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Sutter County Recommended 2015-2016 Budget Shows Signs Of Stability

After five straight years of consolidations and staff reductions, and despite the slow recovery from the dramatic downturn in the economy, the County Administrative Officer Friday submitted a recommended Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors that includes no layoffs.

“Many of the difficult decisions the Board of Supervisors has made over the past years, in terms of consolidation of services and departments, is making a difference in this year,” CAO Jim Arkens said in his budget message to the Board of Supervisors. “Expenses that were reduced in prior years are expenses that the County does not need to find revenues to cover in this year.”

Although the total recommended budget of \$258 million is an increase of 6.8 percent (\$16.4 million) increase over 2014-2015, it includes a General Fund budget of \$57.86 million that is a reduction of one tenth of one percent from last year’s General Fund budget. Accounting for the increase in the overall budget are increases in state and federally funded programs, such as Bi-County Mental Health (8.8 percent), Mental Health Services Act prevention programs (7.9 percent), Health Services (4.3 percent), and Welfare/Social Services (4.2 percent).

The CAO’s office is estimating a 4.6 percent increase in all combined property tax revenue sources for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Here’s the link:

http://www.suttercounty.org/doc/government/depts/cao/cao_budget

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