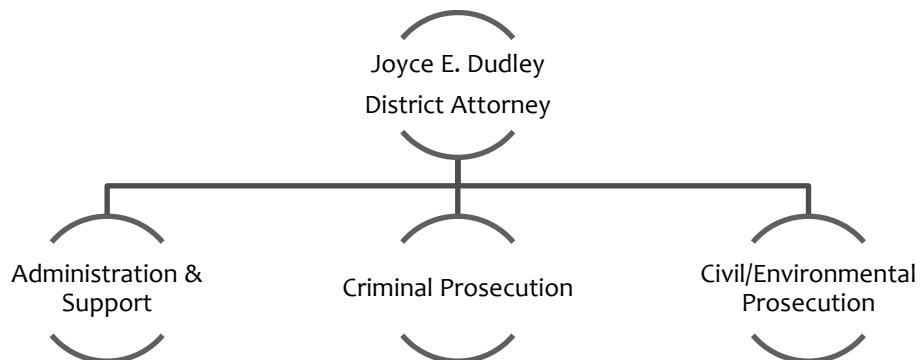


# District Attorney



## **BUDGET & FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS SUMMARY & BUDGET PROGRAMS CHART**

Operating	\$ 23,331,118
Capital	\$ 0
FTEs	133.2



# District Attorney

## Department

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the District Attorney is to pursue truth and justice by employing the highest ethical standards in vigorously prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent, and preventing crime.

### **DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION**

The mandatory duty of the District Attorney is to diligently and vigilantly pursue those who are believed to have violated the criminal codes of the State (People v. Hartman (1985) 170 Cal.App.3d 572 and California Government Code § 26500). The District Attorney also has the duty to protect the rights of victims of crime, where “victims of crime are entitled to have the criminal justice system view criminal acts as serious threats to the safety and welfare of the People of California” (California Constitution, Art. I § 28 and Marsy’s Law).

The District Attorney is responsible for prosecution of adult and juvenile offenders for felony and misdemeanor crimes or civil violations countywide. The District Attorney team consists of deputy district attorneys, criminal investigators, victim advocates, and legal support staff housed in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Lompoc. The team is organized to review, file, and prepare cases for prosecution; enforce terms and conditions of criminal probationers; assist victims throughout the criminal process, including efforts to recover restitution; and participate in proactive efforts to deter crime.

The District Attorney has three budget programs: Administration and Support, Criminal Prosecution, and Civil/Environmental Prosecution, as described below.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016-18 OBJECTIVES**

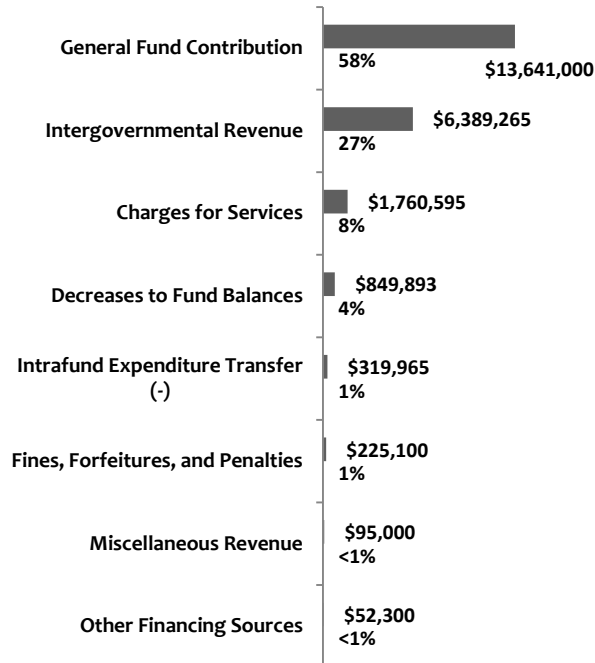
- Assist allied agencies with the investigation and prosecution of those responsible for committing violent crimes that have resulted in an increase in homicides and gang-related murders in North County. In calendar year 2015, the City of Santa Maria’s murder rate has increased to one of the highest in the state per capita.
- Continue criminal investigations of the Refugio Oil Spill and initiate complaints as appropriate.
- Pursue the expansion of the Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP) to include Proposition 47 cases for serious and high-risk drug offenders, which would provide therapeutic resources for certain drug offenses.
- Continue to successfully manage witness safety and availability in gang violence cases.
- Work collaboratively with countywide partners to develop protocols and provide outreach and education to abate human trafficking.
- Reduce sexual exploitation among youth offenders through the creation of CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children) Court, a multi-agency collaboration designed to target females at high risk of exploitation and recidivism.
- Continue to work with Real Estate Advisory Team of real estate professionals with the goal of identifying trends in order to deter fraudulent activity.
- Expand victim services to meet the needs of underserved victims of crime in Santa Maria.

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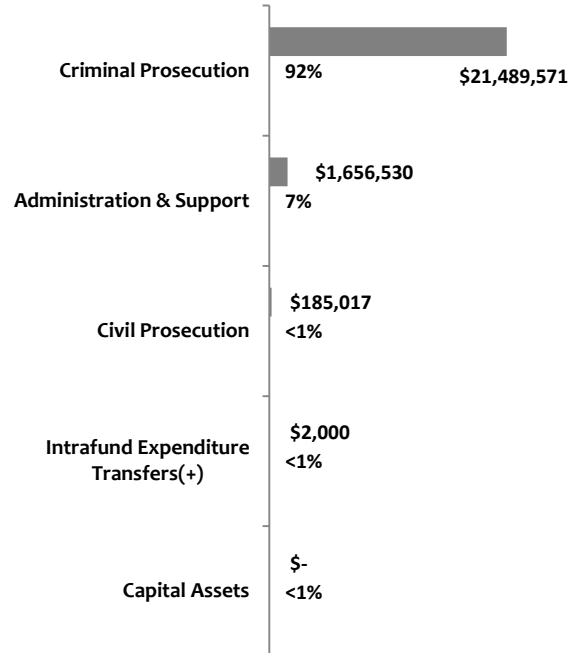
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### RECOMMENDED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

#### Source of Funds - \$23,333,118

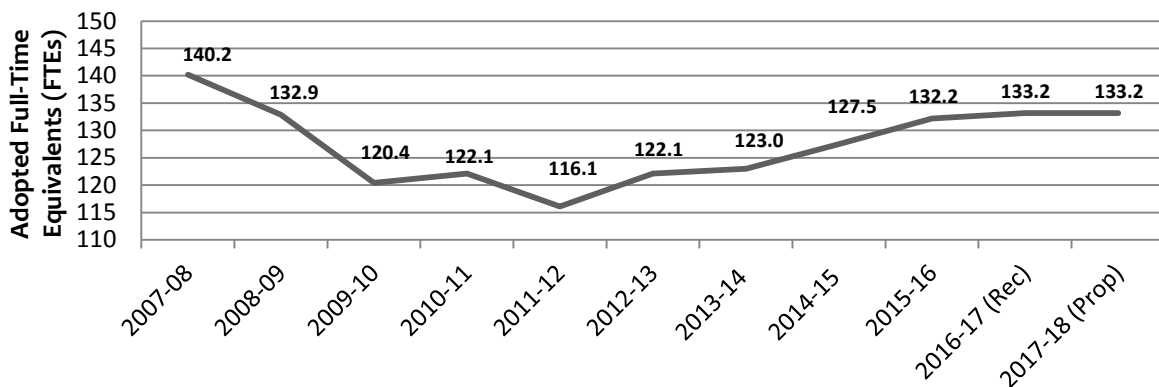


#### Use of Funds - \$23,333,118



### STAFFING TREND

The staffing trend values will differ from prior year budget books in order to show amounts without the impact of any vacancy factors.



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### BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
Administration & Support	8.31	9.00	-	9.00	9.00
Criminal Prosecution	125.31	122.20	1.00	123.20	123.20
Civil Prosecution	0.09	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>133.71</b>	<b>132.20</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>133.20</b>	<b>133.20</b>
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<b>Budget By Budget Program</b>					
Administration & Support	\$ 1,505,696	\$ 1,596,419	\$ 60,111	\$ 1,656,530	\$ 1,733,128
Criminal Prosecution	19,730,842	20,442,596	1,046,975	21,489,571	22,459,131
Civil Prosecution	14,804	163,520	21,497	185,017	191,539
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,251,342</b>	<b>\$ 22,202,535</b>	<b>\$ 1,128,583</b>	<b>\$ 23,331,118</b>	<b>\$ 24,383,798</b>
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<b>Budget By Categories of Expenditures</b>					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 19,372,371	\$ 20,483,001	\$ 899,721	\$ 21,382,722	\$ 22,454,621
Services and Supplies	1,065,548	938,400	66,819	1,005,219	986,000
Other Charges	813,423	781,134	162,043	943,177	943,177
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>21,251,342</b>	<b>22,202,535</b>	<b>1,128,583</b>	<b>23,331,118</b>	<b>24,383,798</b>
Capital Assets	79,984	240,000	(240,000)	-	-
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	2,193	3,740	(1,740)	2,000	2,000
Fund Balance Impact (+)	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,333,521</b>	<b>\$ 22,446,275</b>	<b>\$ 886,843</b>	<b>\$ 23,333,118</b>	<b>\$ 24,385,798</b>
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<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	\$ 198,729	\$ 225,100	\$ -	\$ 225,100	\$ 171,658
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,983,831	6,236,696	152,569	6,389,265	6,585,303
Charges for Services	1,730,708	1,694,769	65,826	1,760,595	1,760,595
Miscellaneous Revenue	96,421	120,000	(25,000)	95,000	95,000
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>8,009,690</b>	<b>8,276,565</b>	<b>193,395</b>	<b>8,469,960</b>	<b>8,612,556</b>
Other Financing Sources	50,118	52,300	-	52,300	52,300
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	290,098	292,039	27,926	319,965	319,965
Decreases to Fund Balances	176,415	536,771	313,122	849,893	101,216
General Fund Contribution	12,807,200	13,288,600	352,400	13,641,000	14,092,200
Fund Balance Impact (-)	-	-	-	-	1,207,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,333,521</b>	<b>\$ 22,446,275</b>	<b>\$ 886,843</b>	<b>\$ 23,333,118</b>	<b>\$ 24,385,798</b>

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### **CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2015-16 ADOPTED TO 2016-17 RECOMMENDED**

#### Staffing

- Increase of 1.0 FTE:
  - This increase is due to the addition of 1.0 Victim Witness Program Advocate. The department recently received a Human Trafficking Grant from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services which includes funding for 1.0 FTE Victim Witness Program Advocate. The Human Trafficking position was approved by the Board in October 2015.

#### Expenditures

- Net operating expenditure increase of \$1,128,583:
  - +\$899,721 increase in Salaries and Employee Benefits due to salary increases of the adopted Deputy District Attorney union contract, health insurance costs, and workers' compensation premiums.
  - +\$66,819 increase in Services and Supplies due to significant growth in gang cases and related costs, particularly witness expenses, translation and transcription services, and copier and computer replacements.
  - +\$162,043 increase in Other Charges due to an increase in general liability insurance costs.
- Net non-operating expenditure decrease of \$241,740:
  - -\$ 150,000 decrease due to a shift in timing for a one-time purchase of a case management system web enhancement from Fiscal Year 15-16 to Fiscal Year 17-18.
  - -\$90,000 decrease due to one-time purchase of software licensing and computer hardware.
  - -\$1,740 decrease due to change in Auditor-Controller audit fees.

These changes result in recommended operating expenditures of \$23,331,118 and non-operating expenditures of \$2,000, resulting in total expenditures of \$23,333,118. Non-operating expenditures primarily include capital assets, transfers, and increases to fund balances.

#### Revenues

- Net operating revenue increase of \$193,395 due to:
  - +\$152,569 increase in Intergovernmental Revenue due to \$93,044 in new State and Federal grant revenue; \$30,100 in Public Safety Sales Tax (Proposition 172); \$10,425 in Local Realignment revenue, and \$19,000 in revenue to offset expenses for the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program.
  - -\$25,000 decrease in Miscellaneous Revenue due to a decrease in volume of Misdemeanor Diversion Program cases.
  - +\$65,826 increase in Charges for Services due to \$95,826 increase in funding for the Welfare Fraud Program funded by the Department of Social Services, offset by a (\$30,000) decrease in recording fees collected for the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Unit.
- Net non-operating revenue increase of \$693,448:
  - +\$352,400 increase in General Fund Contribution for Salary and Benefit increases.
  - +\$27,926 increase in Local Realignment funding.
  - +\$313,122 increase in the use of one-time Fund Balance. The department increased its use of Fund Balance for structural balancing by \$487,122, which is offset by a (\$174,000) decrease in IT enhancements. These changes reflect a significant increase in the department's use of one-time fund balances to cover operations. In

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### ***CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2015-16 ADOPTED TO 2016-17 RECOMMENDED (CONT'D)***

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In addition, the department received one-time program restoration. Total one-time uses to cover operations are \$849,893.

These changes result in recommended operating revenues of \$8,470,960 and non-operating revenues of \$14,862,158, resulting in total revenues of \$23,333,118. Non-operating revenues primarily include General Fund Contribution, transfers, and decreases to fund balances.

### ***CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2016-17 RECOMMENDED TO 2017-18 PROPOSED***

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The 2016-17 Proposed Budget contains \$1,052,680 in total expenditure increases due to the increasing cost of employee salaries and benefits, workers' compensation premiums, health insurance, computer replacement costs, and increases in charges from other departments. This is partially offset by increases in operating revenues of \$142,596. The department will face a budget shortfall in FY2017-18 of \$1,207,561 in order to maintain existing service levels.

### ***RELATED LINKS***

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For more information on the Office of the District Attorney, please refer to the website at <http://www.countyofsb.org/da/index.html>.

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## Department

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Estimated Actual	FY 2016-17 Recommend	FY 2017-18 Proposed
<b>Department-Wide</b>					
Percent of newly filed misdemeanor cases disposed of at the arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice resources.	66% 6,564/9,965	64% 7,287/11,347	62% 7,532/12,174	65% 8,125/12,500	65% 8,125/12,500
Percent of felony convictions for cases past the preliminary hearing stage to make effective use of judicial proceedings.	80% 230/286	71% 277/388	82% 286/350	80% 280/350	80% 280/350
Percent of felony cases resolved before preliminary hearing, thus reducing jail population and number of court appearances.	63% 2,008/3,181	61% 1,514/2,499	62% 1,612/2,612	65% 1,625/2,500	65% 1,625/2,500
Percent of new Victims of Violent Crime claims verified and filed within 90 days of application thereby expediting reimbursements.	99% 897/909	100% 804/804	100% 900/900	100% 900/900	100% 900/900
Percent of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) completed by the due date.	Not used in prior years	80% 105/132	78% 103/132	100% 133/133	100% 133/133

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## Program

### ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

Provide administrative, financial/budgetary, and information technology support as well as policy development to further the District Attorney's mission.

#### Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
ASST DIRECTOR	0.88	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
IT MANAGER	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
BUSINESS MANAGER	0.99	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST SR	0.98	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO	-	-	1.00	1.00	1.00
COMPUTER SYSTEMS SPEC	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR-RES	0.41	1.00	(1.00)	-	-
ADMN OFFICE PRO III-RES	0.08	-	-	-	-
DEPT BUS SPEC	0.97	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total	8.31	9.00	-	9.00	9.00

#### Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,348,463	\$ 1,544,994	\$ 35,888	\$ 1,580,882	\$ 1,657,480
Services and Supplies	132,495	25,925	25,394	51,319	51,319
Other Charges	24,739	25,500	(1,171)	24,329	24,329
Total Operating Expenditures	1,505,696	1,596,419	60,111	1,656,530	1,733,128
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,505,696	\$ 1,596,419	\$ 60,111	\$ 1,656,530	\$ 1,733,128
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Intergovernmental Revenue	199,761	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	8,736	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenues	208,498	-	-	-	-
General Fund Contribution	1,155,229	1,596,419	60,111	1,656,530	1,656,530
Total Revenues	\$ 1,363,727	\$ 1,596,419	\$ 60,111	\$ 1,656,530	\$ 1,656,530



# District Attorney

## Program

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### **ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (CONT'D)**

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#### **2015-16 Anticipated Accomplishments**

##### *Advancements for Justice*

- **Business Process Review:** The department enlisted an outside vendor to review its business processes to identify efficiencies and automation opportunities within its current case management system and surrounding legal processes. Several recommendations were implemented to improve the current legal process, which in turn will help to support the transition to a new case management system.
- **Electronic Motions:** Implemented a procedure with the Public Defender that allows motions and other paper documents, which were formerly personally served, to be sent electronically between the two offices. Electronic motion service expedites processes and conserves the use of equipment, paper, and staff time.
- **Electronic Discovery:** The department finalized the implementation of electronic transfer of ongoing discovery to private defense attorneys and the Public Defender. This has streamlined the process from burning CDs to sending information online in a stable and secure manner. Electronic discovery conserves the use of equipment, paper, and staff time.

#### **2016-18 Objectives**

- Create a focus group to identify new case management improvements to ensure final product meets all department needs, including ease of use and comprehensive detail of information and reporting.
- Upgrade the current 20-year-old case management system to a new web-based interface. The case management upgrade will provide improved technology for data entry and retrieval, detailed case reporting, and ensure that evidence based reporting requirements are met.

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## Program

### **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

Criminal Prosecution consists of various units:

- **General Felony/Misdemeanor Prosecution:** Attorneys prosecute a wide range of felony and misdemeanor violations of California law in Santa Barbara Superior Courts. Criminal prosecution is initiated against a defendant by the filing of a formal document alleging charges or a violation of probation, parole or post-release community supervision. Prosecution culminates with a dismissal, trial, plea, or a hearing in a superior court. The process terminates once the defendant has been sentenced, and victim restitution, if appropriate, has been ordered.
- **Vertical Prosecution Units:** Attorneys, investigators, law enforcement partners, legal support staff and victim advocates work as an integrated team during the felony prosecution of complex cases ranging from child molestation and domestic violence to criminal street gangs.
- **Juvenile Prosecution:** Prosecutors review cases referred by law enforcement agencies and probation staff, file petitions, and appear multiple times in Juvenile Court through the juvenile justice process. Truancy Program staff also works with schools countywide.
- **Drug and Alcohol Crimes and Rehabilitative Efforts:** Prosecution of misdemeanor and felony cases involving those whose criminal activity is related to abuse of alcohol and prescription or illegal drugs. Programs include the following Courts: DUI, Drug, Proposition 36 Treatment, Mental Health Treatment, and Veterans' and Restorative Justice.
- **Real Estate Fraud, Workers' Compensation Fraud and Automobile Insurance Fraud:** An attorney and investigator are assigned these cases from the beginning of the investigation through prosecution.
- **Arraignment Court:** Attorneys staffed in the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria arraignment courts are responsible for setting appropriate bail for defendants, requesting protective orders for victims, and resolving criminal prosecution at an initial stage of the proceedings.
- **Appellate Prosecution:** Attorneys file petitions for appellate review of dismissed criminal charges and adverse court orders, or respond to habeas corpus petitions filed by in-custody defendants. With the implementation of Proposition 36 and Proposition 47, attorneys handle the resentencing of criminal defendants who have been previously sentenced to life in prison or who are petitioning for a reduction of their sentence from a felony to a misdemeanor. When appropriate, attorneys also appear at state prison parole hearings to advocate against the release of criminals who are serving life sentences.
- **Bureau of Investigations:** This unit consists primarily of sworn peace officers who are responsible for providing investigative and technical support services to prosecutions. District Attorney Investigators assist in the detection of crime and the gathering of evidence to be used in the prosecution of criminal cases. There are two major missions of the Bureau of Investigations. The first is the traditional function of criminal investigation and trial preparation (development of evidence of proof beyond a reasonable doubt). The second is specialized investigative assignments in areas such as real estate fraud, public assistance fraud, insurance fraud, consumer and environmental protection, parental child abduction, arson, internet crimes against children, complex theft offenses, and misconduct by public officials.
- **Welfare Fraud Investigations and Prosecution:** This is presently a contracted program with the Department of Social Services (DSS) that conducts the initial investigation of fraudulent receipts of aid and secures cost recovery or criminal penalties where appropriate.
- **Victim Witness Assistance Program:** This program provides comprehensive services to over 3,500 crime victims annually to mitigate the aftermath of crime, as well as to prevent future crimes. The State Victim Compensation program provides funding for victim compensation claims, which expedites recovery to victims and local service providers. The Victim Witness Assistance Program provides administrative oversight for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), which facilitates forensic medical and legal services to sexual assault victims.

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## Program

### CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

#### Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
CHIEF DEPUTY	3.00	3.00	1.00	4.00	4.00
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY SR	13.54	14.00	(2.00)	12.00	12.00
ASST DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1.00	1.00	(1.00)	-	-
DA INVESTIGATOR CHIEF	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY	29.50	30.00	2.00	32.00	32.00
DA INVESTIGATOR SUPV	2.96	3.00	-	3.00	3.00
DA INVESTIGATOR	11.77	12.00	1.00	13.00	13.00
PROGRAM MANAGER	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
BUSINESS MANAGER	0.01	-	-	-	-
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST SR	0.02	-	-	-	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	20.14	20.00	-	20.00	20.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO	0.81	0.50	-	0.50	0.50
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR	1.69	2.00	-	2.00	2.00
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR	16.57	20.00	-	20.00	20.00
PARALEGAL	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
VICTIM WITNESS PROG SUPV	1.65	2.00	-	2.00	2.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR-RES	0.43	-	-	-	-
ADMN OFFICE PRO III-RES	0.08	-	-	-	-
DEPT BUS SPEC	0.03	-	-	-	-
VICTIM WITNESS PROG ASST	8.98	9.00	1.00	10.00	10.00
EXTRA HELP	7.74	-	-	-	-
CONTRACTOR	2.38	2.70	(1.00)	1.70	1.70
Total	<u>125.31</u>	<u>122.20</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>123.20</u>	<u>123.20</u>

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## Program

### CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

#### Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 18,011,286	\$ 18,776,787	\$ 842,681	\$ 19,619,468	\$ 20,608,247
Services and Supplies	933,054	912,475	41,425	953,900	934,681
Other Charges	786,502	753,334	162,869	916,203	916,203
Total Operating Expenditures	19,730,842	20,442,596	1,046,975	21,489,571	22,459,131
Capital Assets	79,984	240,000	(240,000)	-	-
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	2,193	3,740	(1,740)	2,000	2,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 19,813,019	\$ 20,686,336	\$ 805,235	\$ 21,491,571	\$ 22,461,131
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	175,729	175,100	-	175,100	121,658
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,784,070	6,236,696	152,569	6,389,265	6,585,303
Charges for Services	1,730,708	1,694,769	65,826	1,760,595	1,760,595
Miscellaneous Revenue	87,685	120,000	(25,000)	95,000	95,000
Total Operating Revenues	7,778,192	8,226,565	193,395	8,419,960	8,562,556
Other Financing Sources	50,118	52,300	-	52,300	52,300
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	290,098	292,039	27,926	319,965	319,965
Decreases to Fund Balances	176,415	536,771	313,122	849,893	101,216
General Fund Contribution	11,398,002	11,578,661	270,792	11,849,453	12,300,653
Total Revenues	\$ 19,692,825	\$ 20,686,336	\$ 805,235	\$ 21,491,571	\$ 21,336,690

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## Program

### **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)**

#### 2015-16 Anticipated Accomplishments

##### Promises Delivered

- **Truancy Program:** Established in FY 2012-13, the District Attorney Truancy Program achieved remarkable results in FY 2014-15 and is expected to achieve similar results in FY2015-16. This dynamic program ensures that children in our community receive a high school education and provides connections to essential services for the underlying social, familial, academic, mental, and physical health issues that are often the root causes of truancy. These issues frequently place children at risk for being both perpetrators and victims of crime. Statewide truancy continues to rise; however, Santa Barbara County's truancy rate has fallen well below the State average since the program was reinstated. In total, less than 1% of cases were referred to the Probation Department and District Attorney for legal action. In California, the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Truancy Program continues to be a leading example among truancy programs.
- **Misdemeanor Diversion Program:** The Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP) continues to clear over 1,000 criminal cases annually from our congested courts. In 2015, over 1,200 minor offenders completed rehabilitative programs that have been shown to reduce recidivism. Offenders pay for the cost of programs themselves, thereby removing the burden from the taxpayer. This year, offenders paid \$46,386 in victim restitution and \$72,500 in cost recovery fees. MDP provides a criminal justice "win-win", combining better outcomes in criminal cases while providing huge savings in County resources.
- **Workers' Compensation Unit:** The Workers' Compensation Unit continued to aggressively seek out and prosecute workers' compensation fraud with a historic number of new cases. Recently, Santa Barbara County Risk Management reported that Workers' Compensation claims for the County of Santa Barbara are at their lowest level in 20 years. Given that the County of Santa Barbara is self-insured, this drop translates to significant cost savings to the County. The success of the Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit has resulted in successes within other specialty units, including Annuity Insurance Fraud. By forging a strong bond with the California Department of Insurance, the Annuity Fraud Prosecution Unit has produced a significant conviction in the case of *People v. Joseph Mele*, who received a 10 year prison sentence after a 12 month investigation revealed that he had been "churning" accounts of elder abuse victims and had stolen over \$880,000 from them. It continues to be this office's goal to protect honest workers and business owners from workers' compensation fraud, and to protect our community's elderly individuals from financial predators.
- **Human Trafficking:** Increased community education efforts in order to better inform the public, and more effectively prevent and eradicate these types of crimes. The Human Trafficking Task Force works to identify and serve victims, develop response protocols, and promote opportunities for cross-training. Since the task force began, the District Attorney has increased its successful prosecution of these cases.
- **Automobile Theft and Insurance Fraud:** Reduce automobile theft and automobile insurance fraud through the formation of a task force in collaboration with the Santa Maria Police Department. The District Attorney has received grant funding from the Department of Insurance for the investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud. The joint goal is to make County roads safer and ensure a reduction in these crimes.

##### Programs Created and Enhanced

- **IV Safe:** Created and chaired by District Attorney Dudley, the Isla Vista Safe Committee is a senior-level leadership coalition focused on implementing strategic policies and sustainable actions to promote safety and security, civic responsibility, and community well-being in Isla Vista.

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## Program

### **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)**

#### Programs Created and Enhanced

- Task Forces: The Arson, Human Trafficking, and Anti-Animal Abuse Task Forces continue to collaborate with law enforcement partners and community groups to combat these crimes. The Arson Task Force focuses on ways to improve the investigation and prosecution of arson fires and arsonists. The Human Trafficking Task Force consists of over 70 members that work together to identify and serve victims of human trafficking and promote greater understanding of this crime. The Anti-Animal Abuse Task Force continues in its effort to reduce the number of abused animals, and prevent those who are cruel to animals from engaging in other forms of abuse such as domestic violence and child or elder abuse.
- Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program: The Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team was established during Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The team consists of real estate professionals who assist the unit in identifying real estate fraud trends and practices in the County of Santa Barbara. The unit performed more than 59 investigations, filed 10 cases, and obtained 6 convictions resulting in state prison sentences and over \$13,500,000 in restitution to 56 victims.
- CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children) Court: Launched in the second half of 2015, CSEC is a District Attorney led, multi-agency collaborative effort designed to target youth offenders who are sexually exploited or at high risk of exploitation and recidivism. Collaboration between the District Attorney and numerous County departments and community agencies helps to identify those at high risk. Participants receive programming and services specific to their unique needs under supervision of the Santa Maria Juvenile Court.
- Proposition 47: Proposition 47 reduced certain felonies to misdemeanors in order to fund prevention and support of programs in schools, victim services and mental health and drug treatment. Deputy District Attorneys thoroughly reviewed and processed all Prop. 47 petitions filed within Santa Barbara County, each of which must be litigated in a manner similar to that of new law enforcement referrals for prosecution.
- Proposition 36: Continued prosecution of Proposition 36 petitions. Proposition 36 modified elements of California's Three-Strikes law. Attorneys litigated the most dangerous Three-Strikes prisoners' petitions for resentencing of their Three-Strikes offenses.

#### **2016-18 Objectives**

- Assist allied agencies with the investigation and prosecution of those responsible for homicides and gang-related murders. The City of Santa Maria and County of Santa Barbara's murder rate has increased to one of the highest in the state per capita. Such crimes disproportionately strain this office's financial resources, and impede its ability to accomplish its mission of public safety and attain other necessary objectives.
- Continue criminal investigations of the Refugio Oil Spill and initiate complaints as appropriate.
- Explore expansion of the Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP) to include Proposition 47 cases for serious and high-risk drug offenders, which would provide therapeutic resources for certain drug offenses.
- Continue to successfully manage witness safety and availability in gang violence cases.
- Continue to investigate and prosecute suspects who are accessing and disseminating child pornography.
- Continue outreach efforts and education in order to combat elder abuse in Santa Barbara County.
- Obtain additional grant funding to meet the needs of victims of violent crime in Santa Maria.
- Develop internal protocols and performance measurements to identify opportunities for the earlier disposition of cases, which would free up resources for the entire criminal justice system.
- The Real Estate Fraud Unit will continue to work with the Santa Barbara County Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team, in order to identify real estate fraud trends and practices in the County of Santa Barbara.

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### **CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL PROSECUTION**

Complex cases involving consumer and environmental crimes are investigated and prosecuted, including companies or individuals who engage in fraudulent or unlawful business practices.

#### Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY	0.04	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	0.01	-	-	-	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR	0.05	-	-	-	-
Total	0.09	1.00	-	1.00	1.00

#### Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Adopted	Change from FY15-16 Ado to FY16-17 Rec	2016-17 Recommended	2017-18 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 12,622	\$ 161,220	\$ 21,152	\$ 182,372	\$ 188,894
Other Charges	2,181	2,300	345	2,645	2,645
Total Operating Expenditures	14,804	163,520	21,497	185,017	191,539
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,804	\$ 163,520	\$ 21,497	\$ 185,017	\$ 191,539
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	23,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
Total Operating Revenues	23,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
General Fund Contribution	253,969	113,520	21,497	135,017	135,017
Total Revenues	\$ 276,969	\$ 163,520	\$ 21,497	\$ 185,017	\$ 185,017

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### ***CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)***

#### **2015-16 Anticipated Accomplishments**

##### *Successful Partnerships*

- Civil Violations: Continue to partner with the Weights and Measures Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on the investigation and enforcement of false and misleading advertising and unlawful business practices. In FY 2015-16 the District Attorney has been investigating and anticipates filing at least three short weight packaging cases, two of which will likely have state-wide participation, in addition to other cases involving overpricing at large retail chains.
- Civil Penalties: Approximately \$23,000 in civil penalty revenue was secured in FY 2014-15 through settlements of civil cases countywide. In the current fiscal year, the District Attorney has collected \$42,500 in civil penalties with an expected increase of more than \$100,000 in pending case settlements.
- Civil/Environmental Investigations and Prosecutions: The District Attorney continues to partner with local environmental agencies such as the CA Coastal Commission, Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), and Air Pollution Control District (APCD) in litigation against environmental violators in Santa Barbara County. A major investigation in this area involves the Refugio Oil Spill perpetrated by Plains All American LLC.
- Improper Disposal of Hazardous Waste and Health Information: Collaborated with statewide prosecutors and investigators in several multi-county environmental cases against large retail chains that were found to be improperly disposing of hazardous waste and patients' protected health information.

#### **2016-18 Objectives**

- Continue partnerships with allied agencies to identify and prosecute violators in the areas of consumer fraud and environmental crimes.
- Engage more investigative and prosecutorial resources in consumer fraud and environmental cases at earlier stages.
- Continue civil investigations of the Refugio Oil Spill and initiate complaints as appropriate.