and her team who have worked tirelessly to create a sound budget,” said Chair Dhaliwal. “This budget positions us to meet today’s challenges while building a higher quality of life for residents for years to come.”

The presented budget documents are available for review and download on the [County website](#).