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Recommended 2027 Final Budget Set for Board Consideration

Public Hearing Scheduled for September 15, 2026

Stanislaus County, Calif. – The Stanislaus County [Recommended 2027 Final Budget](#) is available online, ahead of a public hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

The Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the Recommended Final Budget during its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Board Chambers, located in the basement of 1010 10th Street in Modesto. The [staff report](#) is also available online.

The Final Budget serves as the County's operational roadmap through June 30, 2027, incorporating updates since the Proposed Budget was approved in June to address emerging needs, state budget impacts, and federal directives. While adjustments may occur throughout the year through quarterly updates and Board actions, the Final Budget remains the primary benchmark for year-to-year comparisons.

“Responsible stewardship of public funds means balancing investments in our community today with the fiscal stability needed to sustain essential services tomorrow,” said Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer. “As the cost of maintaining existing services continues to outpace revenue growth, careful fiscal management is increasingly important.”

The budget reflects a continued focus on maintaining existing service levels and addressing critical operational needs as revenue growth slows and the cost of doing business increases. Additional General Fund requests were largely limited to necessary replacements and critical needs, while departments with alternative funding sources face varying circumstances, with some able to expand services and others making reductions to align spending with available revenue.

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In total, the \$1.89 billion Recommended 2027 Final Budget is funded as follows:

- \$1.68 billion in estimated revenue
- \$208.3 million in fund balance and retained earnings

Within this, the General Fund budget totals \$538.7 million, funded by:

- \$492.6 million in estimated revenue
- \$46.1 million in fund balance, which includes:
 - \$328.7 million in discretionary revenue
 - \$23.7 million in assigned fund balance
 - \$22.4 million in unassigned fund balance

Together, the organization is supported by \$374.8 million in net county cost, funding provided by the County General Fund.

In addition to being available for review [online](#), a hard copy of the Recommended Final Budget is also available for review in the Clerk of the Board's Office on the sixth floor of Tenth Street Place (1010 10th Street, Modesto). Members of the public may provide comments in person or by [phone](#) during the public hearing.

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ABOUT STANISLAUS COUNTY

Stanislaus County, named for the Stanislaus River, is in the heart of California's Central Valley on the ancestral lands of the Yokuts and Miwuk peoples. With an economy and heritage deeply rooted in agriculture, it is home to a growing, diverse community of 550,000 people. "We build community" is more than a mission; it is vital to our success in becoming a community of choice where people live, work, and thrive – a place worthy of calling "home."

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