

Department of Environmental Resources

Mission Statement

The Department of Environmental Resources strives to promote a safe and healthy environment and improve the quality of life in our community through a balance of science, education, partnerships and environmental regulation.

The department provides for State and local mandated education, investigation and inspection services in the following programs: Environmental Health; Hazardous Materials; Solid Waste Management; Landfill Operations; Code Enforcement; and Milk and Dairy. The Department has a budget of approximately \$21.3 million and a total of 80 full-time positions.

The department is a unique community organization dedicated to public health and environmental protection in Stanislaus County and the nine incorporated cities. This commitment to environmental protection is exemplified by the comprehensive programs provided.

These are the areas of emphasis:

Environmental Health

- ◆ Food Safety – Restaurants, Markets, Bars, School Cafeterias
- ◆ Food Safety – Food Vehicles, Temporary Food Facilities, and Itinerant Swap Meet Stands
- ◆ Recreational Health – Public Swimming Pools
- ◆ Water Wells and Small Public Water Systems
- ◆ Onsite Wastewater Treatment (Septic and Aerobic Systems) and Pumper Trucks
- ◆ Land Use
- ◆ Employee and Residential Housing
- ◆ Jail Inspections
- ◆ Lead – Elevated Blood Level Complaints

Hazardous Materials

- ◆ Business Plans
- ◆ Hazardous Waste Generators
- ◆ Household Hazardous Waste
- ◆ Medical Waste
- ◆ Site Mitigation
- ◆ Above Ground and Underground Storage Tanks
- ◆ Emergency Response
- ◆ Community Preparedness
- ◆ California Accidental Release Prevention
- ◆ E-Waste

Solid Waste Management

- ◆ Integrated Waste Management Planning
- ◆ Administration of Refuse Collection Contract
- ◆ Curbside Recycling and Bulky-Item Collection Program
- ◆ Refuse Ordinance Enforcement
- ◆ Administration of Waste-to-Energy Service Agreement
- ◆ Food Processing By-Products Reuse Program
- ◆ Used Oil Program
- ◆ Recycling Program
- ◆ Waste Tire Enforcement Program
- ◆ Administration of the Recycling Market Development Zone

Landfill Operations

- ◆ Provide Landfill Services for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal for the Communities of Stanislaus

County

- ◆ Divert Materials from Disposal Including Electronic Waste (E-Waste), Tires and Appliances (White Goods)
- ◆ Provide Abatement for Illegal Roadside Dumping

Code Enforcement

- ◆ Nuisance Abatement
- ◆ Zoning Enforcement
- ◆ Graffiti Abatement
- ◆ Enforcement of No-Smoking Regulations
- ◆ Abandoned Vehicle Abatement

Milk and Dairy

- ◆ Permitting, Inspection, and Education Services for Grade A, B Dairies
- ◆ Milk Sampling at Dairies and Retail Markets

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreations to implement the policies established by the Board of Supervisors pertaining to parks, which includes acquiring, developing and maintaining recreation areas serving every segment of society, including the disabled and the economically disadvantaged; providing the leadership necessary to develop and manage parks and recreation facilities in ways that will provide the best possible experience for people to enjoy the out-of-doors at the most reasonable costs.

Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation is responsible for planning, developing, operating, and maintaining parks, reservoirs, County facilities, and service areas within the unincorporated areas of the County such as park basins, cemeteries, streetscapes, wildlife area, and landscape maintenance districts.

The park system covers 5 regional parks, 24 County facilities, 18 neighborhood parks, and 7 fishing access areas, 2 off-highway-vehicle parks, 4 cemeteries, 1 swimming pool, a wildlife area, which includes numerous County service areas, and cultural and historic facilities. The Department of Parks and Recreation employs approximately 20 full-time employees and 17 extra-help employees and a budget of \$5.3 million.

Parks and Recreation

- ◆ Community Neighborhood Parks and County Centers
- ◆ Frank Raines Off Highway Vehicle Regional Park
- ◆ La Grange Off Highway Vehicle Regional Park
- ◆ Modesto Reservoir Regional Park
- ◆ Woodward Reservoir Regional Park
- ◆ Laird Regional Park
- ◆ Regional Water Safety Training Center
- ◆ County Service Areas within the Unincorporated Areas of Stanislaus County
 - ◆ Fishing Accesses
 - ◆ Cemeteries
 - ◆ Streetscapes
 - ◆ Basins
 - ◆ Historical Structures

As well as Administrative & Support services in all areas.