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DATE: June 13, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: M. Christina Rivera, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Establishment of Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit

This memo details the calculations for the FY 2023-24 appropriations limits for the County and for various special districts and agencies governed by the Board of supervisors. Each year the County board must approve an appropriations limit for the year, which dictates the total amount of tax revenue and certain related revenue streams that can be appropriated during a fiscal year.

Background

On November 6, 1979, voters approved the Gann Spending Limitation (Proposition 4), which established Article XIII-B of the State Constitution. Article XIII-B sets limits on the amount of tax revenues the State and most local governments can appropriate within a given fiscal year. The Gann Limit does not apply to the entire County budget. The limit only applies to appropriations from proceeds of taxes from both the general fund and special funds of government entities, which includes: (1) property, sales, transient occupancy, and other tax revenues; (2) interest earnings on invested tax revenues; and (3) any revenues collected by a regulatory license fee or user charge *in excess* of the amount needed to cover the cost of providing that regulation, product, or service. Further refined by Propositions 98 and 99 in 1988, and Proposition 111 in 1990, Article XIII-B provides that appropriation limits are to be established annually by each governmental entity in accordance with the constitutional amendments and enabling state legislation. Current appropriation limits are generally based upon actual revenue appropriations during the initial base year of FY 1986-87 (per Prop 111), and adjusted annually thereafter to account for California per capita cost of living increases, and year-over-year population growth as published by the California State Department of Finance.

The annual limits must be adopted for the County government and those Board of Supervisors-governed special districts and County service areas that had a property tax rate of 12.5 cents or more per \$100 of assessed valuation in 1977-78. Appropriations from non-tax revenues and proceeds are excluded from the limit, such as: Federal funds, charges for services, regulatory fees, grants, loans, and donations. Exemptions are also made for voter-approved debt, debt

that existed as of January 1, 1979, and the cost of compliance with court or Federal government mandates.

Of particular note, Proposition 111 (The Traffic Congestion Relief and Spending Limitation Act of 1990) amended Article XIII-B to allow for funding congestion relief, mass transit, health care, services for the elderly, and other priority programs, while still providing an overall limit on state and local spending. Proposition 111 changed the previous Constitutional cost-of-living and population factors for both the state and local appropriations limits, and added new exclusions from the appropriations limit. However, none of the exclusions allowed by Proposition 111 were employed in the County's calculation for FY 2023-24 as total revenues appropriations are far below the new limit.

In general, the County may not exceed the appropriation limit adopted today. However, in the event of a declared emergency, the appropriation limit may be increased. Voters of a jurisdiction may also authorize a temporary increase in the Appropriations Limit, not to exceed a period of four years, at which point the limit would revert to what it would otherwise have been. If revenues exceed the adopted appropriation limit for two consecutive fiscal years, the County would return the excess through a revision of the tax rates in the two subsequent fiscal years. Based on the FY 2023-24 appropriation limit capacity, which exceeds projected applicable revenues by \$103 million, it is unlikely that this situation would occur for the County in the near future.

County Appropriations Limit Calculations

Pursuant to Article XIII-B and Government Code section §7900, et seq., each fiscal year the Appropriations Limit is established by adjusting the prior year's Appropriations Limit for (a) population growth, (b) per capita income change, and (c) the transfers of financial responsibility described below.

The California State Department of Finance sends to local governments an annual letter providing an estimate of the percent change in population and change in the per capita personal income, which are both used to calculate each local government's appropriation limit. The Department's letter (Attachment A) dated May 2023 provides key factors to adjust the FY 2023-24 spending limit.

Per Government Code §7901, a county may choose to use the change in population from any one of the following: (1) the change in population within its jurisdiction; (2) the change in population within its jurisdiction, combined with the change in population within all counties having borders that are contiguous to that county; or (3) the change in population within the incorporated portion of the county. Sonoma County typically uses the highest of the three factors in order to provide maximum appropriation flexibility. In addition, the limit is modified by per capita income change. Table 1 includes the three population factors for FY2023-24, as well as the per capita personal income factor.

Table 1: Appropriations Limit Change Factors

Year	Total County Population Change Factor	Sonoma County Plus Contiguous County Population Change Factor	County Incorporated Population Change Factor	California Per Capita Personal Income Factor
January, 1 2022 to January 1, 2023	-0.53%	-0.68%	-0.51%	4.44%

For FY 2023-24 the highest of the population factors is the Per Capita Income plus County Incorporated change factor. This the calculation for FY 2023-24 is:

$$0.995 \text{ (Population Factor)} \times 1.04 \text{ (Income Factor)} = 1.0391 \text{ (Appropriations Limit Adjustment Factor)}$$

In addition to applying the factors as listed above, there are two adjustments made to the County’s limit annually. The first adjustment is due to the reduction of tax support for refuse disposal operations. The Constitution and enabling state legislation requires that if tax support of a service is reduced, and fees are increased to offset the reduction of tax support, the limit must be decreased by an equivalent amount. Historically, the County provided \$647,046 of tax support for refuse disposal, until FY 1987-88, when tax support for refuse disposal was terminated. Because refuse disposal operations are now funded by fees and not tax proceeds, the appropriations limit must be manually adjusted each year to remove the fixed \$647,046 amount.

The second adjustment increases the appropriation limit pursuant to the FY 2023-24 agreement for transit services between the County and cities in Sonoma County, based on the summary of the coordinated claim approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 9, 2023, Item #38, which is available [here](#). The Adjustment for FY 2023-24 is \$6,410,427.

Taken all together the calculations for FY2023-24 is laid out in Table 2.

Table 2: Appropriations Limits Calculations

Description	FY 2022-23
Prior Year Appropriations Limit (exclusive of Refuse Disposal and Transit Adjustments)	779,032,564
Adjustment Factor	1.0391
Base Limit (Prior to Adjustments)	809,492,738
Less: Reduction of Tax Support for Refuse Disposal	(647,046)
Plus: Limit increase per the Agreement for Transit Services between County and Sonoma County Cities for FY	6,410,427
Final Appropriations Limit	815,256,119

As a point of comparison, the total revenues subject to the Proposition 4 Limit for the County in the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget are \$712.3 million; \$103 million under our limit. This is a \$48.7 million increase over the FY2022-23 revenues subject to the limit. This is due to three main factors: (1) tax revenue is increasing by approximately \$28 million, associated with a 6%

growth in property tax revenues and growth in Measure O funds for Mental Health Services and Measure M funds for Parks; (2) realignment revenues, which are increasing by approximately \$9 million, and (3) intergovernmental revenues in Transit are increasing by approximately \$9.8 million). The balance of the increase is associated with overall growth in tax revenues.

District Appropriations Limit Calculations

The appropriations limit calculation for special districts and other governmental entities under the control of the Board of Supervisors uses the incorporated county population factor and the California per capita income factor. The calculation is:

$$0.995 \text{ (Population Factor)} \times 1.04 \text{ (Income Factor)} = 1.0391 \text{ (Appropriations Limit Adjustment Factor)}$$

This limit is multiplied by the FY 2022-23 limit for each district in order to calculate the limit for FY 2023-24. The total combined Proposition 4 appropriations limit capacity for all Board Special Districts for FY 2023-24 is \$105 million, which is \$53.8 million above the total revenues subject to Proposition 4.

Attachments:

Resolution and Attachments:

- A: California State Department of Finance letter, FY 2023-24
- B: Public Notice



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 16, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of Sonoma County, Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District, And Sonoma County Water Agency Establishing Appropriations Limits For County Government And Board Of Supervisors Governed Special Districts And County Service Areas For FY 2023-24 As Required By Article XIII B Of The California Constitution, Giving Instruction To The County Administrator And County Counsel, And Giving Notice Of Appropriate Period Of Limitation For Judicial Review.

Whereas, Article XIII B of the California Constitution, added by Proposition 4 (November, 1979) and subsequently amended by Proposition 98 (November 1988) and Proposition 111 (June 1990), requires that appropriation limits be established for each entity of government having a secured property tax rate of 12.5 cents or more per \$100 of assessed valuation in 1977-78; and

Whereas, staff from the offices of the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller have prepared documentation necessary to establish the appropriations limits for the FY 2023-24 for county government and Board of Supervisors governed special districts and county service areas; and

Whereas, on June 1, 2023, documentation used in the determination of the appropriation limits and other necessary determinations was made available to the public, and due notice was given of this Board's intent to establish appropriation limits at its annual Budget Hearings, which commence on June 13, 2023 and where adoption of Appropriation limits are scheduled to occur on June 16, 2023; and

Whereas, among the documentation made available to the public, the County Administrator has made available a copy of this resolution including the following documentation:

1. Letter from the Department of Finance, dated May 2023 marked Exhibit 'A' and attached hereto;
2. Notice of Revenue and Appropriation Limit Adoption, marked Exhibit 'C' and attached hereto;

Whereas, in accordance with State law, this Board considered the establishment of the appropriation limits at its annual Budget Hearings, which commence on June 13, 2023 and where adoption of Appropriation limits are scheduled to occur on June 16, 2023.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors that the following appropriations limits are hereby adopted for Sonoma County and special districts and county service areas governed by the Board of Supervisors:

FY 2023-24 Appropriations Limits

Sonoma County - See Notes (A) and (B) below	\$712,258,202
Sonoma County Water Agency – Zone 2A	\$15,182,553
County Service Area #41 (Sonoma Valley)	\$749,983
County Service Area #40 (Fire Services)	\$3,659,915
County Service Area #41 (Lighting District)	\$2,385,305
CFD #4 Wilmar	\$602,888
Bittner Lane Permanent Road District	\$13,842
Monte Rosa Div. #1 Permanent Road District	\$12,359
Peaks Pike Permanent Road District	\$13,844
Sonoma County Open Space District	\$82,415,623

(A) Sonoma County’s limit was decreased by (\$647,046) due to the reduction of tax support for refuse disposal operations. The Constitution and enabling state legislation requires that if tax support of a service is reduced, and fees are increased to offset the reduction of tax support, the limit must be decreased by an equivalent amount.

(B) Sonoma County’s limit was increased for the city-county agreement for transit services. The appropriations limit increase includes \$6,410,427 for FY 2023-24 to the County from the cities for transportation tax (Transportation Development Act) financed transit services performed by County for cities.

Be It Further Resolved that this Board finds that the budget hearings, which commence on June 13, 2023 and where the adoption of the FY2023-24 Appropriations Limits is scheduled for June 16, 2023 was noticed on May 17, 2023 by publication in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat; the documentation and materials supporting necessary determinations to establish the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Limits have been available for public review since June 2, 2023 online at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/budget-and-operations/budget-reports> and in person at the County Administrator's Office; and that pursuant to the

provisions of Section 7910 of the Government Code, any action or proceeding to review, attack, set aside, void, annul or amend the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the County of Sonoma and the governmental entities described herein, by this Resolution or the appropriations described herein must be commenced within 45 days of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that this Board anticipates additional clarification of the provisions of Article XIII B of the California Constitution through anticipated opinions of the County Counsel of this County and counsel for other counties and other public agencies, opinions of the Attorney General, case law and additional implementing legislation. Because these clarifications may result in the necessity of reviewing the limit calculations, the County Administrator and the County Counsel are directed to advise this Board, from time-to-time, on changes in the law that may necessitate such limit modifications; and

Be It Further Resolved that this Board will authorize via a resolution any additional adjustments to the limit as permitted by Article XIII B for transfers of responsibility for services; and

Be It Further Resolved that this Board reserves the authority to make changes to the appropriations limits based on revised Appropriations Limit Procedure Guidelines when issued by the State Controller's County Accounting Standards and Procedures Committee, and when other necessary population and non-residential property value change information becomes available.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Gore: Hopkins: Coursey:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.



May 2023

Dear Fiscal Officer:

Subject: Price Factor and Population Information

Appropriations Limit

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2227 requires the Department of Finance (Finance) to transmit an estimate of the percentage change in population to local governments. Each local jurisdiction must use their percentage change in population factor for January 1, 2023, in conjunction with a change in the cost of living, or price factor, to calculate their appropriations limit for fiscal year 2023-24. Attachment A provides the change in California's per capita personal income and an example for utilizing the price factor and population percentage change factor to calculate the 2023-24 appropriations limit. Attachment B provides the city and unincorporated county population percentage change. Attachment C provides the population percentage change for counties and their summed incorporated areas. The population percentage change data excludes federal and state institutionalized populations and military populations.

Population Percent Change for Special Districts

Some special districts must establish an annual appropriations limit. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2228 provides additional information regarding the appropriations limit. Article XIII B, section 9(C) of the California Constitution exempts certain special districts from the appropriations limit calculation mandate. The code section and the California Constitution can be accessed at the following website: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.

Special districts required by law to calculate their appropriations limit must present the calculation as part of their annual audit. Any questions special districts have on this requirement should be directed to their county, district legal counsel, or the law itself. No state agency reviews the local appropriations limits.

Population Certification

The population certification program applies only to cities and counties. California Revenue and Taxation Code section 11005.6 mandates Finance to automatically certify any population estimate that exceeds the current certified population with the State Controller's Office. **Finance will certify the higher estimate to the State Controller by June 1, 2023.**

Please Note: The prior year's city population estimates may be revised. The per capita personal income change is based on historical data.

If you have any questions regarding this data, please contact the Demographic Research Unit at (916) 323-4086.

JOE SPEPHENSHAW
Director
By:

Erika Li
Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

- A. **Price Factor:** Article XIII B specifies that local jurisdictions select their cost of living factor to compute their appropriation limit by a vote of their governing body. The cost of living factor provided here is per capita personal income. If the percentage change in per capita personal income is selected, the percentage change to be used in setting the fiscal year 2023-24 appropriation limit is:

Per Capita Personal Income

Fiscal Year (FY)	Percentage change over prior year
2023-24	4.44

- B. Following is an example using sample population change and the change in California per capita personal income as growth factors in computing a 2023-24 appropriation limit.

2023-24:

Per Capita Cost of Living Change = 4.44 percent
 Population Change = -0.35 percent

Per Capita Cost of Living converted to a ratio: $\frac{4.44 + 100}{100} = 1.0444$

Population converted to a ratio: $\frac{-0.35 + 100}{100} = 0.9965$

Calculation of factor for FY 2023-24: $1.0444 \times 0.9965 = 1.0407$

Attachment B
Annual Percent Change in Population Minus Exclusions*
January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 and Total Population, January 1, 2023

County City	<u>Percent Change</u>	<u>--- Population Minus Exclusions ---</u>		<u>Total Population</u>
	2022-2023	1-1-22	1-1-23	1-1-2023
Sonoma				
Cloverdale	-0.92	8,869	8,787	8,787
Cotati	-0.67	7,410	7,360	7,360
Healdsburg	-0.72	10,993	10,914	10,914
Petaluma	-0.39	58,552	58,321	58,321
Rohnert Park	-0.02	43,701	43,693	43,693
Santa Rosa	-0.47	175,351	174,523	174,523
Sebastopol	-1.14	7,433	7,348	7,348
Sonoma	-1.18	10,804	10,677	10,677
Windsor	-1.07	25,836	25,560	25,560
Unincorporated	-0.58	130,783	130,026	130,991
County Total	-0.53	479,732	477,209	478,174

*Exclusions include residents on federal military installations and group quarters residents in state mental institutions, state and federal correctional institutions and veteran homes.

Attachment C
Annual Percent Change in Population Minus Exclusions*
January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023

County	<u>Percent Change</u> 2022-23	<u>--- Population</u> 1-1-22	<u>Minus Exclusions</u> 1-1-23
Alameda			
Incorporated	-0.38	1,492,611	1,486,910
County Total	-0.47	1,641,554	1,633,886
Alpine			
Incorporated	0.00	0	0
County Total	-0.59	1,191	1,184
Amador			
Incorporated	-0.62	13,831	13,745
County Total	-0.68	36,251	36,004
Butte			
Incorporated	2.57	141,844	145,483
County Total	-0.48	206,582	205,592
Calaveras			
Incorporated	-0.48	3,559	3,542
County Total	-0.23	44,949	44,844
Colusa			
Incorporated	0.03	11,993	11,996
County Total	-0.22	21,819	21,771
Contra Costa			
Incorporated	-0.27	975,995	973,343
County Total	-0.36	1,151,714	1,147,569
Del Norte			
Incorporated	-0.57	4,069	4,046
County Total	-0.49	24,923	24,800
El Dorado			
Incorporated	-0.69	31,348	31,133
County Total	-0.43	189,734	188,923

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Fresno			
Incorporated	0.32	845,730	848,476
County Total	0.15	1,004,284	1,005,799
Glenn			
Incorporated	-0.61	14,737	14,647
County Total	-0.49	28,778	28,636
Humboldt			
Incorporated	-0.01	62,993	62,988
County Total	-0.53	134,518	133,801
Imperial			
Incorporated	0.66	142,168	143,112
County Total	0.57	172,794	173,784
Inyo			
Incorporated	-0.15	3,878	3,872
County Total	-0.16	18,862	18,832
Kern			
Incorporated	0.49	585,309	588,198
County Total	0.07	888,634	889,260
Kings			
Incorporated	0.39	107,837	108,261
County Total	0.22	132,609	132,905
Lake			
Incorporated	-1.03	21,553	21,331
County Total	-0.96	67,379	66,731
Lassen			
Incorporated	-2.27	9,371	9,158
County Total	-1.44	24,610	24,255

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Los Angeles			
Incorporated	-0.72	8,819,609	8,755,840
County Total	-0.75	9,826,563	9,753,247
Madera			
Incorporated	0.14	79,099	79,209
County Total	0.66	151,964	152,973
Marin			
Incorporated	-1.01	188,538	186,639
County Total	-1.06	252,012	249,348
Mariposa			
Incorporated	0.00	0	0
County Total	-0.26	16,923	16,879
Mendocino			
Incorporated	-0.85	28,482	28,240
County Total	-0.53	89,581	89,102
Merced			
Incorporated	0.82	193,147	194,723
County Total	0.40	283,103	284,225
Modoc			
Incorporated	-1.01	2,678	2,651
County Total	-0.54	8,573	8,527
Mono			
Incorporated	0.08	7,267	7,273
County Total	-0.03	13,028	13,024
Monterey			
Incorporated	0.28	313,148	314,031
County Total	0.08	417,472	417,816

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County	<u>Percent Change</u> 2022-23	<u>--- Population</u> 1-1-22	<u>Minus Exclusions ---</u> 1-1-23
Napa			
Incorporated	-0.97	111,917	110,833
County Total	-0.99	134,274	132,945
Nevada			
Incorporated	0.25	33,423	33,506
County Total	-0.26	100,926	100,667
Orange			
Incorporated	-0.46	3,018,568	3,004,808
County Total	-0.46	3,151,305	3,136,922
Placer			
Incorporated	0.59	296,653	298,408
County Total	0.21	409,441	410,305
Plumas			
Incorporated	-1.64	2,129	2,094
County Total	-1.23	19,232	18,996
Riverside			
Incorporated	0.24	2,024,892	2,029,837
County Total	0.34	2,423,020	2,431,270
Sacramento			
Incorporated	0.44	965,442	969,714
County Total	-0.02	1,568,532	1,568,233
San Benito			
Incorporated	0.53	44,674	44,913
County Total	0.19	65,543	65,666
San Bernardino			
Incorporated	0.20	1,860,675	1,864,456
County Total	0.12	2,150,981	2,153,467

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San Diego			
Incorporated	-0.15	2,739,485	2,735,305
County Total	-0.13	3,216,536	3,212,379
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San Francisco			
Incorporated	-0.64	836,811	831,493
County Total	-0.64	836,811	831,493
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San Joaquin			
Incorporated	0.62	624,664	628,555
County Total	0.43	780,201	783,538
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San Luis Obispo			
Incorporated	-0.30	156,647	156,170
County Total	-0.50	275,461	274,071
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San Mateo			
Incorporated	-0.42	679,410	676,541
County Total	-0.43	740,711	737,515
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Santa Barbara			
Incorporated	-0.54	301,252	299,629
County Total	-0.60	437,125	434,517
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Santa Clara			
Incorporated	-0.24	1,798,715	1,794,411
County Total	-0.25	1,889,954	1,885,177
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Santa Cruz			
Incorporated	-0.83	135,707	134,584
County Total	-1.09	264,870	261,995
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Shasta			
Incorporated	-0.68	114,356	113,584
County Total	-0.68	180,467	179,237
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Sierra			
Incorporated	-0.93	751	744
County Total	-0.59	3,212	3,193
Siskiyou			
Incorporated	-0.15	19,692	19,662
County Total	-0.22	43,597	43,499
Solano			
Incorporated	-0.50	417,803	415,701
County Total	-0.52	435,287	433,044
Sonoma			
Incorporated	-0.51	348,949	347,183
County Total	-0.53	479,732	477,209
Stanislaus			
Incorporated	-0.35	437,764	436,219
County Total	-0.51	548,719	545,939
Sutter			
Incorporated	-0.02	79,012	78,993
County Total	-0.14	99,090	98,952
Tehama			
Incorporated	-1.34	23,167	22,857
County Total	-1.02	64,803	64,139
Trinity			
Incorporated	0.00	0	0
County Total	-0.33	15,925	15,873
Tulare			
Incorporated	0.36	339,886	341,097
County Total	0.12	474,263	474,825

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Tuolumne			
Incorporated	0.28	5,053	5,067
County Total	-0.16	52,255	52,171
Ventura			
Incorporated	-0.63	736,146	731,528
County Total	-0.72	827,790	821,854
Yolo			
Incorporated	0.03	185,648	185,699
County Total	-0.34	221,639	220,880
Yuba			
Incorporated	0.14	16,394	16,417
County Total	0.70	79,973	80,535

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS AND
FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 APPROPRIATION LIMIT ADOPTION
FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GOVERNED
SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND SERVICE AREAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH
ARTICLE XIII B OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, the **Recommended Budget** for the County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Special Districts, Community Development Commission and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District is available for public review online by visiting <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CAO/Public-Reports/Budget-Reports/>. Hard copies will be available for review on and after June 5, 2023 at the Office of the Sonoma County Administrator, 575 Administration Drive, Suite 104-A, Santa Rosa, California.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, as the governing body of the County and as the Directors and Commissioners of Special Districts, the Water Agency, Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Community Development Commission and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, will conduct public hearings on the Recommended Budget beginning on June 13, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Participation in the Budget Hearings will be available virtually and in person. Participation and public comment information below.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that members of the public can watch or join the meeting using one of the three following methods:

1. WATCH LIVESTREAM: <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.
2. JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING: Participate by computer, tablet, or smartphone application or by phone call. Please see the published agenda to access the Zoom information.
3. LISTEN AND ATTEND IN PERSON: Members of the public may attend in person. Seating is available in the Board Chambers for public participants. Members of the public may also listen to the Board meeting in the Administration Building hall or outside the main entrance. Overflow seating will be available in the building hall, if necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comment may be made live during the zoom meeting or live, in person, in the Board Chambers. Available time for comments is determined by the Board Chair based on agenda scheduling demands and total number of speakers.

Please see the published agenda for further details on attendance and public comment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearings will continue from day-to-day not to exceed fourteen (14) calendar days but may be concluded earlier in accordance with law. The hearings schedule will be available by visiting <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/budget-and-operations/budget-reports>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any member of the public may appear at said hearings and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item in the Recommended Budget or the inclusion of additional items. **All proposals for the increase or inclusion of additional items shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board before the close of the public hearings.** It is anticipated that at the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board of Supervisors/Directors/Commissioners will approve and adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 fiscal year reflecting their determination of any changes to be made to the Recommended Budget.

The list of governmental entities to be discussed can be found in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget document available by visiting <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/budget-and-operations/budget-reports>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, as the governing body of said county and various Special Districts and County Service Areas, will complete the **establishment of appropriations limits** in compliance with Article XIII B of the State Constitution for said county including said Special Districts and County Service Areas, for the 2023-24 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and that supporting documentation will be available to residents on June 1, 2023 by visiting <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/budget-and-operations/budget-reports>. The governmental entities having appropriation and revenue limits established may include, but are not limited to, the Sonoma County Government; Water Agency; County Service Area #40 (Fire Services), County Service Area #41 (Multi-Services), Community Facilities District #4 (Wilmar); Bittner Lane Permanent Road District; Monte Rosa Division #1 Permanent Road District; Peaks Pike Permanent Road District and Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that appropriation limits will be adopted during the Budget Hearings noticed herein, which commence on June 13, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 575 Administration Drive, Room 102A, Santa Rosa, California. In accordance with law, appropriation limits supporting documentation will be available for review June 1, 2023 by visiting <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/budget-and-operations/budget-reports> and at the County Administrator's Office, 575 Administration Drive, Room 104, Santa Rosa, California.