

BUDGET 101

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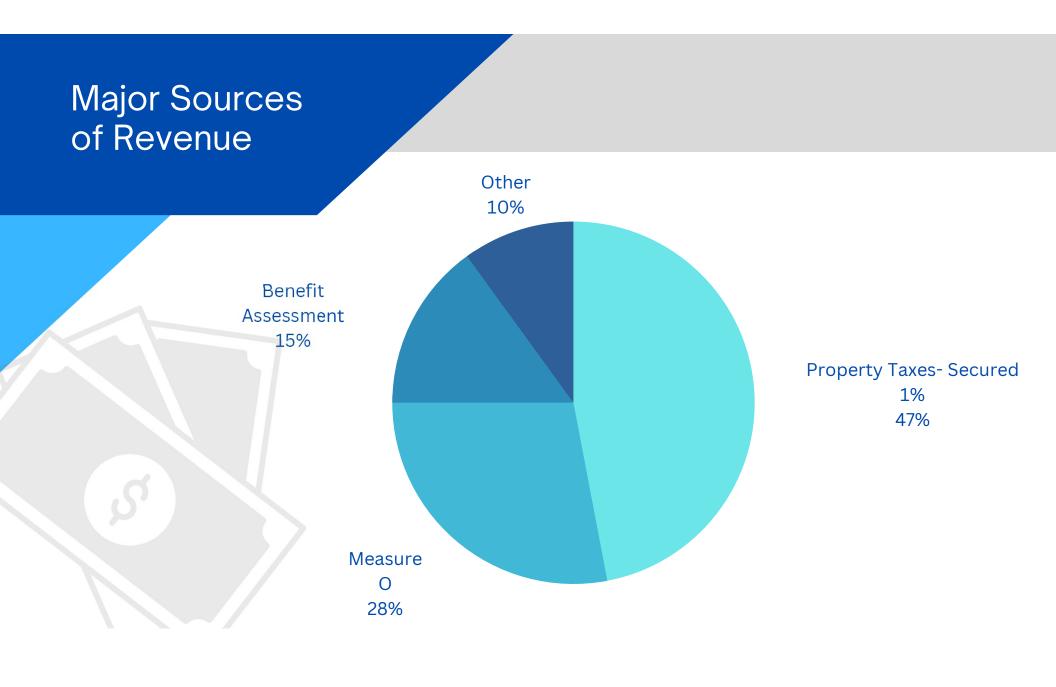
Budget Process - CA Health and Safety Code



As a special district, CA H&S § 13890 requires that on or before **June 30** of each year, a district board shall adopt a preliminary budget with the final budget adoption occurring by **October 1**.

Special Districts: Budget Considerations

- Rules regarding budget timelines and approval
- Expenditures do not exceed revenues
- Balanced budget



Strike Team Reimbursements



Personnel

Reimbursement for personnel on strike teams. Covers OT for personnel on strike team and backfill

Administrative

10% fee. Amount reimbursed to Permanent Salaries.

Apparatus

Reimbursement for use of District equipment on strike teams.

Types of Funds

- Assigned Fund Balance intended to be used by the Fire District for a specific purpose; with some leeway
- Committed Fund Balance funds that can only be used for a specific purpose
- Restricted Fund Balance funds that can only be spent for specific purposes out of agency control i.e.
 - employee retirement, medical and other funds
 - funds required for surety for debt obligations.
- Unassigned Fund Balance any remaining fund balance.

Regular Recurring Expenditures

Annual Expenditures Will Not Exceed Revenue

Services and Supplies



Salaries and Benefits 85%

Fire Chief Expectations & Budgeting Philosophy



- Evaluate the Organization Across All Areas Including Budget
- Responsible for Developing and Managing the Budget
- Budget Reflects Priorities of Fire Board
 - Health and Safety
 - Operational
 - Quality of Life

Priorities



Health and Safety

Personnel, Equipment, Facilities



Operational

Ensure Response Capabilities



Quality of Life

Repair and/or replace facilities and equipment

Remain good fiscal stewards and look for efficiencies in spending



Budget Breakdown

- Personnel / Compensation
- Supplies & Services
- Fund Balances & Capital Outlay

Personnel/ Compensation Budget

Regular and Recurring

- Salaries & benefits include
 - Wages
 - Overtime
 - Health care
 - Taxes
 - Retirement planning
 - Workers Compensation
- Greatest portion of overall budget (85% approximately)
- Least flexibility for fire chief to manage throughout the year
- Expenses are largely non-discretionary and dictated by external sources and agreements

Supplies & Services Budget

Regular and Recurring



- Fuel
- Tires
- Tools
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Contracts for services
 - Apparatus Repair
 - HVAC Maintenance
 - Legal Counsel
- Smaller portion of overall budget (15% approximately)
- Most flexibility for fire chief to manage throughout the year

Fund Balances & Capital Outlay

Not regular or recurring

- Large equipment and facilities over \$5,000
 - Bathroom remodel
 - Apparatus
 - Large single purchase
 - Subject to procurement rules
- Not included in regular budget
- Assigned or committed fund
- Some flexibility for fire chief/board to manage

Planning for the Future

2023/24



- Use incremental and intentional approach
 - Evaluate and adjust personnel budget to align with actual expected costs
 - Evaluate capital assets and allocate funds for ongoing facility/equipment needs
 - Evaluate apparatus and develop apparatus replacement plan
- Provide Board of Directors with options and choices to set direction and policy
- Minimize fiscal impact while making meaningful, positive progress



Questions?

