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ANNUAL REPORT



   
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Achieving objectives:

- Improve health and wellbeing
- Investing in and for the future
- Responsible and sustainable land use
- Fiscal Responsibility

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2018 Annual Report | Improve health and wellbeing



IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE

Solano County is committed to the improvement of health and wellness of all those who live and work in our community and has quality programs and services to support these goals

CONNECTING VETERANS TO THEIR BENEFITS

Solano County is home to more than 34,000 veterans and 90,000 of their dependents. The County's Veteran Service Office (VSO) helps veterans and their dependents get connected to the benefits they've earned as part of their military service. In 2018, the VSO filed more than 7,000 claims, resulting in \$35.4 million in Federal dollars in pension and compensation claims. Solano VSO has been recognized as number one in the state, with an average participation rate of 34.7 percent, 10.7 percent higher than the state and national averages. Veterans access the VSO for help with a variety of benefit claims, including college tuition assistance, health and medical care, dependent assistance, injury claims and legal counsel. Veterans interested in receiving assistance with their benefits can call the Solano County VSO at (707) 784-6590.



Brendan Wood, Mary Bourguignon's son at the bench dedication

MEMORIAL BENCH FOR MARY B.

In August, the Library dedicated a Sensory Garden and a memorial bench for Mary Bourguignon, long-time library champion and literacy booster, behind the Fairfield Civic Center Library building near the pond. Bourguignon was the campaign manager for Measure B and Measure L, the 1/8th of a penny sales tax devoted exclusively to libraries which was passed in 1998 and again in 2014. Bourguignon was also active in the Solano County Library Foundation, serving as its executive director for two years and championing its pediatric literacy program, Reach Out and Read.



Young Eagle at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville

NUT TREE AIRPORT YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), based at the County's Nut Tree Airport, gives young people, ages 8-17 a chance to start their aviation journey as part of the Young Eagles program. The EAA volunteer pilots promote a safe and fun aviation learning experience, giving Young Eagles the opportunity to provide technical assistance to aviators who wish to build and maintain their aircraft. In return, Young Eagles go on free introductory flights by EAA volunteer pilots. The program, which continues to grow in popularity, served more than 500 children in 2018.

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Solano County Auditor-Controller's Office received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal-year ending June 30, 2017. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. The County's annual financial documents, including the award-winning CAFR can be found at www.SolanoCounty.com/depts/auditor.

NEW VOCATIONAL CENTER NEARLY COMPLETE

The Solano County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Department of General Services, Capital Projects Management division, with bond financing from the Board of State and Community Corrections SB 1022 Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program and County funds, is finishing construction of the new Rourk Vocational Training Center. Located next to the Claybank and Stanton Correctional Facilities, the new 39,000 square-foot facility features an educational building, equipped with classrooms, vocational training space and instructor-led program areas designed to help prepare the currently incarcerated with future employment skills. The facility will open in 2019.

Connecting veterans to their benefits

- County VSO helps veterans and their dependents get connected to their benefits. In 2018, the VSO filed more than 7,000 claims, resulting in \$35.4 million in Federal dollars in compensation claims, making the SCVSO no. 1 in the state for participation.

Helping parents support their families

- Child Support Services, Solano Workforce Development Board and Solano Superior Court are assisting unemployed parents, including those who are formerly incarcerated, find and maintain employment. The department also assisted Butte County (remotely) with their client case loads due to the recent wildfires.

Nut Tree Airport's Young Eagles Program

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Memorial bench for long-time library champion, Mary B.

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New Rourk Vocational Center nearly complete

- The Rourk Vocational Center features an educational building, classrooms and vocational training space and instructor-led program areas to help prepare the currently incarcerated with future employment skills for re-entry into the labor force.



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COMMUNITY HELPS ERADICATE A PEST

The Mediterranean Fruit Fly (Med Fly), a pest that can destroy more than 250 commodities – including home gardens – was successfully eradicated from Solano County in 2018 after an eleven-month-long quarantine. The eradication effort was made possible through a collaboration with state / federal agricultural agency staff and the overwhelming community support, allowing the Solano County Department of Agriculture to deploy and monitor thousands of “bug trap tents” in homeowner’s trees, plants and gardens.



Med Fly

HEALTH FAIR CONNECTS FAMILIES TO SERVICES

More than a thousand residents attended the fourth annual community Health Fair in Fairfield, hosted by the Solano County District Attorney and Solano Family Justice Center in October. Participants can meet with more than 90 local health-related vendors, connecting them to County Health Services, including free medical, dental and vision screenings, immunizations and family resource centers. The day-long event features activities for people of all ages, including food, music and children’s activities.



Supervisor Erin Hannigan and Chairman Anthony Roberts

FOOD RX BRINGS FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED

The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Medical Services division, entered an intergovernmental agreement with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to receive \$400,000 of a \$1 million-dollar agreement to create a Mobile Food Rx program. In coordination with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County, the Mobile Food Rx program consists of a food truck that brings healthy and nutritious food to food-insecure patients of Solano County Health Services. The County received an additional \$1 million in funding from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in November 2018, thanks to the coordination efforts of District 1 Supervisor Erin Hannigan.



Reta Wills is the County's oldest living Centenarian at 107 years old

TWELFTH ANNUAL CENTENARIAN CELEBRATION

The Solano County Board of Supervisors, with support of the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services and the Senior Coalition of Solano County, celebrates the stories and lives of our most senior residents – our centenarians. Together with their families and caregivers, the Board hosts the reception and asks about their pearls of wisdom on living to 100 years and beyond. In 2018 the County recognized 41 centenarians, representing more than 4,153 years of life experience.

ACCESSING COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMMING

First 5 Solano, Children and Families Commission, established the Help Me Grow (HMG) Solano database system in 2018, a centralized access point for children and families to be linked to community-based programs and services. The HMG Solano program served 1,660 individuals, helping them gain access to programs and services, including developmental, health, parent education, basic needs and childcare.

Working together to eradicate a community pest, the Med Fly

- The Mediterranean Fruit Fly, a pest that can destroy more than 250 commodities, was successfully eradicated from Solano County in 2018 after an 11 month quarantine, due to a partnership with the state, County staff and overwhelming community support.

Breastfeeding Coalition celebrates 20 years

- Solano County Public Health celebrated the Breastfeeding Coalition’s 20th anniversary by encouraging nursing mothers to donate milk. 2,000 ounces were collected in 2018.

Celebrating our oldest living residents – 12th annual Centenarian

- In 2018 the County Board of Supervisors recognized 41 centenarians, representing more than 4,153 years of combined life experience. Reta Wills is the oldest living person at 107 years old and has attended the ceremony eight times.

Health fair connects families to services

- More than 1,000 people attended The Family Justice Center’s 4th annual Health Fair. Participants were connected to health-related vendors, including free medical, dental and vision screenings, immunizations and family resource centers.

Food Rx bringing food to those in need

- Solano H&SS, with funding from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and in coordination with the Food Bank, created the Mobile Food Rx program. Mobile Food Rx is a food truck that brings nutritious food to food-insecure Solano County H&SS patients.

Accessing community-based programming

- First 5’s Help Me Grow database linked 1,660 individuals to community-based services, including developmental, health, parent education, basic needs and childcare.



2018 Annual Report | Investing in and for the future

INVESTING IN AND FOR THE FUTURE

The Board of Supervisors make strategic investments in programs, services and infrastructure improvements for County residents of today and tomorrow

MEASURING AND WEIGHING - GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR
The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures uses special equipment to confirm and collaborate that pumps and scales used to weigh and sell goods are accurate. In 2018 department staff inspected, tested and sealed more than 5,000 commercial weighing stations throughout the County, including weighing devices at farmer's markets, produce stands, grocery stores, gas stations, retail and wholesale distributors, mobile home and recreational vehicle parks and marinas. Inspecting and testing scales helps ensure that the price you pay for goods and services is fair and accurate.



High school students at the second annual Kindness award ceremony

KINDNESS CAMPAIGN, ANTI-BULLYING VIDEO CONTEST
The Solano County District Attorney's Office, in coordination with the District 4 Supervisor's Office, hosted the second-annual Kindness Campaign, a countywide anti-bullying video contest. High school students from across the County submitted more than 70 videos, showcasing the power of what kindness can accomplish at school, at home and in our communities. For their efforts, students were invited to a red-carpet style viewing ceremony where they showcased their creations to an audience of student, parents, educators and members of law enforcement.

ALERTING RESIDENTS DURING AN EMERGENCY
The Solano County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) launched the new AlertSolano.com emergency notification system in July, 2018, in coordination with the seven cities, Travis Air Force Base and unincorporated areas. The new emergency alert system gives users the option to register multiple communication devices, including cell phones, land-lines, voice over IP (VOIP) and other internet-connected smart devices. Alert Solano gives OES emergency managers the ability to send text messages to anyone with a cell phone in a selected area, helping them target users to get them out of harm's way without having to send a mass-alert. Since the platform launch, more than 14,000 people have registered, thanks to an extensive community outreach campaign.

SIGN UP FOR ALERTS @
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Center for Positive Change graduation, photo credit Daily Republic

PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION
The Solano County Probation Department is transforming lives through education. In partnership with the Solano County Office of Education, Five Keys Charter School, and Solano Community College, the Probation Department is working with local educators at their Fairfield, Vallejo, and at the Juvenile Detention Facility campus and Centers for Positive Change, providing college, high school, and GED courses. Since the program started in 2016, 42 youth and 57 adults have received their high school diploma, further enriching our communities.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY DATA
The Solano County Public Defender and Alternate Defender's Office went live on their new e-Defender case management system earlier this year in their misdemeanor unit. The electronic document system allows the department to download and access new information on their clients from the Courts every day, adding new discovery, and maximizing access to all critical information. The department will implement the new system in their felony units next year and hopes to become fully paperless soon, eliminating the need for data entry and scanning of documents.



Supervisor Jim Spiering, County and STA staff at Transportation Awards

COUNTY RECEIVES ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION AWARDS
The Solano County Department of Resource Management, Engineering and Road Maintenance divisions were recognized at the 2018 Solano Transportation Authority (STA) annual awards for Project Delivery and Agency of the Year. The awards recognize and celebrate local agencies for their significant contributions to the community, including programs, activities and projects that improve mobility, travel safety and economic vitality for everyone who lives, works and plays in Solano County.

Measuring and weighing – get what you pay for

- The Ag Department, division of Weights and Measures, tested and sealed 5,000+ commercial weighing stations in 2018, including at gas stations, supermarkets, parks, and marinas - ensuring the price paid for goods and services is fair and accurate.

Kindness Campaign, anti-bullying video contest

- The District Attorney's Office, in coordination with the District 4 Supervisor's Office, hosted the 2nd annual youth Kindness Campaign. High school students submitted more than 70 videos, showcasing the power of what kindness can accomplish.

Alerting residents during an emergency with Alert Solano

- The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services launched Alert Solano, an emergency notification system using cell phone communication, in coordination with the 7 cities, Travis Air Force Base and unincorporated areas. Register at www.AlertSolano.com.

Public safety through education

- The Probation Department, in partnership with the Solano County Office of Education, Five Keys Charter School and Solano Community College, helped 42 youth and 57 incarcerated adults received their high school diplomas in 2018.

Improving access to critical public safety data

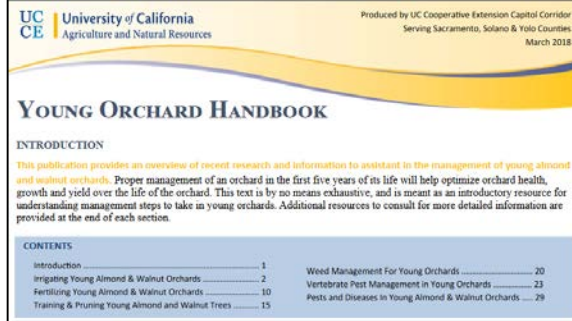
- The Public and Alternate Defender's new e-Defender case management system allows the department to download new information on their clients every day, adding to new discovery and maximizing access to all critical case information.

County receives annual transportation awards

- Resource Management, Engineering and Road Maintenance divisions received the Project Delivery and Agency of the Year awards from STA for completion of several projects – improving the safety and mobility of all who travel in Solano County.



2018 Annual Report | Responsible and Sustainable Land Use



Helping almond growers farm more efficiently

- Katherine Jarvis-Shean, an Orchard Crops Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension, developed the Young Orchard handbook, a science-based document, that helped growers maximize their irrigation, fertilization, pruning and disease management practices.

Children learn about sustainable land use

- 1,000+ K-12 students in Solano County participated in environmental education programs in 2018, becoming scientists, naturalists and conservationists, learning ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and to preserve and protect our natural resources.

Healthy outdoor activities promote environmental education

- 219,000+ residents and guests visited a County park in 2018, participating in healthy outdoor activities, including the Winters Salmon Festival, the U.S. Forest Service Visions of the Wild, Lynch Canyon Kite Festival and Trail Run and Coast & Creek Cleanup.

Improving the visitor experience at County Parks

- Paths of travel in and around campsites at Sandy Beach and Lake Solano were improved with the construction of steps and removal of non-native species. A trail segment providing access to a play structure was upgraded to provide year-round access.

Collaborating to protect and support existing land uses

- Resource Management staff coordinate with local, state and regional agencies, landowners and stakeholders to ensure that agricultural land uses and infrastructure are protected in the lower Yolo Bypass / Cache Slough regions.





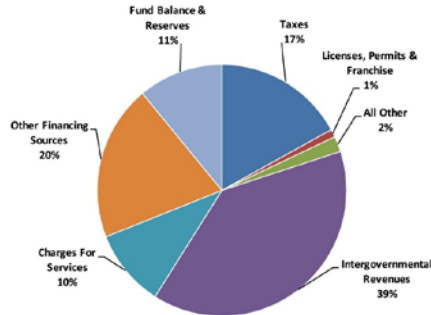
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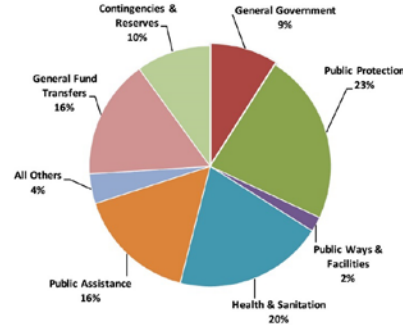
Solano County strives to provide programs and services for our residents that use taxpayer dollars responsibly and sustainably as part of a balanced budget

FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 ADOPTED BUDGET

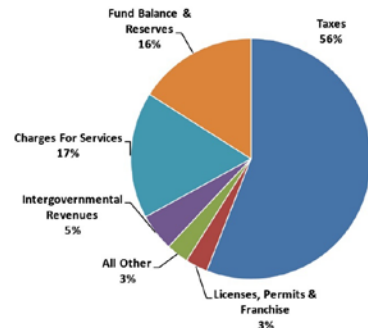
REVENUES BY SOURCE (\$1,070.8 million)



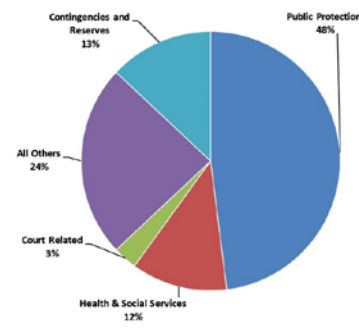
SPENDING PLAN BY FUNCTION (\$1,070.8 million)



GENERAL FUND MEANS OF FINANCING (\$298.1 million)



GENERAL FUND SPENDING PLAN (\$298.1 million)



Maintaining fiscal responsibility

- The County's adopted budget, topping just over \$1 billion, funds State and Federally mandated programs and services for County residents while implementing the Board's strategic priorities.

Solano County Credit Rating

- AA rating by Standard & Poor's

Adopted budget for fiscal year 2018-19

- \$1,070.8 million total budget
- \$298.1 million General Fund budget

16th consecutive year of excellence

- For the 16th consecutive year in a row the Government Finance Officers Association awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County of Solano and the Auditor-Controller's Office. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

For more information

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