

## PROPOSED TRIGGERED BUDGET REDUCTIONS

The Governor's Budget proposes \$5.4 billion in triggered budget reductions that would be enacted if his November 2012 Ballot Initiative to increase revenues fails to pass. If enacted, the triggered reductions would go into effect on January 1, 2013 and primarily impact K-12 schools, higher education, the courts, and State public safety programs. While there would be no direct fiscal impact to the County of the triggered budget reductions, there may be operational and programmatic impact to various County departments if the triggered cuts are enacted.

The trigger cuts outlined in the Governor's proposal include:

- **K-12 Schools and Community Colleges.** \$4.8 billion reduction to K-12 schools and community colleges. A reduction of this magnitude would be equivalent to a reduction of three weeks of school and would generate State General Fund savings through the reduction in the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee for education. The Budget also proposes to continue to provide 20.0 percent of program funds in arrears.
- **Higher Education.** \$400.0 million cut to the University of California and California State University systems.
- **Courts.** \$125.0 million reduction in funding to the courts, which would be the equivalent of three days of court closures per month. **The impact to County departments would be dependent on how the Los Angeles Superior Court chooses to implement the cut.**
- **CAL FIRE.** \$15.0 million reduction to the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This cut would reduce the State's fire fighting capabilities and result in the closure of fire stations and a reduction in emergency air response.
- **Flood Control.** \$6.6 million reduction to the State Department of Water Resources for flood control resulting in reduced channel and levee maintenance and floodplain mapping. **According to the Department of Public Works, there would be no direct fiscal impact to the County from this reduction.**
- **Fish and Game.** \$3.5 million reduction to the Department of Fish and Game. This reduction would result in a 20.0 percent reduction in the number of game wardens within the Department and reductions in non-warden programs such as the Marine Life Protection Act and fish and wildlife monitoring and management programs.

- **Parks and Recreation.** \$2.0 million reduction to the State Department of Parks and Recreation resulting in a 20.0 percent reduction in the number of park rangers at State-run park facilities as well as the elimination of lifeguards at all State-operated beaches.
- **Department of Justice.** \$1.0 million reduction to the Department of Justice's Division of Law Enforcement.