BOARD AGENDA FACT SHEET

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County Executive Office
Department

August 18, 2026
Requested Board Date

1. Request:

Board Approval	☑	**Information Only/Presentation**	☐
Other (specify) ______	☐	**Scheduled Hearing Time:** 2:00 p.m.	

2. Requested Action: *Type requested action below*

1. Close the Budget Hearings and provide direction to the County Executive Office regarding adjustments to the FY 2026–2027 Recommended Budget.
2. Schedule September 22, 2026, as the date for adoption of the County of Imperial FY 2026–2027 Budget.

3. **Cost** ______ **Source:** ______

4. **If approval of Contract, reviewed/approved by County Counsel on:** ______

By: ______ **Action Request #** ______
Assigned by County Counsel's Office

5. **If approval of position allocation change, reviewed by Human Resources on:** ______

By: ______

6. **Reviewed by ITS Department on:** ______ **By:** ______

7. **Electronic copy submittal date:** ______ **By:** ______

Department Head/Agency Representative

INSTRUCTIONS: Back-up must be submitted **15 BUSINESS days prior** to requested date (Please note a Holidays count as a business day.) Back-up submitted must contain an **Original and 1 copy**. Copies must be submitted to the County Executive Office double sided and three (3) hole punched. Back-up must be submitted in a PDF format to vanessasalcido@co.imperial.ca.us and gracielaalvarez@co.imperial.ca.us

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Reviewed By: ______
Executive Office Staff

Reviewed By: ______
Deputy CEO

CEO/CLERK USE ONLY:

DATE STAMP

BOARD DATE: 8·18·26

Action	☐	**Filing**	☐
Consent	☐	**Presentation**	☐
Hearing	☑	**CEO Approval**	☐
Consent Budget	☐	**Other (specify):**	☐

CEO ______ 8·13·26 *Date*

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August 18, 2026

Board of Supervisors
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Honorable Board Members:

Background:

On June 23, 2026, the Board approved the County's Recommended Budget of $797.3 million across all operating funds, including $149.8 million for General Fund. This budget reflects our ongoing commitment to fiscal stability while maintaining essential public services.

Following standard practice, departments submitted Budget Augmentation Requests for additional needs. After a thorough review of these requests and considering the County's current fiscal position, I am recommending $938,831 in General Fund augmentations. Of this amount, $929,831 is recommended for Public Protection and $9,000 for General Administration. In addition, approximately $6.5 million in augmentations are recommended across other funds.

Additionally, our department received 23 position requests, 12 of which were not recommended due to the fiscal impact. While these positions address valid operational needs, preserving long-term fiscal sustainability remains paramount. Accordingly, the County Executive Office does not recommend approving these new positions unless a reliable, ongoing funding source can be identified.

These recommendations balance the need to address critical departmental priorities with our responsibility to safeguard the County's financial position. By limiting new ongoing commitments that are not supported by sustainable revenues, we can preserve the flexibility needed to navigate economic shifts while delivering essential services.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Lang
County Executive Officer

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 18,2026

TODAY'S OVERVIEW

- 2026-27 Recommended Budget ($797.3M)
- 2025-26 Preliminary Revenue & Expense Actuals
- Fire Protection Budget Overview
- CEO Recommended Changes
- 2026-27 General Fund Balancing Plan

COUNTYWIDE RECOMMENDED BUDGET SUMMARY
$797.3 MILLION

Fund Category	2025-2026 Adopted	2026-2027 Recommended	$ Change	% Change
General Fund	$142,611,054	$149,789,547	+$7,178,493	5.0%
Special Revenue	493,500,615	502,379,435	+8,878,820	1.8%
Capital Projects	35,267,395	50,518,745	+15,251,350	30.1%
Enterprise Funds & Other	6,149,959	6,255,887	+105,928	1.7%
Internal Service	85,954,386	88,367,433	+2,413,047	2.8%
Total All Funds	**763,483,409**	**$797,311,047**	**+$33,827,638**	**4.2%**

2025-26 GENERAL FUND REVENUE-PRELIMINARY ACTUALS

Revenue Type	2025-26 Adjusted Budget	2025-26 Actuals	Variance (%)
Taxes	$54.9M	$51.9M	-5.5%
Licenses & Permits	$1.7M	$1.8M	+10.2%
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	$5.2M	$5.9M	+13.9%
Revenue form Use of Money	$3.7M	$4.6M	+21.9%
Intergovernmental Revenues	$42.4M	$43.4M	+2.4%
Federal Revenues	$4.4M	$4.2M	-5.6%
Charges for Services & Miscellaneous Revenues	$30M	$28M	-6.5%
	$142.3M	**$139.8M**	**-1.7% (-$2.5M)**

FY2025-26 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES-PRELIMINARY ACTUALS

Expense Category	2025-26 Adjusted Budget	2025-26 Actuals	Variance (%)
Salaries & Benefits	$91.4M	$87.6M	-4.2% ($3.8MSavings)
Services & Supplies	$49.3M	$49M	-.5%
Other Charges	$11.3M	$10.8M	-3.8%
Capital Assets	$0.8M	$0.6M	-28.3%
Other Financing Sources	$(7.9)M	$(5.9)M	-26.1%
	$144.9M	**$142.1M**	**-1.9% ($2.8M Savings)**

FIRE PROTECTION-SPECIAL REVENUE

Revenue Type	2025-26 Adjusted Budget	2025-26 Actuals (preliminary)	2026-27 Recommended Budget	% Change over 2025-26 Adj Budget
Property Taxes	$5.1M	$5.8M	$5.4M	5.9%
Charges for Services & Other	$1.1M	$1.3M	$1.4M	27.3%
Total Revenue	**$6.2M**	**$7.1M**	**$6.8M**	**9.7%**
Salaries & Benefits	$9.1M	$9.7M	$9.2M	1.1%
Services, Supplies & Other	$3.2M	$3.3M	$2.9M	-9.4%
Total Expenses	**$12.3M**	**$13M**	**$12.1M**	**-1.1%**
Contribution from General Fund	$(3.2)M	$(3.2)M	$(4.9)M	53.1%
Contribution from LATCF	$(2.7)M	$(2.7)M	-	-100%
Other transfers	$(0.2)	$(0.3)M	$(0.4)	
Net surplus /(deficit)	**-**	**$(0.3)M**	**-**	

CEO RECOMMENDED AUGMENTATIONS

CEO RECOMMENDATION CRITERIA & STRATEGY

General Fund Neutrality

- Requests that have offsetting revenue
- Preference for one-time requests over ongoing requests and no new ongoing salary expenses impacting the General Fund

Non-General Fund

- Ensuring Special Revenue, Enterprise, and Internal Service funds maintain full operational cost recovery from non-General revenue sources.

CEO RECOMMENDATION CRITERIA & STRATEGY

Past due Financial Statements

- 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) reflects a zero general fund reserve as General Fund reserves are combined with specific accounts carrying negative balance.
- 2024-2025 ACFR is expected to be completed no later than October 30,2026

Action Plan: Resolving Negative Account Balances

- Conducting targeted reviews of all accounts in the negative, establishing funding strategies to clear current negative balances and implementing strict internal controls to stop further accumulation

GENERAL FUND AUGMENTATIONS NO FISCAL IMPACT $938,831

Public Protection $929,831

- **District Attorney** $148,118 – One (1) Office Supervisor, Five (5) Under-hire Promotions, Transfer of Deputy District Attorney.
- **Probation** $179,925 – Five (5) Under-hire Promotions, Capital Purchase of two (2) Vehicles.
- **Sheriff** $508,136 – Software Licenses, Professional & Special Services, Equipment-Info Technology
- **Planning & Development** $30,683 – Eight (8) Under-hire Promotions.
- **Public Administrator** $62,969 – Adjust Revenue, Office Expense, Tuition reimbursement, Travel Out-of-County, Maintenance-Info Software, Memberships, Professional & Special Services.

General Government $9,000

- **Assessor** $4,000 – Adjust Revenue, Tuition Reimbursement.
- **Procurement Services** $5,000 – Travel Out-of-County.

SPECIAL REVENUE AUGMENTATIONS $4,195,583

Public Protection $3,348,433

- **District Attorney (HIDTA & OTIS DUI)** $11,263 - Two (2) Under-hire Promotions.
- **Probation** $5,676 – Two (2) Under-hire Promotions.
- **Sheriff Coroner** $2,461,522 – Adjust Projected Revenue to State Aid Other, increase Professional & Special Services, Equipment, Equipment Vehicles.
- **Fire** $869,972 – Maintenance-Structure Improvement, Special Department Expense, Equipment.

Health & Sanitation and General Government $847,150

- **Behavioral Health** $814,850 -Equipment & Vehicles
- **Information & Technical Support** - $32,300-Adjust Stand-by & Overtime

SPECIAL REVENUE AUGMENTATIONS
$2,397,030

Public Ways & Facilities $2,197,079

- **Airport** $327,421- Structures and Improvements- FAA Grant
- **Publics Works** $1,869,658 – Purchase of Various Capital Equipment

Public Assistance $199,951

- **Workforce Development Health** $157,315 –Fund Assistant Director, 13 bilingual allocations
- **Social Services** $42,636 – Professional and Specialized Service- Trualta Agreement

FISCAL YEAR 2026-27
GENERAL FUND PROPOSAL TO BALANCE

Projected Revenue FY 2026-27	**$145,813,150**
10% Realignment Transfer	1,776,397
Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Transfer	2,200,000
Total Available Financing	**149,789,547**
Proposed Expenditures FY2026-27	(149,789,547)
Surplus/(Deficit)	**0**

NEXT STEPS IN THE BUDGET PROCESS

- Budget Hearings –August 18, 2026: The Board will conduct formal public deliberations with department leaders and welcome community input .
- Reconciliation & Adjustments : The budget will be balanced based on hearing directives and updated revenue estimates.
- Final Budget - September 22, 2026 : The final legally binding budget will be officially established through the adoption of a formal Board resolution.

Questions & Discussion