FY25-26 County Budget Development

Key Considerations

County Administrator's Office

January 28, 2025





Agenda

- 1. County financial updates
- 2. Budgeting considerations
- 3. FY25-26 budget hearing calendar
- 4. Recommendations

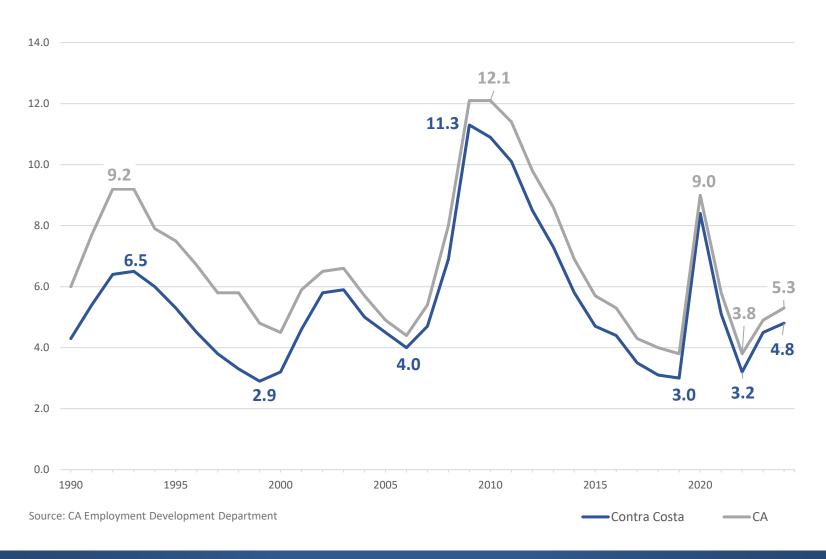


Bay Area Counties Unemployment Rates

| | Nov-2024 | Nov-2023 |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Alameda | 4.7% | 4.5% |
| Contra Costa | 4.8% | 4.5% |
| Marin | 3.7% | 3.7% |
| Napa | 4.3% | 3.7% |
| San Francisco | 3.7% | 3.5% |
| San Mateo | 3.5% | 3.3% |
| Santa Clara | 4.0% | 3.8% |
| Solano | 5.3% | 4.8% |
| Sonoma | 4.1% | 3.7% |
| | | |
| Bay Average | 4.2% | 3.9% |
| Statewide | 5.3% | 4.9% |



Unemployment Rates 1990 - 2024

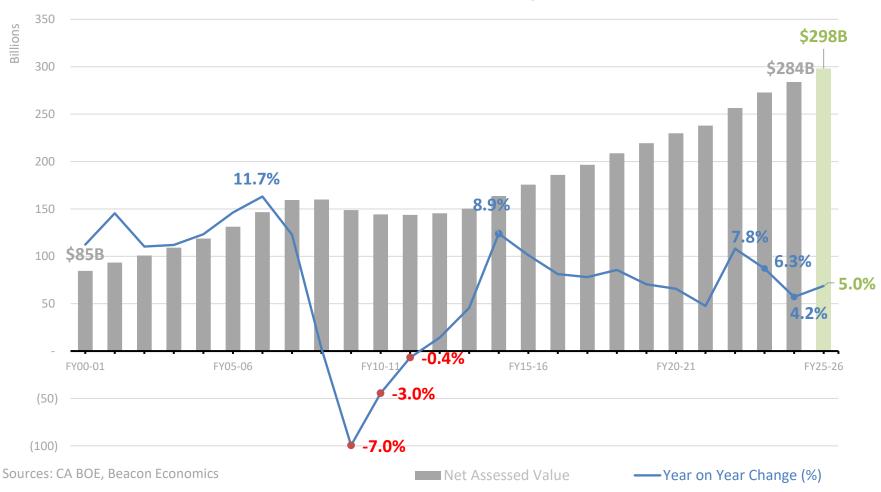


Contra Costa County - Assessed Value

Fiscal Years 2000 - 2026



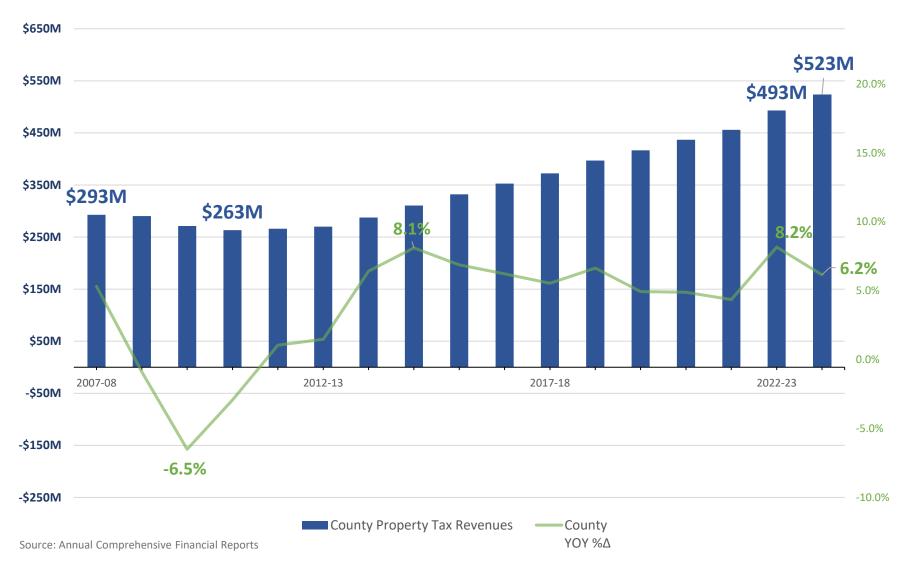
FY00-26 Actuals and Projection



Property Tax Revenues – County General Fund



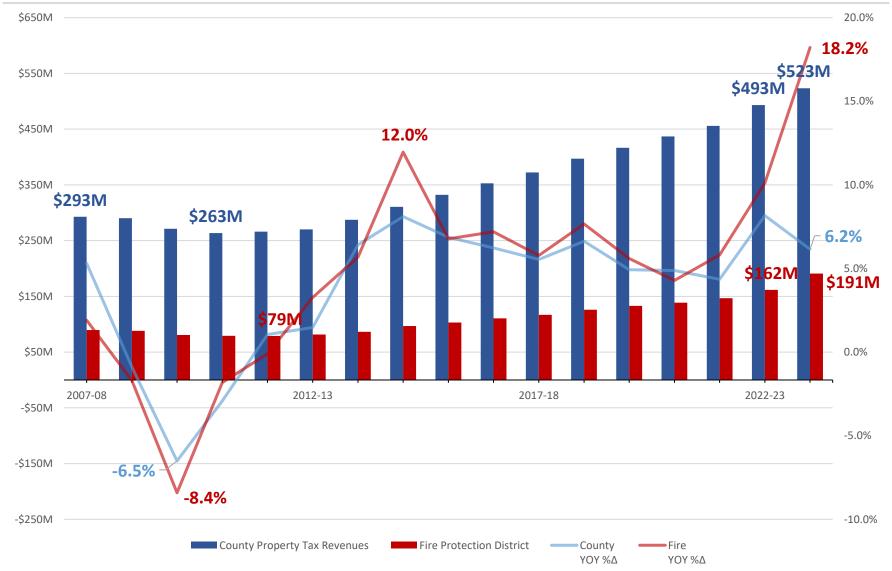
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Property Tax Revenues - Fire District

Fiscal Years 2006-2024



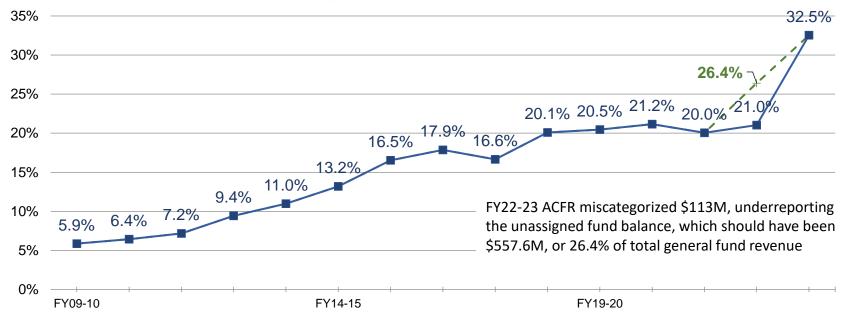




General Fund Reserves

- 1. For FY23-24, total General Fund revenues were \$2.236 billion and the total fund balance was \$1.100 billion, or 49.2% of total General Fund revenue
- 2. Of the \$1.100 billion:
 - a. \$727.6 million was unassigned (32.5% of total General Fund Revenues)
 - b. \$372.5 million was assigned, committed, restricted or nonspendable

General Fund: Unassigned Reserves as a Percentage of Revenues



Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports



Pension funding

- Pension funded ratio is 91.0% (vs. 91.2%)
- County Net Pension
 Liability as of 12/31/2023
 was \$1.16B, up from
 \$1.05B the prior year due
 to increased salary COLA's
 and lower recorded
 investment returns
 compared to assumptions
- CCCERA investment earnings assumption is 6.75%
- Final Pension Obligation Bond payment was made June, 2022

| Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association Pension Funding Status (Thousands) | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| Actuarial Valuation Date | Total CCCERA Net Liability | Funded Ratio | County Net Liability | Fire Protection District Net Liability | | |
| 2009 | \$1,024,673 | 83.8% | \$727,578 | \$68,294 | | |
| 2010 | 1,312,215 | 80.3% | 918,919 | 104,750 | | |
| 2011 | 1,488,593 | 78.5% | 1,037,535 | 130,737 | | |
| 2012 | 2,279,059 | 70.6% | 1,591,610 | 228,950 | | |
| 2013 | 1,823,681 | 76.4% | 1,260,363 | 180,209 | | |
| 2014 | 1,469,942 | 81.7% | 1,003,749 | 151,686 | | |
| 2015 | 1,311,823 | 84.5% | 879,610 | 154,708 | | |
| 2016 | 1,187,437 | 86.5% | 776,396 | 143,193 | | |
| 2017 | 1,059,356 | 88.5% | 689,426 | 131,765 | | |
| 2018 | 1,031,966 | 89.3% | 677,735 | 123,353 | | |
| 2019 | 947,054 | 90.6% | 607,938 | 132,554 | | |
| 2020 | 859,345 | 91.8% | 557,373 | 121,270 | | |
| 2021 | 854,561 | 92.4% | 588,842 | 147,987 | | |
| 2022 | 1,050,406 | 91.2% | 736,081 | 166,181 | | |
| 2023 | 1,155,129 | 91.0% | 789,782 | 172,407 | | |



Labor Contracts

| | | Filled Positions | Contract |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| AFSCME Local 512, Professional and Technical Employees | 2024 239 | 2025 232 | End Date 6/30/2026 |
| AFSCME Local 2700, United Clerical, Technical and Specialized Employees | 1,489 | | 6/30/2026 |
| California Nurses Association | 816 | · | 9/30/2025 |
| | | | |
| CCC Defenders Association | 104 | | 6/30/2026 |
| CCC Deputy District Attorneys' Association | 100 | | 6/30/2026 |
| Deputy Sheriffs Association, Mgt Unit and Rank and File Unit | 816 | 840 | 6/30/2027 |
| Deputy Sheriffs Association, Probation Peace Officers Association | 205 | 211 | 6/30/2027 |
| District Attorney Investigator's Association | 19 | 21 | 6/30/2026 |
| IAFF Local 1230 | 453 | 474 | 6/30/2027 |
| Physicians and Dentists of Contra Costa | 252 | 255 | 10/31/2025 |
| Professional & Technical Engineers – Local 21, AFL-CIO | 1,282 | 1,349 | 6/30/2026 |
| Public Employees Union, Local One & FACS Site Supervisor Unit | 497 | 510 | 6/30/2026 |
| SEIU Local 1021, Rank and File and Service Line Supervisors Units | 831 | 892 | 6/30/2026 |
| Teamsters, Local 856 | 1,879 | 2,026 | 6/30/2026 |
| United Chief Officers' Association | 17 | 18 | 6/30/2027 |
| Western Council of Engineers | 21 | 25 | 6/30/2026 |
| Management Classified & Exempt & Management Project | 461 | 473 | N/A |
| | 9,481 | 9,913 | |



FY24-25 County mid-year budget status

| | | | Mid-Year 24-25 | Mid-Year 23-24 | Mid-Year 22-23 | Mid-Year 21-22 | Mid-Year 20-21 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ALL FUNDS | Budget | Actual | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Expenditures | \$ 5,535,364,681 | \$ 2,529,273,639 | 46% | 41% | 40% | 38% | 44% |
| Revenues | \$ 5,254,616,139 | \$ 2,725,226,197 | 52% | 50% | 42% | 43% | 45% |
| GENERAL FUND | Budget | Actual | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Expenditures | \$ 2,637,001,497 | \$ 1,097,123,920 | 42% | 41% | 41% | 37% | 43% |
| Revenues | \$ 2,451,543,726 | \$ 1,141,893,989 | 47% | 41% | 49% | 45% | 46% |
| Wages & Benefits | \$ 1,239,170,465 | \$ 553,047,523 | 45% | 43% | 45% | 45% | 45% |
| Services & Supplies | \$ 1,050,236,008 | \$ 355,574,958 | 34% | 34% | 35% | 35% | 43% |
| Other Charges | \$ 393,382,685 | \$ 180,900,461 | 46% | 43% | 50% | 33% | 46% |
| Fixed Assets | \$ 85,987,134 | \$ 67,400,327 | 78% | 73% | 13% | 10% | 25% |
| Inter-departmental Charges | \$ (151,774,796) | \$ (59,811,371) | 39% | 33% | 27% | 42% | 44% |
| Contingencies | \$ 20,000,000 | \$ 12,022 | | | | | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 2,637,001,497 | \$ 1,097,123,920 | 42% | 41% | 41% | 37% | 41% |
| Taxes | \$ 670,517,458 | \$ 391,104,664 | 58% | 58% | 71% | 61% | 62% |
| License, Permits, Franchises | \$ 12,291,011 | \$ 3,282,010 | 27% | 24% | 28% | 28% | 23% |
| Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties | \$ 24,500,525 | \$ 1,782,747 | 7% | 10% | 8% | 9% | 5% |
| Use of Money & Property | \$ 61,795,464 | \$ 20,716,289 | 34% | 62% | 107% | 31% | 42% |
| Federal/State Assistance | \$ 955,566,737 | \$ 503,505,341 | 53% | 39% | 51% | 44% | 50% |
| Charges for Current Services | \$ 201,160,588 | \$ 89,725,199 | 45% | 43% | 41% | 48% | 44% |
| Other Revenue | \$ 525,711,943 | \$ 131,777,739 | 25% | 16% | 19% | 20% | 23% |
| Total Revenues | \$ 2,451,543,726 | \$ 1,141,893,989 | 47% | 41% | 49% | 45% | 46% |



Measure X financials

Measure X Budget vs Actual Revenues

| | Budget | Actuals | Difference |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| FY20-21 | 24,078,616 | 27,659,018 | (3,580,402) |
| FY21-22 | 104,000,000 | 117,721,524 | (13,721,524) |
| FY22-23 | 107,000,000 | 122,416,463 | (15,416,463) |
| FY23-24 | 118,169,856 | 121,276,971 | (3,107,115) |
| FY24-25 | 120,181,754 | 48,447,190 | |
| | 473,430,226 | 437,521,167 | |

Measure X adopted allocations through FY24-25

| | Budget |
|------------------|-------------|
| Reserve | 20,000,000 |
| FY21-22 one-time | 136,895,200 |
| FY22-23 | 78,150,000 |
| FY23-24 | 121,793,535 |
| FY24-25 | 120,181,754 |
| FY24-25 one-time | 30,663,879 |
| | 507,684,368 |



Measure X financials

- 1. \$48.4M revenue collected through December 2024 for the current fiscal year, and \$437.5M collected lifetime
- 2. Remaining revenue requirement of \$70.2M to fund the \$507.7M total allocated expenditures through FY24-25
- 3. Remaining unallocated balance of ~\$1.5M
- 4. Current fiscal year growth projected at -1.1%. FY25-26 Measure X sales tax revenue projected to grow 2.1% to \$122.5M (\$123.9M was assumed for FY25-26 budget development, generating a potential ~\$1.4M deficit)
- 5. FY25-26 base budget totals \$120.2M, with a proposed 3.1% (\$3.7M) cost of living adjustment for ongoing allocations to balance to the originally projected revenues of \$123.9M



Budgetary Pressures & Strategies

- 1. Expenditures are growing faster than revenues
 - a. Negotiated employee wage increases of 5% contributing to a projected FY25-26 position cost increase of \$261M, with next rounds of labor negotiations upcoming
 - b. Higher interest and mortgage rates reducing real estate transactions
 - c. Sluggish sales tax growth projected at 2.0%
 - d. Prison Law Office Settlement: \$12M needed for Detention ADA improvements
 - e. Workers' Compensation program charges increasing 10% to \$47.3M
 - f. General Liability insurance premiums increasing 15% to \$20.3M
- 2. Potential Federal and State budget and policy changes affecting revenues (e.g. Medi-Cal reimbursements, SoCal fires)
- 3. Needed capital investments for service improvements and aging facilities
- 4. Obsolete technology
 - a. Replace mainframe systems for Assessor's Office and Treasurer / Tax Collector
 - b. Significant needs countywide for new hardware and cybersecurity
- 5. Potential county debt reduction options



FY24-25 Budget Hearings

1. Hearing dates

- 1. Recommended Budget: Monday-Tuesday, April 28-29, 2025
- 2. Budget Adoption: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

2. Format

- 1. County Administrator: Overview of Recommended Budget
- 2. Department Presentations
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Board Discussion and Action

Recommended Budget Hearing: Proposed Department Presentation Schedule



1. Day 1

- a. County Administrator's Office Budget overview
- b. Animal Services
- c. Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters
- d. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
- e. Employment and Human Services
- f. Health Services
- g. Library

2. Day 2

- a. Public Works
- b. District Attorney
- c. Public Defender
- d. Probation
- e. Sheriff-Coroner



Budget Development - Recommendations

- 1. ACCEPT report on Budget Development Key Considerations for FY25-26 and beyond;
- 2. Measure X PROVIDE DIRECTION on the
 - a. Proposed cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 3.1% to ongoing allocations
 - b. Budgeting options for the Measure X revenue remaining surplus of ~\$1.5M