

BENCHMARK COUNTIES - COMPARATIVE SURVEY

August 25, 2017

COUNTY	APPROV. AUTH.	AUTHORITY LIMITS COMMODITIES	AUTHORITY LIMITS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	FORMAL BIDS COMMODITIES	FORMAL BIDS SERVICES
SOLANO COUNTY	DEPT. HEAD	Up to \$5,000	Up to \$5,000	over \$25,000	over \$25,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	Unlimited	\$50,000		
	CAO		\$5,000 - \$50,000		
	BOS		over \$50,000		
MARIN	DEPT. HEAD	under \$5,000		over \$75,000	over \$75,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	\$5,000 to \$100,000			
	CAO		\$0-\$50,000		
	BOS	over \$100,000	over \$50,000		
MONTEREY	DEPT. HEAD	n/a	n/a	over \$100,000	over \$100,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	unlimited	\$100,000.00		
	CAO	unlimited	\$100,000.00		
	BOS	n/a	over \$100,000		
PLACER	DEPT. HEAD	Buyer 2 - \$2,500 - \$10,000 Sr. Buyer \$10,000 - \$25,000	Sr. Buyer up to \$25,000	over \$25,000	over \$25,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	up to \$50,000	up to \$50,000		
	CAO	up to \$50,000	up to \$50,000		
	BOS	over \$50,000	over \$50,000		
SAN JOAQUIN	DEPT. HEAD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	PURCHASING AGENT	unlimited	up to \$100,000		
	CAO	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	BOS		over \$100,000		
SAN LUIS OBISPO	DEPT. HEAD	up to \$2500		over \$25,000	over \$25,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	\$5000 to \$25,000	over \$10,000		
	CAO				
	BOS		over \$50,000		

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SANTA BARBARA	DEPT. HEAD			over \$50,000	over \$50,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	up to \$50,000	up to \$50,000		
	CAO				
	BOS	over \$50,000	over \$50,000		
SANTA CRUZ	DEPT. HEAD	\$1,500		over \$35,000	over \$55,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	unlimited	up to \$35,000		
	CAO	up to \$35,000	up to \$35,000		
	BOS	over \$35,000	over \$35,000		
STANISLAUS	DEPT. HEAD			over \$45,000	over \$45,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	up to \$100,000	up to \$100,000		
	CAO				
	BOS	over \$100,000	over \$100,000		
SONOMA	DEPT. HEAD	up to \$2,500	\$0 to \$5000	over \$20,000	over \$100,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	\$5000 to \$20,000	up to \$25,000		
	CAO				
	BOS		over \$25,000		
TULARE	DEPT. HEAD			over \$50,000	over \$100,000
	PURCHASING AGENT	up to \$50,000	up to \$100,000		
	CAO				
	BOS	over \$50,000	over \$100,000		