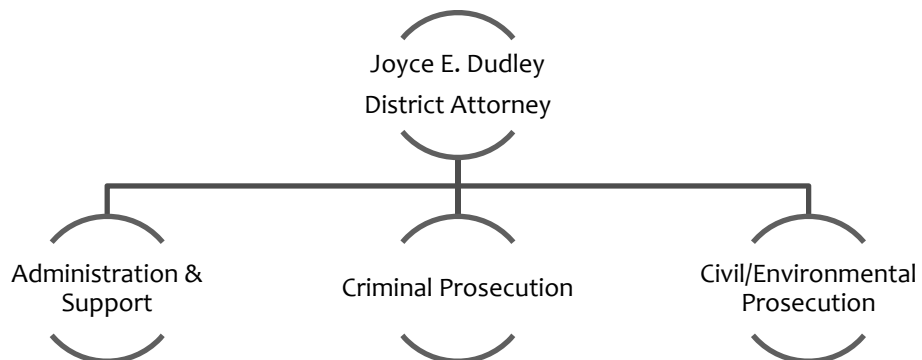


District Attorney



RECOMMENDED BUDGET & STAFFING SUMMARY & BUDGET PROGRAMS CHART

Operating	\$ 25,856,900
Capital	\$ 550,000
FTEs	132.0



District Attorney

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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 the 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, legal support staff, and administrative and information technology 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 justice 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018-19 OBJECTIVES

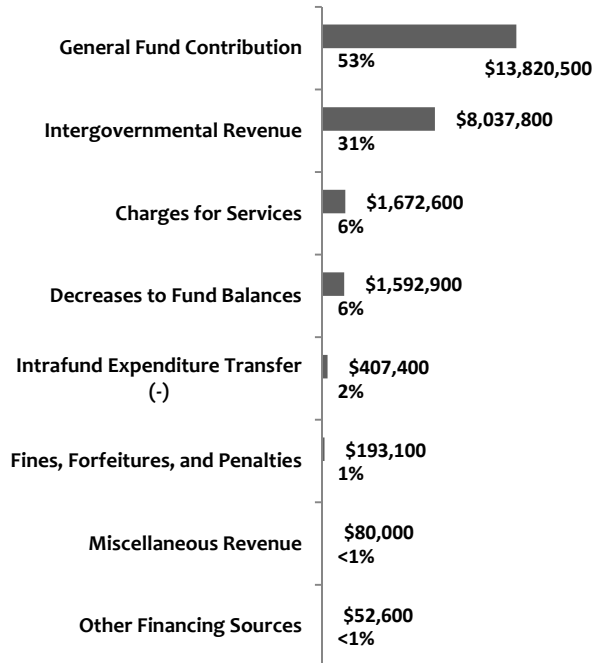
- Complete the implementation of a new case management system. The new system will provide improved technology for data entry and retrieval, create office-wide workflow efficiencies, allow for more detailed case reporting, and ensure that evidence-based reporting requirements are met.
- Continue to vigorously prosecute those responsible for committing gang-related crimes in an effort to deter gang activity in Santa Barbara County.
- Utilize Federal Human Trafficking Task Force grant funding in cooperation with the Sheriff’s Office in order to conduct proactive investigations and victim interventions.
- Initiate early contact with victims resulting in better outcomes and earlier disposition of cases.
- Complete the prosecution of the criminal case against Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. for the Refugio Oil Spill.
- Continue to develop the Civil/Environmental Unit, which will allow Santa Barbara County to strengthen its enforcement of consumer and environmental laws, as well as increase its involvement in statewide consumer and environmental litigation.
- Recruit hard-working and skilled employees, and increase retention of high-functioning staff.
- Utilize technology to streamline business processes and effectively share information with criminal justice partners.

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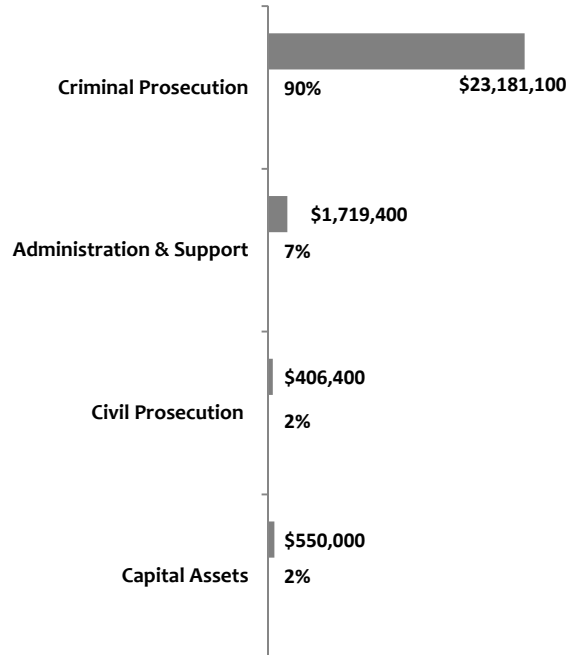
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RECOMMENDED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

Source of Funds - \$25,856,900

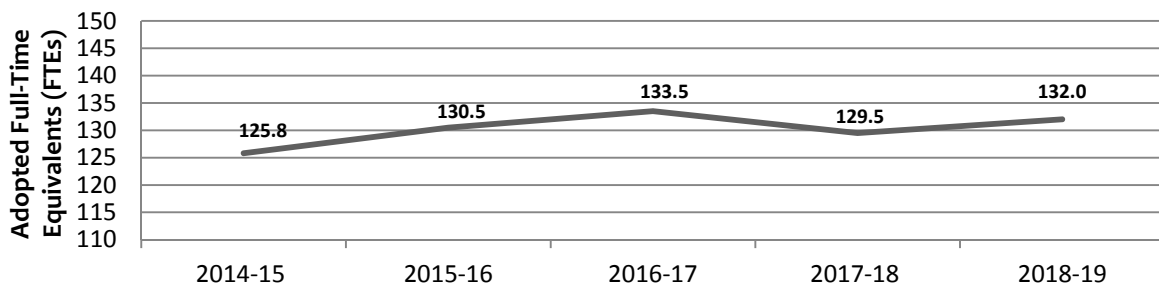


Use of Funds - \$25,856,900



STAFFING TREND

FTE counts include regular staff only, and do not include extra help and contractors-on-payroll.



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BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
Administration & Support	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	-
Criminal Prosecution	117.63	118.35	118.35	120.50	2.15
Civil Prosecution	0.77	2.15	2.15	2.50	0.35
Total	127.11	129.50	129.50	132.00	2.50
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Budget By Budget Program					
Administration & Support	\$ 1,818,361	\$ 1,725,968	\$ 1,713,700	\$ 1,719,400	\$ (6,568)
Criminal Prosecution	21,188,568	22,259,621	21,655,700	23,181,100	921,479
Civil Prosecution	131,572	366,819	379,200	406,400	39,581
Total	\$ 23,138,501	\$ 24,352,408	\$ 23,748,600	\$ 25,306,900	\$ 954,492
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Budget By Categories of Expenditures					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 20,993,222	\$ 22,433,302	\$ 21,827,600	\$ 23,156,800	\$ 723,498
Services and Supplies	1,202,783	1,177,558	1,194,700	1,276,800	99,242
Other Charges	942,496	741,548	726,300	873,300	131,752
Total Operating Expenditures	23,138,501	24,352,408	23,748,600	25,306,900	954,492
Capital Assets	84,260	550,000	-	550,000	-
Increases to Fund Balances	391,881	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Impact (+)	122,964	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 23,737,605	\$ 24,902,408	\$ 23,748,600	\$ 25,856,900	\$ 954,492
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Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	\$ 92,439	\$ 325,100	\$ 213,100	\$ 193,100	\$ (132,000)
Intergovernmental Revenue	6,887,904	7,317,006	7,368,800	8,037,800	720,794
Charges for Services	1,631,147	1,707,427	1,522,500	1,672,600	(34,827)
Miscellaneous Revenue	50,350	85,000	50,000	80,000	(5,000)
Total Operating Revenues	8,661,840	9,434,533	9,154,400	9,983,500	548,967
Other Financing Sources	52,300	52,615	52,600	52,600	(15)
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	319,965	341,065	341,100	407,400	66,335
Decreases to Fund Balances	731,500	1,253,695	380,000	1,592,900	339,205
General Fund Contribution	13,972,000	13,820,500	13,820,500	13,820,500	-
Total	\$ 23,737,605	\$ 24,902,408	\$ 23,748,600	\$ 25,856,900	\$ 954,492

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CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2017-18 ADOPTED TO 2018-19 RECOMMENDED

Staffing

- Total increase of 2.5 FTE due to the following:
 - Addition of 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney III and 0.5 FTE Legal Office Professional to enforce the County Ordinances and municipal codes that govern cannabis-related operations in Santa Barbara County.
 - Addition of 1.0 FTE District Attorney Investigator II to perform critical investigative functions in support of prosecution efforts, including criminal investigation and trial preparation.

Expenditures

- Total operating expenditure increase of \$954,500 due to:
 - +\$723,500 increase in Salaries and Employee Benefits due to the addition of 1.0 FTE District Attorney Investigator II in Criminal Prosecution, and 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney III and 0.5 FTE Legal Office Professional I for cannabis-related enforcement efforts, in addition to retirement cost increases, health insurance cost increases, and additional salary costs.
 - +131,800 increase in Other Charges primarily due to an increase in general liability insurance costs.
 - +\$99,200 increase in Services and Supplies primarily due to contractual services associated with grant funding.

These changes result in recommended operating expenditures of \$25,306,900 and non-operating expenditures of \$550,000, for total expenditures of \$25,856,900. Non-operating expenditures include capital assets.

Revenues

- Net operating revenue increase of \$549,000 due to:
 - +\$720,800 increase in Intergovernmental Revenue due to \$113,400 in federal and State grant revenue, \$575,400 in Public Safety Sales Tax (Proposition 172), \$17,000 in Local Realignment revenue, and \$15,000 in other State programs.
 - -\$132,000 decrease in Forfeitures and Penalties due to a decrease in one-time use of fund balance.
 - -\$34,800 decrease in Charges for Services primarily due to a \$75,000 decrease in recording fee revenue collected for the Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Unit, partially offset by a \$33,200 increase in funding for the Welfare Fraud program funded by the Department of Social Services.
 - -\$5,000 decrease in Miscellaneous Revenue due to a decrease in Misdemeanor Diversion Program fees.
- Total non-operating revenue increase of \$405,500 due to:
 - +\$339,200 increase to Use of Fund Balances due to \$202,900 in ongoing funding for cannabis-related enforcement efforts, and a \$136,300 increase in one-time use of fund balance to mitigate an ongoing structural imbalance driven primarily by increases in benefit costs, information technology costs, and general liability insurance costs.
 - +\$66,300 increase to Intrafund Expenditure transfers primarily due to a one-time increase in AB 109 funding.

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*CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2017-18 ADOPTED TO 2018-19 RECOMMENDED
(CONT'D)*

Revenues

These changes result in recommended operating revenues of \$9,983,500 and non-operating revenues of \$15,873,400, for total revenues of \$25,856,900. Non-operating revenues primarily include General Fund Contribution, transfers, and decreases to fund balances.

RELATED LINKS

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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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Actual	FY 2017-18 Estimated Actual	FY 2018-19 Recommend
Department-Wide				
Percent of newly filed misdemeanor cases disposed of at the arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice resources.	60% 7,095/11,787	55% 6,428/11,745	60% 6,870/11,450	65% 7,644/11,760
Percent of felony convictions for cases past the preliminary hearing stage to make effective use of judicial proceedings.	79% 264/336	79% 280/353	76% 284/372	80% 280/350
Percent of felony cases resolved before preliminary hearing, thus reducing jail population and number of court appearances.	62% 1,585/2,544	65% 1,545/2,384	60% 1,294/2,150	65% 1,625/2,500
Percent of new victims of violent crime claims verified and filed within 90 days of application thereby expediting reimbursements.	100% 804/804	100% 620/620	100% 750/750	100% 750/750
Percent of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) completed by the due date.	91% 118/130	90% 121/134	100% 130/130	100% 132/132

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Program

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT

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

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
ASST DIRECTOR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
IT MANAGER	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
EDP OFFICE AUTO SPEC	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
BUSINESS MANAGER	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST SR	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
ADMN OFFICE PRO	0.83	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
DEPT BUS SPEC	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
COMPUTER SYSTEMS SPEC	0.50	-	-	-	-
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	0.88	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Total	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	-

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Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,755,247	\$ 1,696,926	\$ 1,684,200	\$ 1,666,700	\$ (30,226)
Services and Supplies	39,731	29,042	29,500	29,100	58
Other Charges	23,382	-	-	23,600	23,600
Total Operating Expenditures	1,818,361	1,725,968	1,713,700	1,719,400	(6,568)
Capital Assets	6,481	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,824,842	\$ 1,725,968	\$ 1,713,700	\$ 1,719,400	\$ (6,568)
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
General Fund Contribution	1,824,842	1,725,968	1,726,000	1,719,400	(6,568)
Total Revenues	\$ 1,824,842	\$ 1,725,968	\$ 1,726,000	\$ 1,719,400	\$ (6,568)

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ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT (CONT'D)

2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments

Advancements for Justice

- Underwent comprehensive beta testing and user sandboxing with multiple internal user groups in order to evaluate each proposed system in preparation for the new case management system. The goal of this process was to ensure that the final product selection meets all office needs including ease of use, comprehensive capture of case information, and accurate reporting. In addition, the Office completed extensive data review and conversion within the existing case management system to ensure that the transfer of data is successful during the implementation and integration of the new system.
- Provided over 158 hours of administrative support to the Office of Emergency Management following the Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow for storm relief and disaster recovery efforts. Administrative staff served in various capacities in the Joint Information Center and the Logistics, Information Technology, and Finance sections of the Emergency Operations Center.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive internal Human Resources onboarding tool, which was designed to ensure that new employees are given the resources and training necessary to thrive.

2018-19 Objectives

- Complete the implementation of a new case management system. The new system will provide improved technology for data entry and retrieval, create office-wide workflow efficiencies, allow for more detailed case reporting, increase information exchange capabilities with criminal justice partners, and ensure that evidence-based reporting requirements are met.
- Recruit hard-working and skilled employees, and increase retention of high-functioning staff.
- Collaborate with multiple State and local agencies to continue development of the Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (E-SCARS) in an effort to improve cross-reporting between the District Attorney, Department of Social Services, Sheriff's Office, and other local law enforcement agencies.
- Utilize technology to streamline business processes and effectively share information with criminal justice partners.
- Automate grant reconciliation and reporting, which will allow staff to more efficiently manage 13 grants totaling \$2.5 million in annual funding. In addition, staff will be able to provide real-time management reports, automate expenditure reporting, and streamline the reporting process to various agencies.
- Initiate the redesign of the District Attorney website in an effort to improve the user experience, and enhance the Office's ability to communicate its mission and services in both English and Spanish to the community, prospective employees, and public safety partners.
- Establish an active social media presence to further engage with the community, other agencies, and internal and external customers.

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CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

Criminal Prosecution consists of various units:

- **General Felony/Misdemeanor Prosecution:** Attorneys prosecute felony and misdemeanor violations of California law in Santa Barbara County 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, or plea. The process ends once the defendant has been sentenced, victim restitution has been ordered if appropriate, and probation has been terminated.
- **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 and human trafficking.
- **Juvenile Prosecution:** Prosecutors review cases referred by law enforcement agencies and probation staff, file petitions, conduct court trials, and appear in Juvenile Court multiple times throughout the juvenile justice process. Due to the passing of Proposition 57, juvenile offenders who will be appropriately prosecuted as adults will have their cases heard in juvenile court for transfer hearings prior to the filing of criminal charges in adult court. Transfer hearings have impacted office resources due to increased court appearances, as well as increased witness coordination and expert witness fees in preparation for the hearings.
- **Drug and Alcohol Crimes and Rehabilitative Efforts:** Attorneys prosecute misdemeanor and felony cases involving criminal activity related to the abuse of alcohol and prescription or illegal drugs. Programs include DUI, Restorative Justice, Dual Diagnosis, Substance Abuse Treatment, Reentry Treatment, Mental Health Treatment, Prop 36 Treatment, and Veterans' Treatment courts.
- **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 Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria arraignment courts are responsible for setting appropriate bail for defendants, requesting protective orders for victims, and resolving criminal prosecution at initial stages 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 Propositions 36, 47, 57, and 64, attorneys handle the resentencing and re-litigation of issues for defendants who were previously sentenced to life in prison, petitioned the Bureau of Parole Hearings for early release, or petitioned for reductions of their sentences from felonies to misdemeanors. When appropriate, attorneys also appear at 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 provide investigative and technical support services to prosecutions. 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 Unit. The first is the traditional function of criminal investigation and trial preparation, which is the 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 a contracted program with DSS, which 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 impacts of crime and 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 maintains administrative oversight for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), which facilitates forensic medical and legal services to sexual assault victims.

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CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
CHIEF DEPUTY	3.99	3.90	3.90	4.00	0.10
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY SR	14.08	14.00	14.00	14.00	-
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY	29.69	31.00	31.00	32.00	1.00
DA INVESTIGATOR CHIEF	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
DA INVESTIGATOR SUPV	2.99	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
DA INVESTIGATOR	12.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	1.00
PROGRAM MANAGER	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
PROGRAM/BUS LDR-GEN	-	-	-	1.00	1.00
ADMN OFFICE PRO	0.67	0.50	0.50	0.50	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	16.96	15.95	15.95	15.50	(0.45)
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR	19.71	21.00	21.00	21.50	0.50
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
VICTIM WITNESS PROG SUPV	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
PARALEGAL	0.46	1.00	1.00	-	(1.00)
VICTIM WITNESS PROG ASST	11.08	12.00	12.00	12.00	-
Total	117.63	118.35	118.35	120.50	2.15

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Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 19,111,472	\$ 20,370,307	\$ 19,768,500	\$ 21,086,700	\$ 716,393
Services and Supplies	1,159,724	1,147,766	1,161,900	1,246,900	99,134
Other Charges	917,372	741,548	725,300	847,500	105,952
Total Operating Expenditures	21,188,568	22,259,621	21,655,700	23,181,100	921,479
Capital Assets	77,779	550,000	-	550,000	-
Increases to Fund Balances	342,500	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,608,847	\$ 22,809,621	\$ 21,655,700	\$ 23,731,100	\$ 921,479
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	43,059	175,100	103,100	43,100	(132,000)
Intergovernmental Revenue	6,887,904	7,317,006	7,368,800	8,037,800	720,794
Charges for Services	1,631,147	1,707,427	1,522,500	1,672,600	(34,827)
Miscellaneous Revenue	50,350	85,000	50,000	80,000	(5,000)
Total Operating Revenues	8,612,459	9,284,533	9,044,400	9,833,500	548,967
Other Financing Sources	52,300	52,615	52,600	52,600	(15)
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	319,965	341,065	341,100	407,400	66,335
Decreases to Fund Balances	731,500	1,203,695	380,000	1,555,700	352,005
General Fund Contribution	12,015,586	11,927,713	11,825,300	11,881,900	(45,813)
Total Revenues	\$ 21,731,811	\$ 22,809,621	\$ 21,643,400	\$ 23,731,100	\$ 921,479

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CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments

Promises Delivered

- Utilized federal grant funding to operationalize the Human Trafficking Task Force in order to identify and serve victims, proactively investigate human trafficking cases, develop protocols, and promote opportunities for cross-training. Several large sting operations have been conducted resulting in criminal prosecutions against dozens of commercial sex purchasers, including several individuals who sought to engage minors in commercial sex acts.
- Continued to vigorously target gang-related crimes throughout Santa Barbara County.
- Continued to aggressively seek out and prosecute workers' compensation fraud in an effort to protect honest workers and business owners. The Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit also continued to collaborate with Santa Barbara County Risk Management by participating in monthly claim reviews. As the County is self-insured, ensuring that only legitimate claims are paid can result in significant cost savings. The Unit's success has also led to successes within the Annuity Fraud Unit, which has been able to focus on building several complex and high-dollar cases due to increased grant funding from the Department of Insurance (DOI). The Annuity Fraud Unit continues its efforts to protect seniors from financial predators who commit annuity and life insurance fraud.
- Cleared 970 criminal cases from our congested courts through the Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP). In 2017, 869 offenders successfully completed rehabilitative programs that have been shown to reduce recidivism. Offenders pay for the cost of the programs, thereby removing the financial burden from the taxpayer. In 2017, offenders paid \$30,092 in victim restitution and \$42,250 in cost recovery fees. MDP continues to provide a criminal justice "win-win," combining better outcomes with significant savings in County resources.
- Utilized grant funding from the DOI to investigate and prosecute automobile insurance theft and fraud. The joint goal is to make traveling on County roads safer and ensure a reduction in these crimes.
- Continued to achieve remarkable results with the Truancy Program since it was re-established in FY 2012-13. This dynamic program strives to ensure that our community's children attend school regularly so they can receive the education they deserve. It connects students and their families to essential services designed to address the underlying social, academic, and mental and physical health issues that are often the root causes of truancy. These same issues often place children at risk of becoming both perpetrators and victims of crime. Between 2008 and 2011, the program was cut due to the financial crisis and recession. During each of those years, Santa Barbara County's truancy rate rose above the State average. Since being reestablished, our truancy rate has fallen back below the State average and has continued to fall each year. The County's truancy rate of 23.7% is nearly 10-percentage points below the State average of 33.5%. In total, only 1% of all truant students and/or their parents have required a referral to the Probation Department and the District Attorney for legal action to address truancy. Of those, nearly 90% of cases were resolved without a conviction. In FY 2017-18, the program continued to partner with school districts, community organizations, and other local agencies. In California, the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Truancy Program remains a leading example among truancy programs.
- Continued to serve in a leadership capacity on the Isla Vista Safe Committee (IV Safe), which was created and chaired by District Attorney Dudley. IV Safe 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. Now in its fourth year, IV Safe has played a significant role in increasing public safety in Isla Vista. In FY 2017-18, IV Safe established a subcommittee to specifically address the issue of sexual assault in Isla Vista with a joint focus on prevention and bystander intervention. Among other collaborative efforts, Deputy District Attorneys gave presentations on sexual assault to several fraternities located within Isla Vista, and District Attorney Dudley addressed the audience at Santa Barbara City College's new student orientation.

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CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments

Programs Created and Enhanced

- Continued to collaborate with law enforcement partners and community groups on specialized task forces that were created to combat certain crimes. The Arson Task Force focuses on ways to improve the investigation of arson fires and prosecution of 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 has been successful in its efforts to increase community awareness regarding animal abuse, educate the public and law enforcement on the nexus between it and various other forms of abuse, and highlight the responsibility each community member has to report any alleged crimes.
- Performed more than 58 real estate fraud investigations, served over 15 search warrants, filed three complex cases consisting of over 100 felony counts, arrested three defendants, continued the prosecution of five cases filed in FY 2014-15, and obtained convictions in three previously-filed felony cases. The Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Unit continues to partner closely with the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor to identify criminal activity related to recorded documents. The Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team continues to identify real estate fraud trends and practices within the County. In addition, Investigators gave numerous outreach presentations to local groups of elder adults and realty offices that focused on the types of real estate fraud cases found in Santa Barbara County in an effort to prevent our community from succumbing to fraudulent purveyors.
- Continued to receive grant funding for the Elder Abuse Outreach Program to provide targeted outreach countywide to elder and dependent adults at risk for various types of abuse. A Victim Witness Advocate and an Extra-Help Deputy District Attorney support the program. The team provided services such as court support, service referrals, and restitution assistance to over 100 victims affected by elder abuse. Comprehensive informational materials have been developed and distributed via brochures, cards, television, radio, and print media. The team has also increased its engagement with local Spanish-language television and radio stations in an effort to provide expanded educational and resource-referral information to Spanish-language viewers and listeners. Staff has participated in numerous senior fairs, and has given over 50 presentations on elder abuse and financial scams in both English and Spanish to senior clubs, residences, and community groups. In addition, staff has discussed current financial scams on a weekly radio show, issued bilingual public service announcements, and contributed Scam of the Month articles to various English and Spanish-language publications. Staff has also partnered with an FBI Victim Advocate to form a Central Coast Stop Scams Working Group, whose purpose is to improve victim identification and reporting, and brainstorm effective scam-prevention strategies.
- Visited areas in Santa Barbara County that were affected by the devastating Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow, and distributed fraud prevention materials to affected community residents. The goals of this effort were to alert residents to possible scams, urge them to remain vigilant in responding to crimes such as illegal price gouging, and prevent them from becoming further victimized by unscrupulous contractors, fraudulent charitable solicitations, and other groups or scams that prey upon disaster victims.
- Completed design phase and implementation of a felony pre-filing diversion program for individuals charged with non-violent felony offenses. The program will provide offenders with the opportunity to avoid facing felony charges as long as they have minimal prior criminal histories. Individuals can avoid the negative impacts of felony convictions if they make positive life changes, participate in mandatory intensive counseling and education, adhere to supervision requirements, and avoid violating any laws.
- Continued to serve as an active participant in the County's Stepping Up Initiative along with other departments, with a shared goal of reducing the number of mentally ill defendants incarcerated in County jails.

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CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments

Programs Created and Enhanced

- Thoroughly reviewed and processed all Proposition 47 petitions filed within Santa Barbara County, each of which is litigated in a manner similar to that of new law enforcement referrals for prosecution. Proposition 47 reduced certain felonies to misdemeanors in order to fund prevention and support programs in schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment.
- Thoroughly reviewed cannabis-related cases that had previously been resolved. Proposition 64 reduced certain cannabis-related felonies to misdemeanors or infractions, which has impacted office resources and staff time in similar ways as Proposition 47. Additional resources will be needed in order to enforce the County Ordinances and municipal codes that govern cannabis-related operations by prosecuting growers and distributors who operate without licenses. In addition, an increase in the number of complex DUI cases is also anticipated, as well as an increase in the prosecution of environmental crimes associated with cannabis cultivation.
- Simplified public access to the online review form that can be filled out by defendants, their counsel, or relatives in order to begin the process of requesting an investigation into a possible wrongful conviction. In addition, the Unit identified training needs and conducted trainings for all Deputy District Attorneys on the review of possible wrongful convictions and related issues in order to ensure that justice is served.

2018-19 Objectives

- Continue to vigorously target gang-related crimes in an effort to deter gang activity in Santa Barbara County.
- Utilize Federal Human Trafficking Task Force grant funding in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office in order to conduct proactive investigations and victim interventions.
- Initiate early contact with victims in order to achieve better outcomes and the earlier disposition of cases.
- Collaborate with criminal justice stakeholders to ensure that evidence-based best practices continue to be utilized throughout the juvenile justice system, while also identifying those minors for whom adult proceedings should instead be considered by the Juvenile Court pursuant to Proposition 57.
- Continue to ensure public safety by individually evaluating and responding to requests for input from the Board of Parole Hearings regarding Proposition 57 early release of inmates from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and maintain victim contact throughout the process.
- Continue efforts to develop an Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (E-SCARS) in partnership with other local and State agencies. This web-based application will allow Santa Barbara County to report, intervene, investigate, and track suspected child abuse electronically as opposed to current manual methods. E-SCARS will help expedite interventions to better protect abused and neglected children within our community.
- Seek justice by completing the prosecution of multiple-victim murder cases.
- Continue to successfully manage the safety and well-being of witnesses and their families.
- Continue to appear at California State Prison Lifer Hearings when appropriate.
- Continue to actively participate in the Santa Maria Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety.
- Continue to evaluate internal protocols and performance measurements in order to identify opportunities for the earlier disposition of cases, which could free up resources throughout the entire criminal justice system.
- Work with the California Labor Commissioner's Office to identify and investigate wage theft in Santa Barbara County.

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CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL PROSECUTION

Investigate and prosecute complex cases involving consumer and environmental crimes, including individuals or companies that engage in fraudulent or unlawful business practices.

Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
CHIEF DEPUTY	0.01	0.10	0.10	-	(0.10)
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY	0.70	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
DA INVESTIGATOR SUPV	0.01	-	-	-	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	0.04	0.05	0.05	-	(0.05)
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR	0.02	-	-	0.50	0.50
Total	0.77	2.15	2.15	2.50	0.35

FTE counts include regular staff only, and do not include extra help and contractors-on-payroll.

Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Adopted	2017-18 Estimated Actual	2018-19 Recommended	Change From FY17-18 Ado to FY18-19 Rec
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 126,503	\$ 366,069	\$ 374,900	\$ 403,400	\$ 37,331
Services and Supplies	3,328	750	3,300	800	50
Other Charges	1,742	-	1,000	2,200	2,200
Total Operating Expenditures	131,572	366,819	379,200	406,400	39,581
Increases to Fund Balances	49,381	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 180,953	\$ 366,819	\$ 379,200	\$ 406,400	\$ 39,581
Budget By Categories of Revenues					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	49,381	150,000	110,000	150,000	-
Total Operating Revenues	49,381	150,000	110,000	150,000	-
Decreases to Fund Balances	-	50,000	-	37,200	(12,800)
General Fund Contribution	131,572	166,819	269,200	219,200	52,381
Total Revenues	\$ 180,953	\$ 366,819	\$ 379,200	\$ 406,400	\$ 39,581

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CIVIL/ENVIRONMENTAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

2017-18 Anticipated Accomplishments

Successful Partnerships

- Continued to collaborate with law enforcement partners and community groups to combat environmental crimes on the Environmental Task Force, which is comprised of over 60 members from 26 federal, State and local agencies that enforce environmental laws and regulations within the County. As a result of the District Attorney's commitment to environmental protection, these agencies are given the support and direction they need, enabling them to complete their investigations more effectively and efficiently, and allowing them to achieve the enforcement results that are necessary in order to successfully protect our environment.
- Protected consumers from being overcharged and prevented unfair competition amongst similarly-situated merchants by continuing to work with the Weights and Measures Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office on various types of cases including short-weight products, price-scanner violations, false and misleading advertising, and unlawful business practices. The Unit is currently investigating two statewide retailers for price-scanner violations.
- Collected a total of \$70,900 in civil penalty proceeds in FY 2016-17 through settlements of civil cases. 35% of the proceeds were for countywide civil cases and 65% were for statewide civil cases to which Santa Barbara County was a party. A total of \$66,300 in civil penalties has been collected through April of FY 2017-18 with an expected increase in pending case settlements. This expected increase is due to a greater dedication of attorney resources to civil enforcement, and greater participation in multi-jurisdictional and statewide enforcement actions.
- Continued to work with State and local environmental agencies such as the California Coastal Commission, Certified Unified Program Agency, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Air Pollution Control District in prosecutions against environmental violators in Santa Barbara County. The District Attorney is currently investigating illegal streambed alteration, water pollution, hazardous-waste disposal, and other environmental violations.
- 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 medical information.

2018-19 Objectives

- Complete the prosecution of the criminal case against Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. for the Refugio Oil Spill.
- Continue to develop the Civil/Environmental Unit, which will allow Santa Barbara County to strengthen its enforcement of consumer and environmental laws, as well as increase its involvement in statewide consumer and environmental litigation.
- Further strengthen relationships with State and local regulatory and investigative agencies by investigating and prosecuting consumer and environmental cases within Santa Barbara County.
- Continue to collaborate with allied agencies and outside organizations in order to identify and prosecute perpetrators of consumer fraud. Current investigations include alleged consumer fraud and deceptive practices in auto sales and financing.