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Our Little Slice of Heaven

As we celebrate our nations 250 birthday and all the greatness that is the United States of America, it's good to take stock of the greatness of our own community. We live in paradise but sometimes forget how good we have it. We also occasionally forget what it takes to preserve the fantastic community that is San Luis Obispo County.



The natural beauty that surrounds us all is very special. Almost nowhere do we have the blight, urban degradation and decay that so many other communities have. We feel safe without having to install bars across our windows. We smile and say hello to complete strangers. We help each other in times of need.

The residents of San Luis Obispo County are as much a treasure as the landscape. We are people who love where we live. Many of us have arrived here from other places specifically because we appreciate the people and the land so much more than where we escaped from.



The biggest factor that shapes our lives here on the Central Coast is the cost of living. It impacts our jobs, the services we use and especially our homes. The expensive price tag for living here excludes many who simply aren't able to make it work.

Whether renting or buying, housing is the determining factor for practically all of us. At the low end of the wage scale, it is woefully difficult to find a job that pays enough to cover high local rent and still have enough left over for groceries and such. At the middle-class level, being able to afford a modest mortgage is a constant struggle. Upper income earners are competing with retirees in a limited market.

Our elected leaders talk (and talk and talk) a lot about housing costs but seldom have practical answers. Some are only interested in subsidized low-cost housing. Those who prefer cutting the costs of regulation and support a freer market approach find themselves in a minority. Others still would prefer that we keep the status quo and refrain from “urbanizing” our little slice of heaven.

The cost of government is also a huge factor in our cost of living on the Central Coast. Government is by far the biggest employer in our community. Those thousands of jobs are not productive. As important as some are, they don’t make or do anything that generates commerce. At times, they facilitate economic growth, but more often than not, they hinder it.



We recently had elections in which voters were offered differing approaches to government from credible candidates. The voters chose the candidates that prefer bigger government. So, we will continue on that path for the foreseeable future.

We are facing a half cent sales tax measure dedicated to transportation on the November ballot. Most people shrug at an extra half cent. Almost everybody agrees that we need to improve the roads and transportation infrastructure of the Central Coast. But few realize that the anticipated \$35 million in revenue would otherwise be discretionary money. In other words, that’s money that people earn, but don’t get to choose how they spend it.

It is concerning how reliant our community is on government. Big government types are worried about not having enough funding to grow government to their satisfaction. Small government advocates worry that too much money is already going to government. Each side has a vastly different opinion about how much each of us is our brother’s keeper. Those in the middle seem to be confused.

Another growing divide is the coastal verses inland schism. Mirroring other parts of our state and nation, the two regions seem to clash on many priorities. The reliance that each has on the other is indisputable, yet we sometimes see differences that rise to contempt.

The headline issues like the potential 20-year renewal for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, the Lopez Lake litigation and the Paso Water Basin will each take huge efforts and a lot of money to resolve. Equally important challenges such as immigration, local health care, property rights, homelessness and public safety are ongoing issues that require a great deal of public involvement and cooperation – two things of which we never seem to have enough.

What we do have is a respect for each other. Unlike other parts of our country violence is becoming a political tool, we find solutions that do not involve rioting and destructive civil disobedience.



Whether despite - or because of - all of these issues, we are a community blessed with greatness. Fourth of July celebrations throughout the county were filled with patriotism. The love for our country and our county was on full display.



Most of us, given the choice, would be hard pressed to list anywhere else we would rather live. Protecting those things most important is a way of life in San Luis Obispo County. There are things in our community that could always be better, but they are already a far bit better than most.

DA Dow Doesn't Give Up

As we saw in the prosecution of the Kristen Smart case, San Luis Obispo County District Attorney Dan Dow doesn't give up.

Frequent readers will recall that District Attorney Dan Dow has been stymied in his efforts to add personnel to his team, including Assistant DAs to prosecute crimes restored by Prop 36 and to prosecute fraud and elder abuse cases.



District Attorney Dan Dow

He will continue to try to persuade the Board of Supervisors over the next few months as the Board prepares to make final budget adjustments this fall.

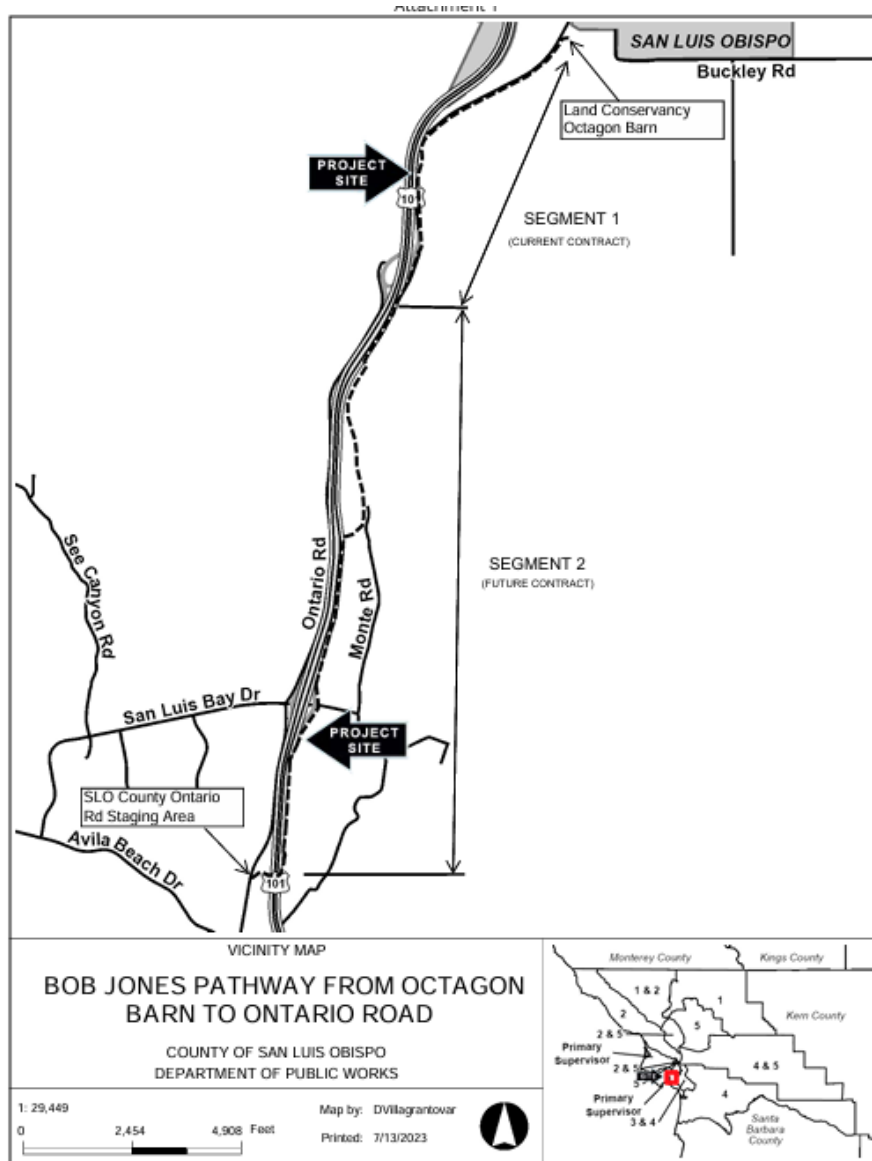
Should you support his efforts, please spread the word and get your friends and neighbors to reach out to Supervisors and ask them to support this critical public safety item. If you know victims of fraud or elder abuse, their voices could be very impactful.

From the City to the Sea – Burning Other Peoples’ Money all the Way

The ongoing and expensive effort to connect San Luis Obispo city bicyclers with the coast in Avila Beach via a quaint and pleasant path is reaching a new chapter. Item 1 on the July 7 San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors agenda reads: Submittal of a bid opening report for the Bob Jones Trail in San Luis Obispo County near San Luis Obispo from Cloverridge Lane to 0.1 Mile North of Buckley Road, Federal Aid Project No. 5949 (188) (Contract No. 320096) (Clerk’s File) to: 1) award the subject contract to Souza Engineering Contracting, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$10,490,143; 2) authorize the Director of Public Works, or designee, to approve construction contract change orders, if needed, for a contingency amount not to exceed \$1,049,014 for a final total construction amount of \$11,539,158; 3) approve Amendment No. 4 in the

amount of \$523,720 to the contract for professional consultant services with Wallace Group to provide design support services during construction; and 4) authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,953,000 to increase appropriations for WBS 320096 with approved funding from the California Transportation Commission Active Transportation Program (ATP), by 4/5 vote.

Below is a site map depicting the subject segment that is yet unbuilt.



When completed, cyclists and hikers will be able to pedal or amble along a nice four(ish) mile pathway at a cost of about \$10 million per mile. That's all Other Peoples' Money. Ignoramuses and schemers will claim that much of that funding

is from grants, so cost is irrelevant, but they are forgetting or ignoring that those grants ultimately come from tax dollars.

Of course, the trail will be popular with tourists and locals alike. It might even be able to claim that it generates some indirect tourist dollars. But between the cost of construction, the cost of maintenance and the liability coverage, users are getting one giant free ride. And the rest of the community that doesn't cycle or hike is out a very big chunk of change.

Here is the construction budget:

Expenditures:	Amount
Programming	\$250,000
Design	\$5,245,705
Bidding	\$26,307
Construction	\$35,314,270
Close Out	\$100,000
Total Expenditures:	\$40,936,282
Approved Funding Sources:	Amount
Capital Projects Fund Facilities Planning Designation	\$5,000,000
Active Transportation Program (ATP)	\$1,690,855
Regional State Highway Account (RSHA)	\$1,250,000
CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife	\$822,999
Parks - Public Facility Fees (PFF)	\$334,904
CA DOT/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	\$235,852
PG&E Mitigation	\$145,672
Total:	\$9,480,282
Approved Pending Appropriation Funding Sources:	Amount
Active Transportation Program (ATP)	\$15,953,000
State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)	\$6,000,000
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	\$5,730,000
Senate Bill 125 Formula Funds	\$2,000,000
SLOCOG Local Funds	\$1,773,000
Total:	\$31,456,000
Total Funding:	\$40,936,282

In addition to gobs of Other Peoples' Money, our County has spent a great deal of time managing the project contract. Here is the latest amendment:

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the parties entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Contract to increase the scope of work and prior cost proposal of Consultant; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2025, the parties entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Contract to extend the time for performance; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2025, the parties entered into Amendment No. 3 to the Contract to increase the scope of work and prior cost proposal of Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the County and Consultant desire to modify the Contract in order to increase the scope of work and prior cost proposal of Consultant and extend the time for performance until June 30, 2028, in accordance with the rights previously reserved by the parties under the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the County and Consultant hereby agree as follows:

1. Exhibit A, "Scope of Work" to the Contractor is hereby amended by incorporating the attached Exhibit A-3, "Consultant Scope of Work." All references to Exhibit A in the Contract shall be deemed to include reference to Exhibit A-3.
2. Exhibit B, "Cost Proposal" to the Contract is hereby amended by incorporating the attached Exhibit B-3, "Cost Proposal." All references to Exhibit B in the Contract shall be deemed to include reference to Exhibit B-3.
3. Under Article 3, "Payment for Services," section A1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

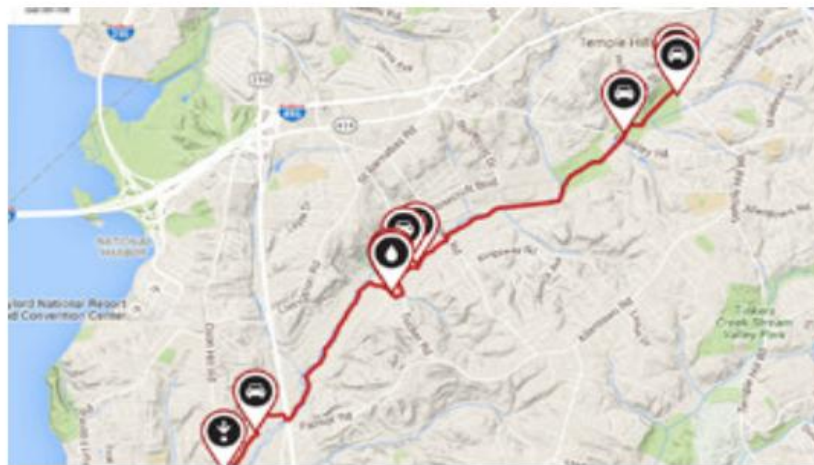
"County shall pay to Consultant as compensation in full for all Work required by this Contract a sum not to exceed the total Contract amount of one million, seven hundred fifty-six thousand, eight hundred thirty-one dollars (\$1,756,831.00)."

4. The second sentence of Article 2 "Time For Completion of Work" is hereby amended to read as follows:

“All Work shall be completed no later than June 30, 2028, provided, however, that extensions of time may be granted in writing by the County’s Director of Public Works, which said extensions of time, if any, shall be granted only for reasons attributable to inclement weather, acts of God, or for other cause determined in the sole discretion of the County’s Director of Public Works to be good and sufficient cause for such extensions.”

5. All provisions of the Contract not affected by this Amendment No. 4 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
6. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

The trail begins at the Octagon Barn in SLO and goes to the beach in Avila.



The trail is listed on several websites. Here is one example:



Bob Jones Trail Facts

States: California	Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete	Go Unlimited ∞
Counties: San Luis Obispo	Trail category: Rail-Trail	
Length: 3.9 miles	ID: 6433823	Export to Trail Guide
Trail end points: Prado Rd (San Luis Obispo) and Avila Beach Park (Avila Beach)	Activities:	Create Guidebook
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike <input type="checkbox"/> Inline Skating <input type="checkbox"/> Walking	Download GPX
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Accessible	Print Friendly Map

We certainly do not begrudge cyclists and hikers enjoying their sport. We recognize the safety concerns that call for separate pathways that keep cyclists and pedestrians out of vehicular traffic.



A Good Idea for Bike Path Users?

What we have a problem with is the enormous cost involved with this project. If it were funded by private foundations and philanthropists, fine. Even if there was some sort of clear return on the investment, that would be good. But imagine the outcry and handwringing that would take place if the County were to charge a nominal fee for use of the trail. Crisis would be declared.



Bike Path Sceptic

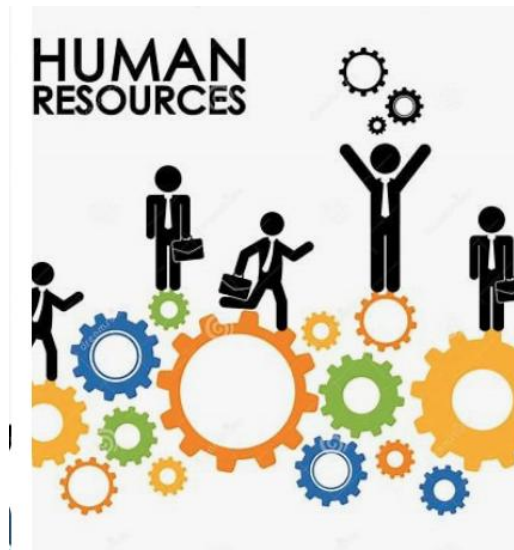
Yet, when taxpayers pause at the \$10 million per mile costs (plus ongoing costs after completion) they are dismissed as Grinch's. If they point out that there are

lots of projects around the county that maybe should have higher priority or would serve a broader range of people, they are looked at with contempt.

The googly monster tells us that we have over 75 miles of bike paths in San Luis Obispo County. We hear of more being on the drawing boards including the Templeton to Atascadero path. When do we decide to hold off and spend the money on more necessary projects – or at least take a critical look at the construction methods to find cost cutting ways to get more path for less money (Other Peoples’)?

Personnel Matters that Matter

Item 17 on the July 7 BoS agenda reads: Submittal of Civil Service Commission Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025.



The report lists grievances filed and outlines recruitment activities. Below is a graph illustrating the annual grievances filed by year for each department.

GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, AND LITIGATION

The Commission's rules outline the procedure for resolving employment disputes prior to requesting a hearing.

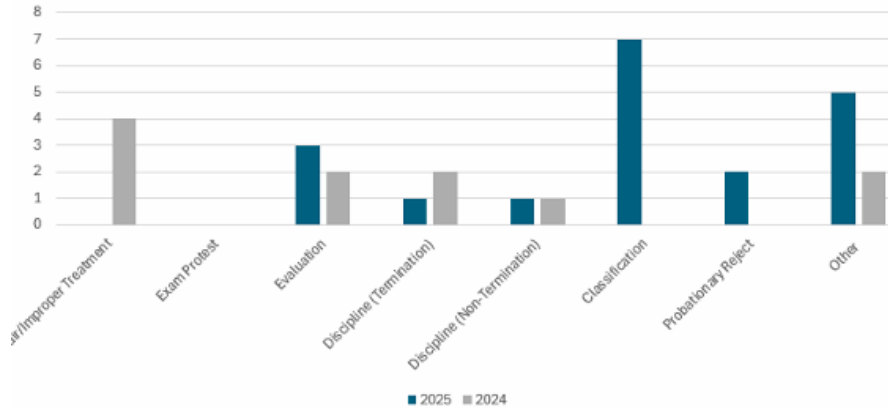
GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS FILED BY DEPARTMENT					
DEPARTMENT	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE					
AIRPORTS			1		
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER					
ASSESSOR					
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/TREAS TAX					2
CENTRAL SERVICES					1
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES		1			
CLERK-RECORDER		1			
COUNTY COUNSEL					
DISTRICT ATTORNEY		1	2		
HEALTH AGENCY	3	2	4	2	2
HUMAN RESOURCES					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
LIBRARY		1	1	1	
PARKS AND RECREATION		1			1
PLANNING AND BUILDING	5		1	1	
PROBATION		1	1		
PUBLIC WORKS	3		3		2
SHERIFF-CORONER	5	3	5	2	3
SOCIAL SERVICES	3	1			
VETERANS SERVICES					
TOTAL	19	12	18	6	11



With about 2,800 employees, the numbers seem small. What is not included in the report is how the grievances were resolved and whether financial settlements were involved. However, we do have details about how many led to litigation:

GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, AND LITIGATION

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS FILED BY TYPE



GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS FILED BY CALENDAR YEAR

	2025	2024
Filed	19	12
Resolved prior to Commission hearing (Resolved, Withdrawn, Dismissed)	13	9
Heard before the Commission	0	3
Pending Appeals and Grievances	6	2

PENDING LITIGATION

At the end of 2025, there were three litigation matters pending.



We will cover the Commission’s reports on recruitment in next week’s edition.

Run/Serve to Fix, Prevent or Preserve



Let’s get it out of the way first; serving in office can at times be a thankless job. It requires a time commitment and listening to lots of people who have no idea how

the system works but are certain that you are doing it all wrong. Running for office requires raising money, going to lots of meetings, knocking on strangers' doors, giving speeches designed to sell yourself to voters and desperately trying to get the word out.

OK, there is that. However, it is also true that your service can make a difference in the community in which you live. You can contribute to solutions that solve real problems. You can prevent dumb decisions that create real problems in your community. You can shift the focus from irrelevance to significance.

Even if you were to run in a race where you are facing headwinds to win, your candidacy can help to shape the narrative and bring important details to the public's attention. Many office holders had to run two or three times before getting elected.

We need more common-sense candidates. It's important and worthwhile.

If you are at all tempted, we encourage you to consider at least talking to friends and neighbors about it. If possible, talk to other elected officials you respect and get their advice.

The filing period for the November election is July 13 to August 7. City Council, School Board and Community Service Districts are some of the races that will be on the ballot. We have already heard of a few local city council members that will not be running for reelection. This means that there will be open seats.



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Specific details about offices that are up for election in your area can be obtained through the County Clerk's office.

Last Week

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors is on their Summer Break which lasts from June 16 to July 7. Then, the following meeting will be held on July 29. Consider this as a vacation for taxpayers. No meeting, no new ways to spend Other Peoples' Money.

Dunes Quagmire

The never-ending litigation over off road vehicle access to the Oceano Dunes has a new player in the game. The Center for Biological Diversity, a Tucson, Arizona nonprofit organization, has filed suit alleging California State Parks approval of their Oceano Dunes habitat conservation plan that allegedly imperils endangered wildlife such as the western snowy plover and the California least tern.

According to Jeff Miller, a senior conservation advocate at the Center, “Oceano Dunes is a place for all Californians and a refuge for some of our most imperiled birds. Letting hobbyists degrade it for another 25 years based on a flawed environmental study is unthinkable.” Apparently when he said “all Californians” he means except those who do things he doesn't like.



As far as we know, the Dunes, like all other state parks, are already open to all Californians, as well as everybody else interested in enjoying the unique property. Of the 849 miles of coastline in our state, only the 5.5 miles of the Oceano Dunes State Park serve the off road and beach camping community. Of the nine states' off road vehicle parks, this is the exclusive seaside park.

Also joining in the lawsuit is the Northern Chumash Tribal Council. “The dunes are our ancestors' breath and our children's tomorrow,” said Violet Sage Walker, chairwoman of the Northern Chumash Tribal Council. “When we rise to protect the snowy plover and the least tern, we are saving ourselves — we are honoring the

living spirit of these sacred lands and keeping the promise that every generation after us will still feel their healing power.”



This may seem insignificant to those who aren't interested in off-roading, but it is important on several levels. First, the park land was acquired by the state in 1974 and officially established as a State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) in 1984. So, it's a property rights issue for off roaders who pay taxes and fees to keep the park open. Also, it is a great example of what amounts to a form of extortion by environmental groups. As 501 C3 organizations with deep pockets, they amass millions of dollars in tax deductible contributions and file lawsuits that are too often easier settled than litigated.



Family Time at the Dunes

Here is a look at the Center for Biological Diversity by ProPublica Nonprofit explorer. [Center For Biological Diversity Inc - Nonprofit Explorer - ProPublica](#)

Fiscal Year Ending Dec.

2024

Revenue	\$45,735,714	
Expenses	Net Income	Net Assets
\$34,630,171	\$11,105,543	\$54,908,003

Notable Sources of Revenue		Percent of Total Revenue
Contributions	\$37,701,988	82.4%
Program Services	\$5,721,458	12.5%
Investment Income	\$1,243,841	2.7%
Bond Proceeds	\$0	
Royalties	\$0	
Rental Property Income	\$136,547	0.3%
Net Fundraising	\$0	
Sales of Assets	\$699,139	1.5%
Net Inventory Sales	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$232,741	0.5%

Assets/Debt

Total Assets	\$59,189,769
Total Liabilities	\$4,281,766
Net Assets	\$54,908,003

Compensation

Key Employees and Officers	Compensation	Related	Other
Kieran Suckling (Executive Di)	\$317,278	\$0	\$54,981
Paula Simmonds (Chief Dev. O)	\$291,155	\$0	\$36,201
Peter Galvin (Director Of)	\$289,946	\$0	\$46,432
Brendan Cummings (Conservation)	\$263,516	\$0	\$38,986
Michael Hudson (Treasurer/Fo)	\$260,359	\$0	\$31,306
Robin Silver (Secretary)	\$207,600	\$0	\$40,692
Eric Glitzenstein (Litigation D)	\$192,196	\$0	\$33,818
Heather Rauch (Chief Of Sta)	\$190,562	\$0	\$17,846
Miyo Sakashita (Oceans Direc)	\$182,590	\$0	\$34,444
Kassia Siegel (Law Inst. Di)	\$182,188	\$0	\$30,505
Todd Schulke (Senior Staff)	\$121,690	\$0	\$22,694
Sarain Fox (Director)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Matt Frankel (Director)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marcey Olajos (Chair)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regina Romero (Director)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mati Waiya (Director)	\$0	\$0	\$0

A look at the Center’s webpage makes it clear that fundraising is a high priority. Viewers get a smorgasbord of causes for which to subscribe and support. The Center for Biological Diversity can be found here: [Center for Biological Diversity](http://www.cbdl.org)

According to the website, “We want those who come after us to inherit a world where the wild is still alive. We do so through science, law and creative media, with a focus on protecting the lands, waters and climate that species need to survive.”

The 31 items of action in their catalogue include: Defend the Western Arctic From Oil Drilling, Speak Up for Whale-Safe Ship Speeds, Protect Beloved Amboseli Elephants, Prevent Pandemics: Ban Trade in Birds and Mammals, Help Sharks Keep Their Fins and Put a Stop to ‘Forever’ Pesticides.

They go on to say the Center is the nation's leader in conserving endangered species, having secured Endangered Species Act protection for more than 760 species and over half a billion acres of critical habitat.

Some of the accomplishments they list:

- Compiling and analyzing data about species status and recovery.
- Submitting legal petitions, filing lawsuits when necessary, using the leverage of our supporters' voices, and taking multiple other actions to ensure that imperiled species are federally protected.
- Obtaining adequate amounts of critical habitat for species.
- Advocating for sound conservation policy.
- Watchdogging Congress and government agencies.
- Expanding our use of creative media to keep you informed and engaged.

- Published groundbreaking scientific articles and comprehensive reports on subjects such as species recovery and **the unparalleled success of the Endangered Species Act.**

- Defeated aggressive attempts by conservative lawmakers to gut the Endangered Species Act by supplying sound science and statistical analysis to policymakers.

- Gained first-time protection, through listing petitions and litigation, for more than 760 species under the Endangered Species Act — a greater number than all other U.S. conservation groups combined.

- Secured more than 700 million acres of critical habitat for endangered species, including 120 million acres of protected habitat for polar bears — the largest critical habitat designation in Endangered Species Act history — and millions of acres for northern spotted owls.

So, after a full load of all of that, searchers can find references to the efforts to save the Snowy Plover buried in the depths of their webpage.



A Snowy Plover

Here is their synopsis on the challenge:

SAVING THE WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER

Ornamented in buff and pale feathers, the western snowy plover often goes unnoticed amongst the sand dunes it inhabits. Heedless of this shy, pocket-sized shorebird, developers have made the open sandy beaches it favors a prime target for destructive projects, and human beach activity often scares plovers away from their nests, leaving chicks and eggs vulnerable to both predators and the elements. Fortunately, since the species was protected under the Endangered Species Act, nest-site destruction and harassment has been reduced; the bird's once-decimated population has increased by more than 50 percent.

Nowhere in their voluminous reports do they acknowledge either the ongoing work towards finding a balance that is being done by the California Parks Department through scientific and biological conservation efforts, or the substantial dedicated funding committed to those efforts that come from user fees.

While taxpayers get taken advantage of and off roaders get short changed, at least we can all rest well knowing that the Snowy Plovers are well taken care of.

Sales Tax Details

With the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) half-cent sales tax, called Measure H, now formally placed on the November ballot, people are starting to pay attention to details. It's a bit of a mystery why more people didn't engage earlier while the measure was in the formative stage. SLOCOG held a series of listening sessions around the county and made presentations to each city council.

According to SLOCOG, "The expenditure plan was shaped by extensive outreach and engagement with communities across San Luis Obispo County. Feedback was gathered through public workshops, an online survey, and focus groups to inform

how funds will be used to address local needs, improve regional connectivity, and ensure accountability.”

For anyone seeking details on how Measure H proposes to distribute revenues, the following link should be helpful:

[Local Roads First | SLO County | San Luis Obispo County, CA, USA](#)

It is not clear what the next steps are in terms of a campaign. SLOGOG is prohibited from undertaking any advocacy work but is available to community groups wishing to have a presentation on the details of the tax.



As we have reported, the citizen group that raised substantial funding and gathered an impressive number of valid signatures has pledged to put together an advocacy campaign.

One of the first questions most people ask is how the revenue will be distributed. Here are some details:

Revenues shall be allocated as follows:

- A. **55% Local Road Repairs and Improvements** distributed by population to each city and the County. (Reviewed every ten years based on census data¹).
- B. **40% Regional Corridor Improvements** distributed by subregion population within the areas defined as shown.
- C. **4% Mobility Services** for Seniors, Veterans and Mobility Challenged
- D. **1% Administration**



¹ Should a new city become incorporated, the percentages would be adjusted to reflect the updated population distribution.

The next question is often about how the funds can be used:

Funds are distributed by population to the cities and the County. County funds shall be distributed equally by Supervisorial District over the life of the measure as monitored and reported by the Citizens Oversight Committee. Funds may be used for:

- A. Local road maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair.
- B. Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to College programs.
- C. Local intersections, operational and traffic safety improvements.
- D. Bridge safety and seismic retrofits.
- E. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements (sidewalks, crosswalks, multi-use paths).
- F. Community enhancements tied to transportation (streetscape, lighting, landscaping, wayfinding).
- G. Traffic signal improvements and synchronization.
- H. Piers, walkways and other pedestrian or bike paths in and around waterfront and river areas.
- I. Transit services including local trolley services may be funded if desired by a City.

There are many projects that may span multiple districts, such as highway improvements. Many of these are referred to as regional corridor projects and have a special funding category:

Regional project funds shall be distributed by population among subregions over the life of the measure as monitored and reported by the Citizens Oversight Committee and used for:

- A. Highway and major corridor congestion relief such as van or carpool lanes or other congestion relief measures.
- B. Safety and interchange improvements.
- C. Regional bicycle and pedestrian connectors between communities like the Bob Jones Trail.
- D. Interagency Transit Access.
- E. Mitigation impacts for proposed improvements.
- F. Other projects consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

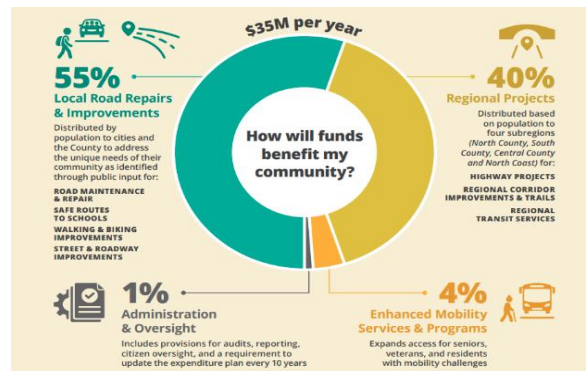
There are safeguards built into the system designed to protect against abuse:

- A. **A transportation special revenue fund** (the “Local Transportation Authority Special Revenue Fund”) shall be established to maintain all Revenues.
- B. **Accounting** Receipt, maintenance and expenditure of Net Revenues shall be distinguishable in each jurisdiction’s accounting records from other funding sources, and expenditures of Net Revenues shall be distinguishable by program or project. Interest earned on Net Revenues allocated pursuant to the Ordinance shall be expended only for those purposes for which the Net Revenues were allocated.
- C. No **Net Revenues** shall be used by a jurisdiction for other than transportation purposes authorized by the Ordinance. Any jurisdiction which violates this provision must fully reimburse the Authority for the Net Revenues misspent and shall be deemed ineligible to receive Net Revenues for a period of five (5) years.
- D. A **Citizens Oversight Committee** (“Committee”) shall be established to provide an enhanced level of accountability for expenditure of Revenues under the Ordinance. The Committee will help to ensure that all voter mandates are carried out as required. The roles and responsibilities of the Committee, the selection process for Committee members and related administrative procedures shall be carried out as described in the Section XIII below and Ordinance Section 15.
- E. A **performance assessment** shall be conducted at least once every five years to evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, economy and program results of the Authority in satisfying the provisions and requirements of the Investment Summary

of the Plan, the Plan and the Ordinance. A copy of the performance assessment shall be provided to the Committee.

- F. **Annual status reports** regarding the regional corridor projects and improvements shall be brought before the Authority by local agencies and Authority staff at least annually in public meetings.
- G. **Annual Report** Annually the Authority shall publish a report on how all Revenues have been spent and on progress in implementing projects in the Plan and shall publicly report on the findings and posted on the agency website.

The following graphic illustrates the breakdown of the anticipated \$35 million annual revenue:



It's impossible to guess what the economy will be doing in November, but we do expect other revenue measures to be on the ballot in parts of the county. In last week's Update, we pointed out the regressive nature of sales taxes, which is a real concern for low wage earners. It should be noted that we got the decimal point wrong when calculating the extra half cent cost on a \$500 set of tires, which should be \$2.50 not \$25.00.

We will watch developments closely, and report on them as they occur. We will also provide direct links to any groups that formally engage in support or opposition so that readers can be appraised of those efforts.

Will Quiet Title Litigation Ever Be Quiet?

The City of Paso Robles has dropped out of the Quiet Title litigation over water rights that has been going on since 2013. The suit originally named the city of Paso Robles, SLO County, San Miguel CSD, Templeton CSD, and the Atascadero Mutual Water Company as defendants by landowners who accused the water purveyors of encroaching on their water rights.

This legal action seeks to protect the inherent right to groundwater that came with properties when they were purchased. It only seeks rights that are already granted by California law.



At question in the case is whose groundwater rights take precedence—the overliar or purveyor—when the shared water source is in overdraft. Overdraft is roughly defined as when overall pumping exceeds the aquifer’s safe annual yield.

It is difficult to say what impact the outcome of this case will have on the future efforts of the Paso Robles Groundwater Authority. Guessing on timing about when the litigation might conclude seems to be like picking lottery numbers. Extensions, continuations and delays are regularly used to extend the life of the suit, and likely to increase the legal fees going to lawyers working for the public entities involved.

As we have said all along, there is a severe lack of trust among property owners in the Paso basin for would be regulators and “fee” takers. This lawsuit is at the heart if that distrust. We hope for a positive conclusion on this issue and look forward to the day when recharge is more important than consultants, lawsuits and power plays.

Fireworks Regulations Blowing Up

Anybody concerned about the use of fireworks would be wise to note that local cities and the county are all getting serious about enforcing restrictions. We have heard discussions of offering rewards for turning in illegal uses, drones patrolling and extra enforcement personnel all focused on catching and fining perpetrators.

In most cases, fines are also applicable to hosts of parties where illegal fireworks are used.

Here is a summary of fireworks regulations in San Luis Obispo County as found on this link:

Countywide Rules

- **Prohibited areas:** All unpermitted fireworks are banned in unincorporated SLO County, including Oceano, Cayucos, Nipomo, Avila Beach, Shandon, Creston, and Santa Margarita [County of San Luis Obispo+1](#).
- **Incorporated cities:** Some cities (e.g., Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande) allow state-certified “safe and sane” fireworks on certain days, such as July 4 between 10 a.m.–10 p.m. [Yahoo+1](#).
- **Community service districts:** San Miguel and Templeton allow state-certified fireworks on specific days [Yahoo+1](#).
- **Other areas:** Sky lanterns are banned countywide [cityrulelookup.com](#).

Penalties

- **Misdemeanor:** Use, sale, or possession of fireworks is a misdemeanor with a **\$2,000 fine** [cityrulelookup.com](#).
- **Criminal charges:** Dangerous (non–“safe and sane”) fireworks can carry fines starting at \$2,000; possession over 500 lbs is a felony [County of San Luis Obispo](#).
- **Liability:** Parents/guardians are strictly liable for minors’ violations [County of San Luis Obispo](#).
- **Costs:** Violators may be billed for firefighting, law enforcement, and medical response costs [County of San Luis Obispo](#).
- **Confiscation:** Illegal fireworks can be seized and disposed of at the owner’s expense [County of San Luis Obispo](#).



It would be wise to check with your own jurisdiction to verify details of the restrictions in your community. We wish everyone a fantastic Fourth and a wonderful and safe celebration of our nation's 250th birthday.



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Gavin Newsom Ally Wore FBI Wire in Corruption Probe Targeting Former Chief of Staff

Alexis Podesta secretly wore a FBI wire 'casting a pretty broad net across the Capitol community'

By Megan Barth, July 3, 2026

A longtime Gavin Newsom appointee and Democratic power broker secretly wore an FBI wire and recorded conversations as part of a federal public corruption investigation that began with the governor's inner circle and has since expanded to Newsom and his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

According to an exclusive report in the *New York Post*, Alexis Podesta, 45, a Newsom appointee to the State Compensation Insurance Fund board since January 2020, cooperated with federal investigators by wearing a wire starting as early as June 2024. The recordings captured discussions during the probe into then-Newsom Chief of Staff Dana Williamson. Podesta remains on the State Compensation Insurance Fund board, earning nearly \$61,000 annually.

Williamson's attorney McGregor Scott, a former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California, confirmed: "Alexis wore a wire, and Dana did not."

The *California Globe* has covered this federal investigation extensively. On November 12, 2025, we **reported** that the U.S. Department of Justice announced the indictment and FBI arrest of political consultant Dana Williamson, 53, of Carmichael, on charges including conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud, filing a false tax return, and making false statements to the FBI.

The following day, November 13, 2025, the *Globe* **confirmed** that Alexis Podesta had been identified in court documents as "Co-Conspirator 2" in the case against Williamson.

Williamson pleaded guilty in May 2026 in federal court in Sacramento to conspiracy to commit bank and wire fraud, subscribing to a false tax return, and making false statements to the FBI. Her sentencing remains pending.

Court filings detail how Williamson, while serving as Newsom's chief of staff from late 2022, allegedly orchestrated a scheme involving a dormant campaign account tied to former Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra. Approximately \$225,000 was siphoned from the account and disguised as legitimate consulting fees intended to benefit Sean McCluskie, Becerra's former chief of staff.

Podesta, who inherited oversight of aspects of the account, received payments through her company from Becerra's committee, often in \$10,000 monthly installments in 2023 and 2024. Podesta has stated she was unaware the payments were improper. Her attorney, Bill Portanova, confirmed her cooperation with investigators. Podesta has not been charged.

One specific example captured in the investigation: Williamson and Podesta exchanged text messages and participated in a recorded call strategizing how to respond to a Public Records Act request concerning California's litigation against Activision Blizzard, a corporate client. Williamson allegedly shared confidential state government information with Podesta about the matter.

The *California Globe* previously reported on Williamson's role as Newsom's "enforcer" and key liaison to labor unions and business interests before her replacement in December 2024 by Nathan Barankin, a former top aide to then-Vice President Kamala Harris.

The investigation, which sources indicate has been active for years (with roots traced back as early as 2022 in some reporting), has broadened significantly. FBI letters sent last fall notified numerous Sacramento insiders and lobbyists, including Republican Assemblyman Josh Hoover, that their phone calls had been intercepted during the probe. Hoover, who had no connection to Williamson or Podesta, described it as casting "a pretty broad net across the Capitol community."

On June 15, Governor Newsom **announced** he and his wife (First Partner) Jennifer Siebel Newsom were under federal investigation, framing the probe as as political retaliation orchestrated by President Trump ahead of Newsom's anticipated 2028 presidential run, citing Trump's past comments calling for his arrest.

"They have not found a crime — they are simply trying to find one," Newsom stated. "We have nothing to hide. Mr. President, come after me. I am not going anywhere. The country is watching."

In his formal statement, Newsom elaborated: “In recent days, federal agents have knocked on the doors of family friends and former employees. Not because they found a crime. Because they are simply trying to find one. They are demanding

records. They are abusing the grand jury process. Digging through years and years of random documents.”

Newsom continued, “Donald Trump isn’t just coming after me because of my mean tweets. He’s coming after me because I am considering running for President. Because he hates that I’ve consistently called him out – over and over again – for his lies and deceit. Donald Trump is simply the most corrupt President in American history. He has turned the levers of government into his own personal power ministries to reward cronies and to try to jail his opponents... One by one, anyone who has challenged Donald Trump has ended up on his hit list. And today, I proudly join that list... If they can’t intimidate me, they’ll go after the mother of our children.”

Siebel Newsom has similarly accused Trump of having “no boundaries.”

Our reporting has **consistently highlighted** how vendors and donors connected to the Newsom orbit have profited handsomely while the First Partner’s nonprofit extracted millions through salaries and licensing fees from an organization she controls.

Jennifer Siebel Newsom solicited state vendors and the governor’s campaign donors for large gifts to her charity, **The Representation Project**. Since 2011, this supposed gender-justice charity has raked in over \$800,000 from corporate giants like PG&E, AT&T, and Comcast—firms with billions at stake in California’s regulatory landscape.

In August and September 2022, the Globe shared a report by **Open the Books**, which sued, and then had to file 442 California Public Record Act requests – one with each state agency – in order to obtain California’s line-by-line spending by state agencies. California’s Controller, Betty Yee, rejected their sunshine request for state spending, claiming she “couldn’t locate” any of the nearly 50 million bills she paid in 2019.

What Open the Books auditors found in California’s state spending was “979 state vendors who gave \$10,561,828 in political donations to Gavin Newsom during his 2010, 2018, recall election, and 2022 election cycles. Meanwhile, these companies reaped \$6,201,978,173 in state payments.”

That's a \$10.6 million investment for a \$6.3 billion return.

The current charity revelations follow Governor Newsom's \$13,000 fine from the Fair Political Practices Commission in November 2025 for failing to timely disclose more than \$14.3 million in behested payments between 2019 and 2024. The FPPC classified the violation as negligent rather than willful, but watchdog groups argue the lapse underscores persistent transparency concerns.

Republican critics, including **Assemblyman Carl DeMaio**, have called for investigations into Newsom's use of taxpayer funds for personal defense related to the DOJ probe.

The revelation that a Newsom appointee and insider wore an FBI wire underscores the depth of the federal investigation into California's Democratic political machine. While Williamson declined to cooperate, Podesta's assistance has provided investigators with direct recordings from within the governor's orbit.

As the *California Globe* has noted in its **ongoing coverage**, the case raises serious questions about **governance, ethics, and accountability in Sacramento**. With Williamson's guilty plea secured and the probe now touching the governor's family and closest advisors, further developments could have significant political repercussions, particularly as Newsom eyes a national stage.

The governor's office and involved parties have yet to provide additional public comment on the latest FBI wire revelations.

The *California Globe* will continue following this investigation closely.



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Ringside: Choosing the Right Infrastructure Projects Can Deliver Affordable Abundance

Investing in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta holds the potential to deliver millions of acre feet of additional water per year

By Edward Ring, July 2, 2026



The reason to socialize a portion of the cost of major infrastructure is so the ratepayer doesn't have to bear an unaffordable share of the construction financing payments. The broader benefit to society is to achieve greater affordability for what constitutes raw materials for prosperity; transportation, water, and energy.

Whether or not they are ever completed, there are three megaprojects that California's taxpayers are being asked to subsidize that will never deliver prosperity or affordability. They are High Speed Rail, the Delta Conveyance, and floating offshore wind. In each case, tens, if not hundreds of billions will be spent on their construction. The financing charges, stretched over decades, will far outweigh any operating benefits.

Maybe there are reasons we should build these projects anyway. That is a separate and worthy discussion. But before we go any further down the half-*trillion* dollar (or more) path of building them, it's worth thinking about alternative uses for all that money. Here are some ideas.

With the advent of autonomous vehicles, smart cars, and, soon, long-range, fast-charging EVs, the common road becomes the future of transportation, not just a relic of the past. Let's repair and upgrade our roads and freeways. Let's develop smart lanes where next-generation cars can travel at **much higher speeds**. At the same time, let's upgrade existing rail, especially our **freight corridors**. And while we're at it, let's triage our failing **urban light rail systems**. They're broke, ridership never recovered after COVID, and in most cases advanced vehicles can now deliver

far more cost-effective point-to-point services than trains on tracks. And let's make sure California is at the forefront of mass adoption of quiet, insanely convenient **passenger drones**. Buckle up. They're almost here.

Investing in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta holds the potential to deliver millions of acre feet of additional water per year to California's farms and cities. On average, our state and federal aqueducts together transported **4.2 million acre feet per year** over the past 3.5 years. Over that same period of time, on average, 19.2 million acre feet per year flowed into San Francisco Bay. What if during these recent wet winters we could have safely diverted an additional 4 million acre feet per year from the delta? Wouldn't the remaining 15 million acre feet that still would have poured into the ocean have been enough to protect the ecosystem? Yet we would have doubled our water diversions.

There are ways to safely move more water out of the delta. A combination of dredging the **silted up interior channels** and constructing **fish friendly water diversion basins** could potentially deliver millions of additional acre feet to the delta pumps. At the same time we should invest in dredging our major reservoirs to restore their storage capacity. We should fast-track permitting for downstream percolation basins on privately owned farmland. We should build more gates in the delta to better manage salinity. And we should demand the cities surrounding the San Francisco Bay **upgrade their water treatment plants** so we don't have to send millions of acre feet into the bay every year just to flush out the excess nitrogen discharge.

Finally, acknowledging an ongoing role for oil and gas is not a troglodytic rejection of modernity. It is recognition that fossil fuel still contributes over 80 percent of all energy consumption, **both worldwide and in California**. And even if consumption of crude oil were to be phased out completely by 2045, which is probably impossibly fast, we are still going to consume at least another **5 billion barrels** of oil. In a great irony, drilling for oil in California would *improve* air quality, because the only way to stop **natural seeps of methane** in our seismically active state is to deplete the underlying reservoirs.

As for natural gas, it still delivered **40 percent of the state's electricity** in 2024. Shutting down another one of these plants every time another PV/battery farm goes up is why we're paying \$.30 per kilowatt-hour for electricity. If we must, let's just pump underground the CO2 emissions from these power plants. That is far, far less expensive than building **floating offshore wind farms** 20 miles off the California coast in 4,000 feet of water. When it comes to oil and gas, we should be setting an example of clean use for the world.

Two variables determine whether spending government funds on infrastructure is going to yield long-term economic dividends to society. The first is to choose good projects. The second is to do so in a regulatory environment that doesn't elevate costs way beyond that of the actual construction. In both cases, California urgently needs a reset.

If the state deregulated its building environment, lowering costs, more private investment would be attracted to infrastructure investments, and the publicly funded share would go a lot further. With the right choice of projects to develop, overall economic benefits are enormous. People who today collect state-funded benefits could instead be offered high-paying jobs in construction. Californians would not only make more money, but everything they purchased would cost less.



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Governor Newsom Signs ‘Historic Balanced State Budget’ with Structural Deficit

A structural deficit like California’s occurs when ongoing revenues are consistently insufficient to cover ongoing spending commitments at current service levels

By Katy Grimes, July 1, 2026

On June 29, 2026, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the 2026-2027 state budget. Before your eyes glaze over, here is how the governor characterized it:

“Governor Newsom signs historic balanced state budget, cementing California’s fiscal strength and investing in the state’s future.”

His press release added this little gem:

What you need to know: Governor Gavin Newsom today signed California’s 2026–27 state budget, delivering a balanced budget with no deficit this year or next while preserving historic reserves, investing in working families, protecting the rights of Californians, and leaving California on its strongest fiscal footing in generations. In a video released today, the Governor reflects on how California proved that fiscal discipline and ambitious public investment are the foundation of the state’s success.

A balanced California budget with no deficit? Are you kidding me? Leaving California on its strongest fiscal footing in generations? Fiscal discipline and ambitious public investment are the foundation of the state’s success?

Call the vomitorium, *stat*.

The Legislative Analyst’s Office disagrees. The LAO says:

\$18 Billion Budget Problem in 2026-27

*2025-26 Budget Act Anticipated Deficits Through the Multiyear
2026-27 Budget Problem Now Larger Than Anticipated*

Budget Position Is Weak

Who are you going to believe? Governor Newsom or the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office?

California has a structural deficit.

A structural deficit like California's occurs when ongoing revenues are consistently insufficient to cover ongoing spending commitments at current service levels – independent of short-term economic fluctuations (cyclical factors). It is a long-term mismatch: even when the economy performs well and revenues grow, *spending grows faster or stays elevated at a level that revenues cannot sustainably support*. This contrasts with a cyclical deficit, which arises temporarily during recessions when revenues drop due to weaker economic activity.

According to the **Legislative Analyst's Office**, key drivers include:

- **Spending growth outpacing revenue growth:** During surplus years, like the post-COVID boom with record revenues, the state expanded programs and commitments. When revenues normalized and dipped, as in 2022–2023 due to market declines, spending levels remained high.
- **Constitutional requirements:** Propositions like 98 (education minimums) and 2 (rainy-day fund deposits) automatically direct a large share of any revenue gains to specific areas, leaving less flexibility.
- **One-time fixes and borrowing:** Recent budgets used reserves, delays, borrowing, and temporary measures to plug gaps. These don't address the underlying imbalance and often create future repayment pressures.
- **Program costs:** Rapid growth in areas like Medi-Cal, child care, housing, and corrections, plus external factors like federal policy changes.

As a result, deficits have become “chronic” rather than temporary, the **Legislative Analyst's Office** says.

In May “Governor Gavin Newsom unleashed his Trump Derangement Syndrome during his May budget revise press conference for the first 10 full minutes, blaming the President's policies—especially tariffs— for contributing to a worsened budget outlook,” the **Globe reported**.

“But hey! Gov. Gavin Newsom's final May budget revise is ‘miraculously balanced,’ he says.

Gov. Newsom said he was not only handing off a balanced budget for next year to a new governor, his two-year budget will be balanced in 2028 as well.

Pardon my snicker.

Newsom proposed roughly \$322 billion in total spending and about \$226 billion General Fund spending. His budget revise projected a \$12 billion deficit for 2025-26.

It is important to note that the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) warns, ‘deficits have persisted even as the state’s economy and revenues have grown, underscoring that the problem is structural rather than cyclical.’”

Why California Has a Structural Deficit

California’s budget is heavily reliant on volatile revenues, and in particular, personal income taxes from high earners and capital gains taxes. And as the LAO noted, mandatory funding programs eat up large chunks of the budget, like education funding through Proposition 98, and Medi-Cal healthcare for low-income individuals, with growing caseloads due to adding illegal aliens onto Medi-Cal coverage, nearly bankrupting the system.

CalMatters even reported that Newsom’s budget “also means that for the fourth year in a row in his tenure, California is projected to have a deficit **despite revenue growth.**”

“But state Sen. Roger Niello of Roseville, the Republican vice chair of the Senate Budget Committee, attributed the structural deficit to Democrats’ ‘unstoppable spending problems.’ ‘The state must assess the effectiveness and sustainability of the programs that were created during the surplus and make necessary corrections,’ he said in a statement.”

California’s structural deficit reflects a baseline where the “new normal” of spending exceeds what the tax system reliably produces over time. Addressing it typically requires multiyear realignment—either reining in automatic spending growth or broadening/reforming revenues—rather than one-off patches.

The California budget is not balanced, and does present future deficits.

I almost expected to see Gavin Newsom shimmying his shoulders again and emoting with jazz hands. It's his tell.



Katy Grimes

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