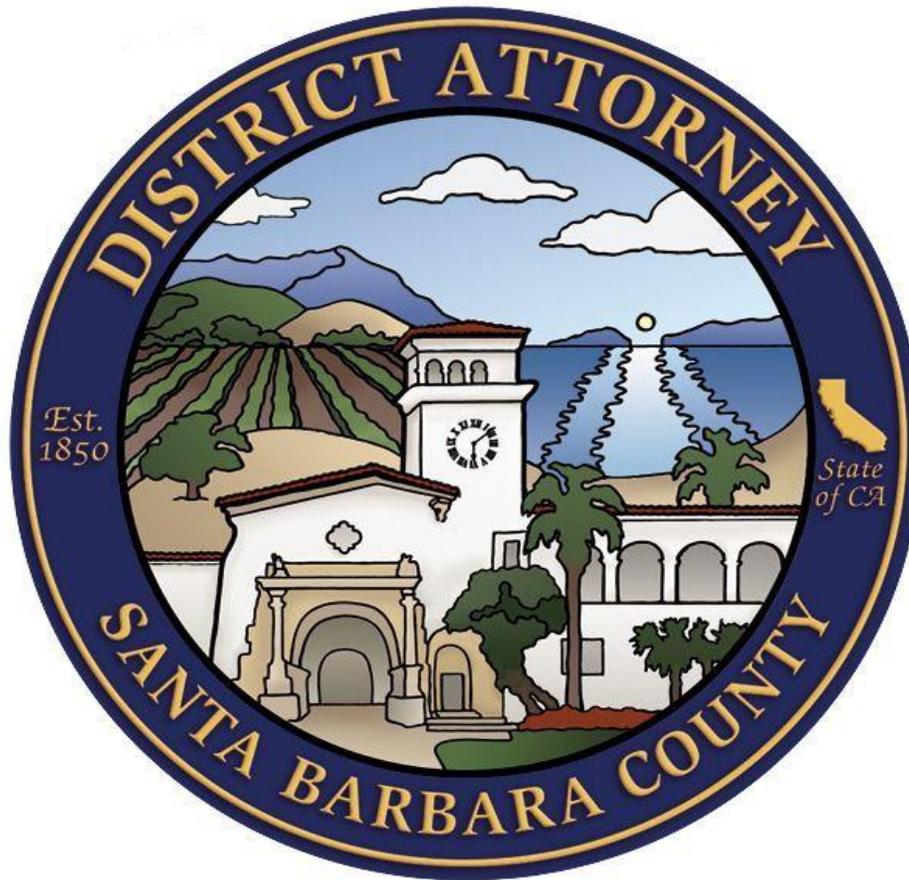
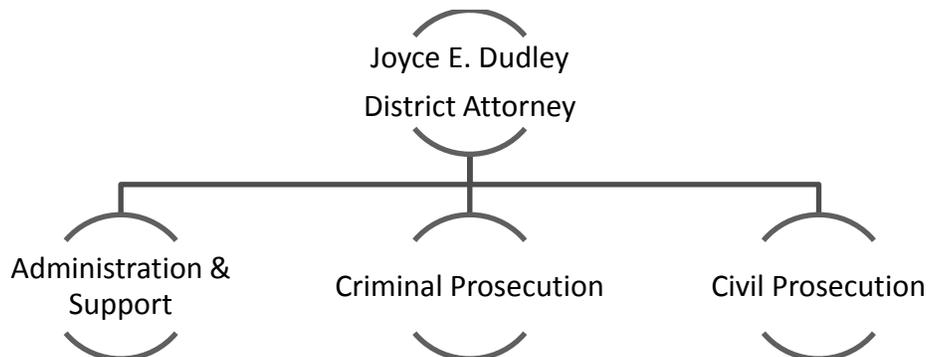


# District Attorney



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

Operating	\$ 22,002,535
Capital	\$ 240,000
FTEs	131.2



# District Attorney

## Department

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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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**

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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 Prosecution, as described below.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015-17 OBJECTIVES**

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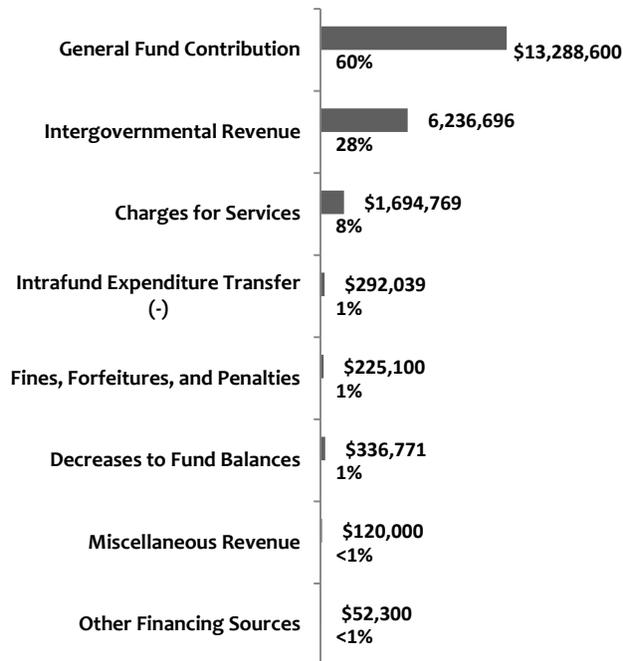
- Investigate and prosecute suspects accessing and distributing child pornography.
- Investigate denied firearm background checks which include prior convictions, court orders, and mental health adjudications.
- Work collaboratively with countywide partners to provide outreach and education to abate human trafficking.
- Reduce sexual exploitation among youthful offenders through the creation of Girls’ Court, a multi-agency collaboration designed to target females at high risk of exploitation and recidivism.
- Establish a Real Estate Advisory Team of real estate professionals with the goal of identifying trends in order to deter fraudulent activity.
- Reduce automobile theft and insurance fraud through the formation of a multi-agency task force.
- Successfully prosecute both medical providers and employers who commit Workers’ Compensation fraud.
- Upgrade IT to include a web-based case management system, court interface, and desktop scanners.

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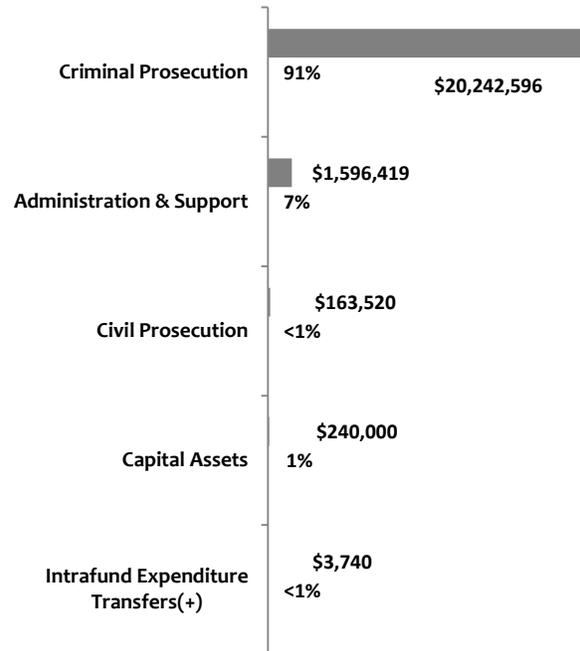
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### RECOMMENDED SOURCES & USES OF FUNDS

#### Source of Funds - \$22,246,275

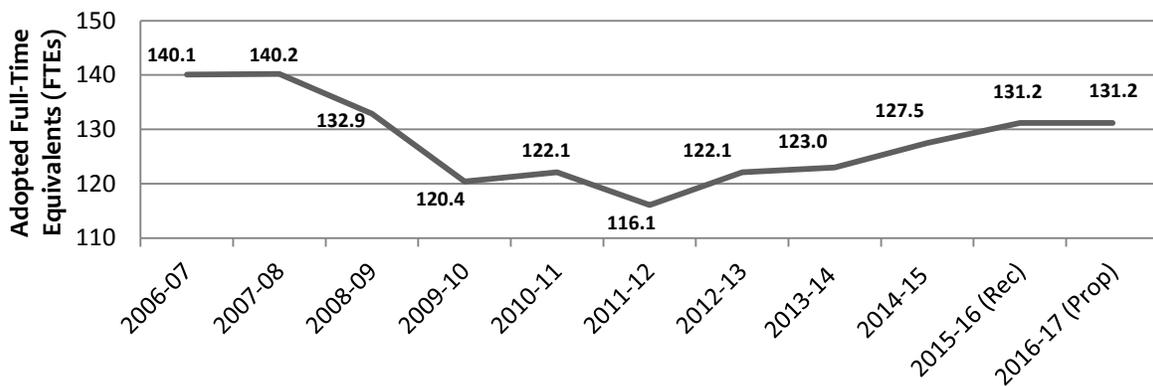


#### Use of Funds - \$22,246,275



### 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.



# District Attorney

## Department

### BUDGET OVERVIEW

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Administration & Support	8.18	9.00	-	9.00	9.00
Criminal Prosecution	118.89	117.50	3.70	121.20	121.20
Civil Prosecution	0.13	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Unallocated	0.62	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>127.81</b>	<b>127.50</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>131.20</b>	<b>131.20</b>
<b>Budget By Budget Program</b>					
Administration & Support	\$ 1,410,165	\$ 1,440,711	\$ 155,708	\$ 1,596,419	\$ 1,595,247
Criminal Prosecution	18,431,711	19,460,145	782,451	20,242,596	20,841,357
Civil Prosecution	18,830	138,242	25,278	163,520	171,817
Unallocated	14,923	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,875,630</b>	<b>\$ 21,039,098</b>	<b>\$ 963,437</b>	<b>\$ 22,002,535</b>	<b>\$ 22,608,421</b>
<b>Budget By Categories of Expenditures</b>					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 18,236,226	\$ 19,471,409	\$ 851,592	\$ 20,323,001	\$ 20,848,849
Services and Supplies	895,915	747,000	151,400	898,400	948,100
Other Charges	743,489	820,689	(39,555)	781,134	811,472
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>19,875,630</b>	<b>21,039,098</b>	<b>963,437</b>	<b>22,002,535</b>	<b>22,608,421</b>
Capital Assets	42,145	80,000	160,000	240,000	-
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	3,586	4,740	(1,000)	3,740	3,740
Increases to Fund Balances	109,535	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance Impact (+)	61,763	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,092,658</b>	<b>\$ 21,123,838</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,437</b>	<b>\$ 22,246,275</b>	<b>\$ 22,612,161</b>
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	\$ 89,542	\$ 225,100	\$ -	\$ 225,100	\$ 225,100
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,599,785	5,652,588	584,108	6,236,696	6,471,396
Charges for Services	1,433,776	1,808,894	(114,125)	1,694,769	1,694,769
Miscellaneous Revenue	87,491	75,000	45,000	120,000	130,000
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>7,210,594</b>	<b>7,761,582</b>	<b>514,983</b>	<b>8,276,565</b>	<b>8,521,265</b>
Other Financing Sources	26,170	52,300	-	52,300	52,300
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	303,683	330,841	(38,802)	292,039	292,039
Decreases to Fund Balances	27,904	110,415	226,356	336,771	-
General Fund Contribution	12,524,307	12,868,700	419,900	13,288,600	13,648,400
Fund Balance Impact (-)	-	-	-	-	98,157
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,092,658</b>	<b>\$ 21,123,838</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,437</b>	<b>\$ 22,246,275</b>	<b>\$ 22,612,161</b>

# District Attorney

## Department

### **CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2014-15 ADOPTED TO 2015-16 RECOMMENDED**

#### Staffing

- Increase of 3.7 FTE:
  - This increase is due to the addition of 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney, 2.0 FTE Legal Office Professionals, and 0.7 Victim Witness Program Assistant. The department recently received an automobile insurance fraud grant which includes funding for 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney. The Welfare Fraud Division was restructured to include 2.0 FTE Legal Office Professionals. These positions are funded by a transfer from the Department of Social Services. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) previously funded an extra help position and is now funded as 0.7 FTE Victim Witness Program Assistant. This position is funded by a transfer from the Department of Public Health.

#### Expenditures

- Net operating expenditure increase of \$963,000:
  - +\$851,600 increase in Salaries and Employee Benefits due to salary increases in adopted Deputy District Attorney union contract, health insurance costs, and workers' compensation premiums.
  - +\$151,400 increase in Services and Supplies due to significant growth in gang cases and related costs, particularly witness relocation; copier and computer replacements.
  - -\$40,000 decrease in Other Charges due to a reduction in liability insurance costs.
- Net non-operating expenditure increase of \$159,000:
  - +\$160,000 increase for critical one-time case management web enhancement.

These changes result in recommended operating expenditures of \$22,002,500 and non-operating expenditures of \$243,800, resulting in total expenditures of \$22,246,300. Non-operating expenditures primarily include capital assets, transfers, and increases to fund balances.

#### Revenues

- Net operating revenue increase of \$515,000 due to:
  - +\$584,000 increase in Intergovernmental Revenue due to \$232,800 in new State and Federal grant revenue; \$219,400 in Public Safety Sales Tax (Proposition 172); \$66,900 in Local Realignment revenue, and \$61,000 in revenue to offset expenses for the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program.
  - +\$45,000 increase in Miscellaneous Revenue due to \$55,000 increase for the Misdemeanor Diversion Program, offset by the \$10,000 reduction in revenue due to the elimination of the Bad Check program.
  - -\$114,000 decrease in Charges for Services due to \$104,000 increase in funding for the Welfare Fraud Program funded by the Department of Social Services, offset by a \$223,200 decrease in recording fees collected for the Real Estate Fraud Unit.
- Net non-operating revenue increase of \$607,500:
  - +\$419,900 increase in General Fund Contribution.
  - +\$226,400 increase in the use of one-time Fund Balance for IT enhancements (\$129,700) and structural balancing (\$96,700).
  - -\$38,800 decrease in Intrafund Transfers for Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.

# District Attorney

## Department

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### ***CHANGES & OPERATIONAL IMPACT: 2014-15 ADOPTED TO 2015-16 RECOMMENDED (CONT'D)***

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These changes result in recommended operating revenues of \$8,276,600 and non-operating revenues of \$13,969,700, resulting in total revenues of \$22,246,300. Non-operating revenues primarily include General Fund Contribution, transfers, and decreases to fund balances.

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

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The 2016-17 Proposed Budget contains \$365,900 in total expenditure increases due to the increasing cost of employee salaries and benefits as well as health insurance, computer replacement costs, and increases in charges from other departments offset by a decrease in one-time purchases for the case management system upgrade. This is partially offset by increases in revenues of \$267,700. The department faces a remaining budget shortfall of \$98,200 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>.

# District Attorney

## Department

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Description	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Estimated Actual	FY 2015-16 Recommend	FY 2016-17 Proposed
<b>Department-Wide</b>					
Percent of newly filed misdemeanor cases disposed of at the arraignment stage to maximize court and criminal justice resources.	70% 7,434/10,668	66% 6,564/9,965	65% 7,533/11,595	70% 8,000/11,500	70% 8,000/11,500
Percent of felony convictions for cases past the preliminary hearing stage to make effective use of judicial proceedings.	79% 271/345	80% 230/286	74% 249/336	80% 200/250	80% 200/250
Percent of felony cases resolved before preliminary hearing, thus reducing jail population and number of court appearances.	64% 1,976/3,083	63% 2,008/3,181	65% 1,586/2,432	65% 1,300/2,000	65% 1,300/2,000
Percent of new Victims of Violent Crime claims verified and filed within 90 days of application thereby expediting reimbursements.	100% 759/759	99% 897/909	100% 847/847	100% 850/850	100% 850/850
Percent of departmental Employee Performance Reviews (EPRs) completed by the due date.	Not used in prior years	Not used in prior years	89% 112/126	100% 131/131	100% 131/131

# District Attorney

## 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	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
ASST DIRECTOR	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
BUSINESS MANAGER	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
IT MANAGER	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST SR	0.47	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
ADMIN OFFICE PRO	0.75	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
ADMIN OFFICE PRO SR-RES	-	-	1.00	1.00	1.00
DEPT BUS SPEC	0.96	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
Total	8.18	9.00	-	9.00	9.00

#### Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,292,106	\$ 1,379,362	\$ 165,632	\$ 1,544,994	\$ 1,561,122
Services and Supplies	94,867	36,950	(11,025)	25,925	25,925
Other Charges	23,192	24,399	1,101	25,500	8,200
Total Operating Expenditures	1,410,165	1,440,711	155,708	1,596,419	1,595,247
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,410,165	\$ 1,440,711	\$ 155,708	\$ 1,596,419	\$ 1,595,247
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Miscellaneous Revenue	20,791	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Total Operating Revenues	20,791	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
General Fund Contribution	1,194,146	1,216,729	379,690	1,596,419	1,595,247
Total Revenues	\$ 1,214,937	\$ 1,226,729	\$ 369,690	\$ 1,596,419	\$ 1,595,247

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# District Attorney

## Program

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

#### **2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments**

##### *Advancements for Justice*

- **Electronic Discovery:** Administrative staff completed the process of electronic transfer of ongoing discovery to private defense attorneys, in addition to 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.
- **Telephone Automation:** Recorded messages were installed on all General and Victim Witness reception lines in an effort to direct callers to specific numbers and persons, thus eliminating caller delay and more expeditiously meeting their needs. This not only saves the caller time, but eliminates approximately 30% of calls formerly handled by staff that can now focus on and accomplish many other tasks.
- **Electronic Motions:** Developed a procedure with the Public Defender that allows motions and other paper documents, formerly personally served, to be sent electronically between each office. Electronic motion service expedites process and conserves the use of equipment, paper, and staff time.

#### **2015-17 Objectives**

- Develop focus group to identify new case management improvements to ensure final product meets all department needs, including simplicity of use and comprehensive detail of information and reporting.
- Upgrade servers, server storage unit, and current 20-year-old case management database system to a new web-based interface. The case management upgrade will provide improved technology for data entry and retrieval, as well as provide detailed case reporting, and ensure evidence based reporting.

# District Attorney

## 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 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 work 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, Veterans' and Restorative Justice (Homeless).
- **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. Attorneys also appear at parole hearings when appropriate, in state prison to advocate against the release of criminals serving life in prison.
- **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:** Welfare Fraud investigation and prosecution 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:** The Victim Witness program provides comprehensive services to over 3,500 victims of crime annually to mitigate the aftermath of crime as well as 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 Program provides administrative oversight for the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) which facilitates forensic medical and legal services to sexual assault victims.

# District Attorney

## Program

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

#### Staffing

Staffing Detail By Budget Program	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
ASST DISTRICT ATTORNEY	0.65	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
CHIEF DEPUTY	3.35	3.00	-	3.00	3.00
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY SR	14.00	14.00	-	14.00	14.00
DA INVESTIGATOR CHIEF	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY	27.64	30.00	(1.00)	29.00	29.00
DA INVESTIGATOR SUPV	3.00	3.00	-	3.00	3.00
DA INVESTIGATOR	12.92	13.00	(1.00)	12.00	12.00
PROGRAM MANAGER	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
EDP SYS & PROG ANLST SR	0.53	-	-	-	-
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	35.38	37.00	(17.00)	20.00	20.00
ADMIN OFFICE PRO	2.75	2.50	(2.00)	0.50	0.50
ADMN OFFICE PRO SR	-	-	2.00	2.00	2.00
LEGAL OFFICE PRO SR	-	-	20.00	20.00	20.00
PARALEGAL	1.00	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
VICTIM WITNESS PROG SUPV	1.00	2.00	-	2.00	2.00
DEPT BUS SPEC	0.04	-	-	-	-
VICTIM WITNESS PROG ASST	8.50	9.00	-	9.00	9.00
EXTRA HELP	6.12	-	-	-	-
CONTRACTOR	-	-	2.70	2.70	2.70
Total	<u>118.89</u>	<u>117.50</u>	<u>3.70</u>	<u>121.20</u>	<u>121.20</u>

# District Attorney

## Program

### CRIMINAL PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

#### Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 16,912,911	\$ 17,955,965	\$ 660,822	\$ 18,616,787	\$ 19,118,310
Services and Supplies	800,613	710,050	162,425	872,475	922,175
Other Charges	718,187	794,130	(40,796)	753,334	800,872
Total Operating Expenditures	18,431,711	19,460,145	782,451	20,242,596	20,841,357
Capital Assets	42,145	80,000	160,000	240,000	-
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	3,586	4,740	(1,000)	3,740	3,740
Increases to Fund Balances	109,535	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 18,586,976</u>	<u>\$ 19,544,885</u>	<u>\$ 941,451</u>	<u>\$ 20,486,336</u>	<u>\$ 20,845,097</u>
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	41,042	175,100	-	175,100	175,100
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,599,785	5,652,588	584,108	6,236,696	6,471,396
Charges for Services	1,433,776	1,808,894	(114,125)	1,694,769	1,694,769
Miscellaneous Revenue	66,700	65,000	55,000	120,000	130,000
Total Operating Revenues	7,141,303	7,701,582	524,983	8,226,565	8,471,265
Other Financing Sources	26,170	52,300	-	52,300	52,300
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	303,683	330,841	(38,802)	292,039	292,039
Decreases to Fund Balances	27,904	110,415	226,356	336,771	-
General Fund Contribution	11,080,381	11,398,002	180,659	11,578,661	11,931,336
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 18,579,441</u>	<u>\$ 19,593,140</u>	<u>\$ 893,196</u>	<u>\$ 20,486,336</u>	<u>\$ 20,746,940</u>

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# District Attorney

## Program

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

#### 2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments

##### *Promises Delivered*

- **Truancy Program:** Established in FY 2012-13, the District Attorney Truancy Program achieved remarkable results in FY 2014-15. This dynamic program not only ensures that children in our community receive a high school education, but provides essential services for the underlying social, familial, academic, mental, and physical health issues that are often the root cause of truancy. These issues frequently place children at risk for committing crimes or being crime victims. Statewide truancy rates continue to grow; however, Santa Barbara County has seen its truancy rate fall below the State average since the program was reinstated. All 20 school districts in Santa Barbara County are now participating in the program. The Truancy Program maintains a near 100% success rate in eliminating truancy, with only 1% of cases referred to the Probation Department and District Attorney for legal action. The number of cases that necessitate court action intervention before getting children back in school remains at less than .01%. The 2015 Attorney General truancy report cites the Santa Barbara District Attorney as the leading example in the State of California for truancy programs that achieve the goal of returning children to school without necessitating criminal intervention.
- **Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP):** When the program was initially established, the goal was to clear over 1,000 misdemeanor cases per year from our congested courts, creating enormous savings in resources for our public safety partners while promising a reduction in recidivism. MDP is available to non-recidivist offenders who commit petty crimes. If the offender pays \$250, including a \$50 administrative fee to the District Attorney, completes a rehabilitative program, pays restitution to victims, and does not commit any new offenses during the program period, the District Attorney agrees not to file the case. In 2014, 1,700 participants completed the MDP program and \$85,000 was collected in restitution.
- **The Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Program** continues to aggressively seek out, investigate, and prosecute Workers' Compensation Fraud in addition to conducting outreach and educating the community. This program has gone from filing only three felony cases per year to fourteen. This year we will prosecute applicant fraud, premium fraud, denial of benefits, and uninsured employers' cases. By completely reorganizing the program, substituting prosecutors for investigative resources, and building a strong collaboration with the California Department of Insurance, this program has obtained more convictions and victim restitution. For the first time, we have a full-time prosecutor in the Santa Maria office. Our contact with business owners and employers has revealed a significant need for investigation and prosecution of Workers' Compensation Fraud cases in Santa Maria, Lompoc, and other North County communities. Dozens of educational presentations were provided for employers, unions, contractors associations, business associations, insurance company personnel, and law enforcement. In addition, public service posters were placed on 30 local MTD buses in South Santa Barbara County. Our efforts are making a positive difference in Santa Barbara County by protecting honest workers and businesses from those who commit Workers' Compensation Fraud.
- **Human Trafficking:** Increased understanding of human trafficking in Santa Barbara County in order to educate the public and more effectively prevent and eradicate this crime. The Human Trafficking Task Force worked together to identify and serve victims, as well as promote cross training opportunities. The District Attorney recently successfully prosecuted its first human trafficking trial. The defendant was found guilty of all 76 charges.

# District Attorney

## Program

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

#### Programs Created and Enhanced

- Task Forces: Now in their second year, the Human Trafficking and Anti-Animal Abuse Task Forces continue to collaborate with law enforcement partners and community groups to combat these crimes. 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.
- IV Safe: Created and chaired by District Attorney Dudley, the IV 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.
- Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Program: Hired a full-time real estate fraud attorney and a second investigator. This fiscal year the unit has performed more than 25 investigations, filed 2 cases, and obtained 6 convictions resulting in state prison sentences and over \$13,500,000 in restitution ordered to 42 victims.

#### **2015-17 Objectives**

- Take a proactive approach toward reducing sexual exploitation among youthful offenders through the creation of Girls' Court. It is a District Attorney led, multi-agency collaborative effort designed to target youthful offenders who are sexually exploited or at high risk of exploitation and recidivism. Collaboration between the District Attorney, Probation, Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services, law enforcement agencies, Public Defender, Child Welfare Services, and community-based organizations will identify those at high risk. Participants will receive programming and services specific to their unique needs under supervision of the Santa Maria Juvenile Court.
- Reduce automobile theft and automobile insurance fraud through the formation of a new 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 the County roads safer and ensure a reduction in these crimes.
- Continue to successfully manage witness safety and availability in gang violence cases.
- Investigate and prosecute suspects within the community who are accessing and disseminating child pornography.
- Investigate denied firearm background checks which include prior convictions, court orders, and mental health adjudications.
- Utilize grant funding for a Victim Advocate who will provide services to human trafficking victims and work with countywide partners to provide outreach and education to agencies who interface with at-risk youth.
- The Real Estate Fraud unit will continue to work on the establishment of the Santa Barbara County Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team, which will consist of real estate professionals who will assist the unit in identifying real estate fraud trends and practices in the County of Santa Barbara.

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## Program

### **CIVIL 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	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTY	0.05	1.00	-	1.00	1.00
LEGAL OFFICE PRO	0.08	-	-	-	-
Total	0.13	1.00	-	1.00	1.00

#### Revenue & Expenditures

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Adopted	Change from FY14-15 Ado to FY15-16 Rec	2015-16 Recommended	2016-17 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 16,286	\$ 136,082	\$ 25,138	\$ 161,220	\$ 169,417
Services and Supplies	435	-	-	-	-
Other Charges	2,109	2,160	140	2,300	2,400
Total Operating Expenditures	18,830	138,242	25,278	163,520	171,817
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,830	\$ 138,242	\$ 25,278	\$ 163,520	\$ 171,817
<b>Budget By Categories of Revenues</b>					
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	48,500	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
Total Operating Revenues	48,500	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
General Fund Contribution	249,780	253,969	(140,449)	113,520	121,817
Total Revenues	\$ 298,280	\$ 303,969	\$ (140,449)	\$ 163,520	\$ 171,817

\* Please note that departments are not required to balance their budget at the program level.

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

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#### **2014-15 Anticipated Accomplishments**

##### *Successful Partnerships*

- Civil Violations: Continued to partner with the Weights and Measures Division of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to initiate a new system for investigation and enforcement of false and misleading advertising and unlawful business practices. In 2014-15 the District Attorney criminally prosecuted three large corporations for short weight packaging violations (incompletely filled or deceptively packaged products).
- Civil Penalties: Approximately \$50,000 in civil penalty revenue was secured in FY 2013-14 through settlements of civil cases countywide.
- 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. Four of these cases were filed this fiscal year against Safeway Stores, 99 Cent Store, TJX Companies, and Albertsons. Approximately \$43,000 in civil penalties and costs to Santa Barbara County was secured from these cases, \$28,510 of which resulted in revenue to the District Attorney's Office.

#### **2015-17 Objectives**

- Continue partnerships with allied agencies to identify and prosecute violators in the areas of consumer fraud and environmental crimes.