



CHALLENGES, CHANGES AND CHOICES AHEAD

## RECOMMENDED OPERATIONAL PLAN

*Santa Barbara County*

*Budget Hearings*

*June 13 – June 17, 2016*



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## Front Cover

*The cover art of this budget book is titled “Yellow Sunrise, 9/11/15” and is the colorful vision of Chris Potter. The painting is of Old San Marcos Road in Santa Barbara County, which is known for its breathtaking beauty and steep mountain pathways. Sunrises in Santa Barbara County are always stunning and provide a picturesque horizon for contemplation of the day to come.*

*The contrast of a bright sunrise above a mountainous horizon captures the feeling of the “Challenges, Changes and Choices Ahead” budget theme. A theme chosen knowing the many issues that are influencing multi-layered budget decisions. This theme reflects the future of things to come, the horizon. Although no one can see the future, the budget is a financial plan that attempts to provide for known circumstances while also anticipating the inevitable – the many challenges, changes, and choices ahead.*

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