

Stanislaus County Fire Authority Business Plan Fiscal Year 2023

Executive Summary

The Stanislaus County Fire Authority (Fire Authority) is a Joint Powers Agreement established in November 2005 by the fire agencies in Stanislaus County to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the expenditure of the Less-Than-Countywide Fire Tax, and to establish a cooperative relationship among the parties to the agreement for the provision of services.

OVERVIEW

Issues of mutual concern to the fire agencies of Stanislaus County were identified and the Fire Authority, through a work-group process, came together for the following purposes:

- Facilitate cooperation among the Fire Agencies and the County related to the allocation and use of the Less-Than-Countywide Fire Tax.
- Provide a forum for discussion and study of countywide issues of mutual interest.
- Identify, inventory, and comprehensively plan for solutions to countywide issues requiring multi-jurisdictional cooperation.
- Facilitate cooperation among the Fire Agencies and the County for specific purposes, interrelated actions, and for the adoption of common policies with respect to issues and problems which are common to the parties.
- Develop countywide plans and policies for growth and development.

The Stanislaus County Fire Authority Board is comprised of an appointed representative from each fire agency listed on page 3. Each individual agency adopted a resolution to approve the Joint Powers Agreement in order to participate, entitling each agency representative to one vote. As outlined in the Joint Powers Agreement, the Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office is the administering agency. The Fire Authority may designate any representative of a member agency to serve as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

A quorum of at least one-half of the member agencies is required for the Fire Authority to take action. A two-thirds majority of those members present are required to approve all fiscal matters, including the use of the Less-Than-Countywide Fire Tax, but not including expenditures of less than \$500.

FIRE AUTHORITY GOALS

The following goals were adopted and reaffirmed by the Fire Authority membership:

- Ensure an open environment that provides respectful and professional responsiveness to our community and agency partners.
- Adopt integrated, collaborative, and multi-disciplinary planning to ensure that our community and agency partners are served in an equitable, efficient, and effective manner.
- Provide the highest quality of fire, life safety and all risk support service through collaborative community and agency partnerships in the areas of fire prevention, fire

- investigation, fire communications, administration/support, and training within available funding.
- Improve the stability and sustainability of revenue sources to support and enhance the fire, life safety and all risk services on a countywide basis.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategy of the Stanislaus County Fire Authority is to represent the interests of all member agencies by focusing on organizational goals of both the Fire Authority and individual agencies. The following strategies were reaffirmed by the membership:

- Expand and foster mutually beneficial relationships with internal and external fire agencies.
- Enhance relationships between fire districts, cities, County agencies, and identified stakeholders.
- Achieve a unified voice and strengthen the fire service to meet future challenges.
- Be the spokesperson/organization for fire and emergency services countywide.
- Provide strategic direction, leadership, and influence to coordinate professional standards.
- Initiate and support efforts that assist in funding the fire service.
- Improve financial stability of the existing programs and services.
- Explore financial opportunities.

ACTION PLAN

The action plans are defined to meet the adopted strategies stated above. The following pages outline specific planned service levels based on the priorities and anticipated funding for Fiscal Year 2023.

It is the intent and purpose of the Fire Authority to achieve the most efficient and effective use of the Less-Than-Countywide Fire Tax revenues, and to seek partnerships to advance the ability to provide fire and emergency services in Stanislaus County.

The Fire Authority strives to provide services commensurate with funding levels. As funding levels change, adjustments are made based on available funding and negotiated with the service providers to ensure program stability.

While preparing the annual Business Plan, the Fire Authority engages with the member agencies to identify service priorities, performance expectations and funding allocations for those services identified as critical to the fire agencies in Stanislaus County. Based on available funding, the group then targets achievable, sustainable service levels to support those priorities.

The Fire Authority will continue to hold quarterly meetings for updates on services provided as well as regular sub-committee meetings to address issues specific to each as needed.

Fire Authority Organization

Fiscal Year 2023 Officers

Chair – Chris Parnell, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Fire Warden Vice Chair – Kevin Wise, Salida Fire District Secretary/Clerk of the Board – Casi Persons, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Fire Warden

Business Plan Sub-Committee

Brooke Freeman, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Business Manager Erik Klevmyr, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Fire Warden Alan Ernst, City of Modesto Fire Department Jeff Hakola, Patterson Fire Department Clint Bray, Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District Keith Bowen, City of Newman Fire Department Mike Passalaqua, Woodland Avenue Fire District

The following agencies are signatory to the Joint Powers Agreement:

Burbank Paradise Fire District Denair Fire Protection District Keyes Fire District Mountain View Fire Protection District City of Oakdale

City of Patterson Stanislaus Consolidated Fire District

City of Turlock

Westport Fire District

West Stanislaus Fire District

Industrial Fire Protection District

Ceres Fire Protection District

City of Ceres

Hughson Fire District

City of Modesto

City of Newman

Oakdale Fire Protection District

Salida Fire District

Stanislaus County Fire Warden

Turlock Rural Fire District

Woodland Avenue Fire District

Cal Fire - Santa Clara Unit

Cal Fire - Tuolumne Unit

Fire Prevention Services

Financials

Category	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Base Budget	FY 2023 Budget Adjs	FY 2023 Rec Budget	FY 2024 Spending Plan
Revenue-LTCW	\$673,567	\$510,197	\$831,781	\$0	\$831,781	\$857,349
Fees for Service	\$188,000	\$198,156	\$192,700	\$0	\$192,700	\$198,481
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$14,321	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEMA/CRF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc Revenue	\$0	\$2,815	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Contribution	\$20,000	\$17,461	\$20,500	\$0	\$20,500	\$20,500
Total Revenue	\$881,567	\$742,950	\$1,044,981	\$0	\$1,044,981	\$1,076,330
Salaries and Benefits	\$717,913	\$551,046	\$739,258	\$0	\$739,258	\$761,436
Services and Supplies	\$135,936	\$90,182	\$227,004	\$0	\$227,004	\$233,814
Other Charges	\$77,718	\$101,722	\$78,719	\$0	\$78,719	\$81,081
Fixed Assets-Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$931,567	\$742,950	\$1,044,981	\$0	\$1,044,981	\$1,076,330
Revenue less Expenses	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expectations

- Continue collaboration and communication between the FPB and fire districts regarding impacts of new development projects.
- Deliver plan reviews.
- Participate in the Stanislaus County Environmental Review Committee.
- Maintain a state mandated inspection program and compliance reporting as required by SB 1205.
- Provide services in support of the County's One-Stop-Shop priority.
- Maintain a State Mandated Inspection Program on Jails/Prisons.
- Participate on the County cannabis enforcement team and assist in developing cannabis regulations.
- Enhance collaboration and communication between the FPB and fire districts regarding impacts of new development projects.
- Assist in target hazard and business inspection programs.
- Evaluate local fire and life safety codes and ordinances as they apply to current and proposed projects.
- Active involvement in the code hearing process to ensure that Stanislaus County fire agencies may have input in the next code adoption cycle.
- Enhance and expand cooperative vegetation/ force clean program with the fire districts.
- Continue training program for Fire prevention staff to increase knowledge and proficiency of Fire Prevention Specialists.
- Enhance partnerships with businesses, community groups and county departments.
- Maintain the countywide rural water supply recommendation except for SRA geographical areas.

Goals

- Enhance and expand fire prevention support to fire agencies within Stanislaus County.
- Expand support and customer service through the County's One-Stop-Shop.
- Enhance and expand public education program.

Objectives

- Fill two (2) Fire Prevention Specialist vacancies.
- Communicate with each fire chief (or his/her designee) to discuss how the FPB can assist fire agencies in providing a fire public education program to citizens of Stanislaus County.
- Provide access to each Fire Chief to view inspection data/reports for their respective agency as is collected in Streamline software program.
- Develop a quarterly meeting schedule with each fire chief (or his/her designee) to discuss issues/concerns or questions as it relates to Stanislaus County Fire Prevention in addition to the RFA meetings.
- Adopt the 2022 California Fire Code by the end of 2022.

Fire Communications

Financials

Category	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Base Budget	FY 2023 Budget Adjs	FY 2023 Rec Budget	FY 2024 Spending Plan
Revenue-LTCW	\$193,309	\$218,070	\$198,606	\$0	\$198,606	\$284,453
Misc Revenue	\$0	\$337	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$193,309	\$218,407	\$198,606	\$0	\$198,606	\$284,453
Salaries and Benefits	\$179,235	\$183,403	\$184,627	\$0	\$184,627	\$190,166
Services and Supplies	\$4,093	\$26,471	\$4,318	\$90,996	\$95,314	\$84,337
Other Charges	\$9,981	\$8,533	\$9,661	\$0	\$9,661	\$9,951
Fixed Assets-Radio Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Total Expenses	\$193,309	\$218,407	\$198,606	\$290,996	\$489,602	\$284,453
Revenue less Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$290,996)	(\$290,996)	\$0

Expectations

- Lead the AB109 Communications Project.
- Represent fire agencies and work with SR911 in support of fire service communications.
- Lead the Countywide Communications Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Serve as the SR911 fire service liaison for CAD.
- Represent the fire service in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map development for Stanislaus County.
- Represent Stanislaus County fire agencies in statewide communications groups including; NAPCO,
 CALSIEC, and Statewide COMT, COML and Capital Bay Planning Area.
- Represent Stanislaus County at FirstNet to ensure all County users' needs are addressed.

- Represent and support the fire agencies as lead of the regional mobile data computer (MDC) project.
- Continue to work towards establishing radio interoperability within Stanislaus County.
- Assist fire agencies with grant writing for their communications needs.
- Provide updated radio frequency loads for specific mobiles and portables as needed.
- Monitor technology trends and recommend system improvements.
- Provide recommendations for standardized radio equipment and IT systems countywide.
- Provide administration and technical support for the regional records management system (RMS), assisting Zoll with migrating all fire agencies to Zoll Cloud.
- Coordinate dispatch center to dispatch center training and communications.
- Manage and support NetMotion and RMS servers for regional systems.
- Support and administer the regional mass-notification system, designed to be utilized for internal and external messaging.
- Provide support and assistance to fire agencies with using FirstWatch.
- Administer accounts and support users of the Phoenix G2 Alerting System.

Goals

- Support and enhance the many systems that provide critical communications capabilities through the Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office that are identified by the fire agencies within Stanislaus County.
- Seek new opportunities to collaborate and achieve further efficiencies to support infrastructure, radio, MDC, CAD, and specific agency requests.
- Upgrade to Zoll Cloud by end of 2022.

Objectives

- Establish radio interoperability between Fire and EMS.
- Establish FirstWatch to provide real-time data surveillance to improve performance and situational awareness.

Fire Investigation Services

Financials

Category	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Base Budget	FY 2023 Budget Adjs	FY 2023 Rec Budget	FY 2024 Spending Plan
Revenue-LTCW	\$399,275	\$477,089	\$476,857	\$0	\$476,857	\$491,163
Total Revenue	\$399,275	\$477,089	\$476,857	\$0	\$476,857	\$491,163
Contracts/Agreements	\$387,590	\$422,402	\$407,157	\$0	\$407,157	\$419,372
Training/Equipment/DA Admin	\$61,685	\$54,687	\$69,700	\$0	\$69,700	\$71,791
Fixed Asset-Vehicle	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$449,275	\$477,089	\$476,857	\$0	\$476,857	\$491,163
Revenue less Expenses	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The City of Modesto provides an in-kind contribution of \$567,647 to the Fire Investigations Unit. The table below is a breakdown of the contribution.

City of Modesto Fire Investigation Unit In-Kind Contribution

COM Operations Technology and Information Charges	\$8,370
COM Infrastructure Technology and Information Charges	\$878
COM Liability Insurance Charges	\$9,286
Station 8 Facility Use	\$120,000
Training Expenses	\$22,000
Tools and Field Supplies	\$9,500
Membership and Dues	\$1,170
Personnel Costs	\$396,443
Total In-Kind Contribution	\$567,647

Expectations

- Determine origin and cause of fires in compliance with NFPA 921 guidelines.
- Provide documentation and assistance to law enforcement agencies for follow up of criminal fire investigations.
- Provide documentation and assistance to District Attorney's office regarding criminal fire investigations.
- Provide documentation and assistance to private fire investigators and insurance industry representatives regarding civil fire investigations.
- Establish and deliver an effective training program for chief and company officers throughout the County to conduct preliminary fire investigations and initial origin and cause determinations following NFPA 921 guidelines.
- Establish effective lines of communications with partner agencies to promote information sharing.
- Provide training for fire investigation staff to increase their skills and proficiency in the field of fire investigation.
- Provide a quarterly report to the Fire Authority that outlines the number of fires investigated, case status, dollar loss, and number of arrests within the county and cities jurisdiction.
- Facilitate regular meetings for all county fire agencies to discuss issues and concerns related to fire investigations.

Goals

- Provide countywide fire investigation services. Under the leadership of the District Attorney's Office, this regional program is a partnership with fire and law enforcement.
- Continue financial support of the regional FIU as a contributing partner along with funding from the District Attorney's Office and the City of Modesto.
- Expanding FIU personnel numbers to include a City of Turlock fire investigator.
- Expanding FIU personnel to include several Reserve trained fire investigators from partner agencies.

Objectives

• Develop a succession plan for fire investigations by 2nd quarter.

Fire Training Program

Financials

Category	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Base Budget	FY 2023 Budget Adjs	FY 2023 Rec Budget	FY 2024 Spending Plan
Revenue-LTCW	\$110,000	\$30,120	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000	\$267,800
Total Revenue	\$110,000	\$30,120	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000	\$267,800
Training Coordinator	\$50,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$154,500
One Time Training Equipment	\$325,000	\$0	\$0	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$0
Training (includes YCCD Agmt)	\$110,000	\$30,120	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000	\$113,300
Total Expenses	\$485,000	\$30,120	\$260,000	\$325,000	\$585,000	\$267,800
Revenue less Expenses	(\$375,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$325,000)	(\$325,000)	\$0

Expectations

- Work with our regional partners to develop a comprehensive regional training program in support of the fire agencies.
- Enhance and Increase training for Regional California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS).
- Support the Fire Warden's office in developing an EMR and EMT course.
- Facilitate State Fire Training classes and trainings for Stanislaus County Fire agencies.

Goals

- Create an EMR training program through the Fire Warden's Office.
- Create an EMT program through the Fire Warden's Office.
- Support a standardized, comprehensive Volunteer Fire Training Academy with County Fire Agencies.
- Secure funding to host accredited State Fire Training classes in Stanislaus County.
- Foster and enhance fire agency relationships through standardized fire training.

Objectives

- Develop approved EMT program by 2nd quarter Fiscal Year 2023 to enhance standard of care.
- Increase instructor cache and/or contracting resources to provide CSFM/CICCS courses by July 2023.
- Host large scale County wide trainings including wildland, vehicle extrication, and air operations.

Community Support

Financials

Category	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Base Budget	FY 2023 Budget Adjs	FY 2023 Rec Budget	FY 2024 Spending Plan
Revenue-LTCW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$51,500
Total Revenue	\$0	<i>\$0</i>	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$51,500
Services and Supplies	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$51,500
Total Expenses	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$51,500
Revenue less Expenses	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Expectations

- Provide consistent annual funding to the Fire Chaplain program.
- Provide consistent annual funding to support the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Goals

- Provide support to the CalOES Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan by assuming the XST Operational Area Coordinator.
- Support the maintenance for specific equipment utilized regionally, such as the mobile air trailer, portable radio caches and the mobile fire command unit.

Objectives

- Develop Standard Operating Procedures by June 2023 for Fire Chaplain program.
- Support the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for Firefighter rehab.

Administration and Support Services

Financials

Category	FY 2022 Adopted Budget	FY 2022 Actuals	FY 2023 Base Budget	FY 2023 Budget Adjs	FY 2023 Rec Budget	FY 2024 Spending Plan
Revenue-LTCW	\$323,849	\$638,129	(\$74,744)	\$0	(\$74,744)	(\$157,491)
Intergovernmental	\$15,000	\$14,281	\$15,375	\$0	\$15,375	\$15,836
Fees for Service	\$0	\$122	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc Revenue	\$0	\$45,072	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Contribution	\$192,988	\$204,640	\$192,488	\$0	\$192,488	\$192,488
Total Revenue	\$531,837	\$902,245	\$133,119	\$0	\$133,119	\$50,834
Salaries and Benefits	\$359,853	\$335,625	\$402,866	\$0	\$402,866	\$414,952
Services and Supplies	\$148,309	\$123,389	\$318,305	\$0	\$318,305	\$327,854
Other Charges	\$25,611	\$50,059	\$33,437	\$0	\$33,437	\$34,440
Special Operations - MFD	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total Expenses	\$783,773	\$759,072	\$1,004,608	\$0	\$1,004,608	\$1,027,246
Revenue less Expenses	(\$251,936)	\$143,173	(\$871,489)	\$0	(\$871,489)	(\$976,413)

Expectations

- Communicate with County CEO staff and Board of Supervisors regarding the goals, priorities, needs and expectations of the Fire Authority.
- Administer the budget within County guidelines.
- Provide administrative support to the Fire Authority with agendas, board reports, minutes, conflict of interest statements, and information updates on the County's website.
- Process all related maintenance contracts and invoices associated with the mobile data computer (MDC) and fire records management system (RMS) programs.
- Assist fire agencies with financial, human resources, legal and administrative issues as requested
- Continue to seek opportunities to fund regional equipment/needs.
- Communicate with Fire Authority members regarding regional plans and programs.
- Serve as the XST Operational Area Coordinator in support of the Cal OES Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan.
- Administer special projects to support the fire service in Stanislaus County.
- Assist in the administration and coordination of the Stanislaus County Fire Directors' Association.
- Coordinate meetings to address mutual concerns and issues.
- Coordinate regional purchases.
- Seek options to take advantage of regional grants that will support and enhance the fire service within Stanislaus County.
- Develop Fire Administrative Chief program to assist fire agencies.
- Subscribe to LEXIPOL and provide access to Fire Authority.

Goals

- Provide administration and support through the Stanislaus County Fire Warden's Office.
- Provide support to the CalOES Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan by assuming the XST Operational Area Coordinator.
- Support the maintenance for specific equipment utilized regionally, such as the mobile air trailer, portable radio caches and the mobile fire command unit.
- Continue to develop 2-year budget plans.

Objectives

• Provide business plan to RFA by May 2023 for approval.

Budget Summary

At the October 6, 2022, Fire Authority special meeting, the FA accepted the sub-committees plans to be incorporated into the Recommended Fiscal Year 2023 Business Plan.

The County General Fund contribution to the Fire Services Fund supports services including administrative support, maintaining a space at 10th Street Place for the Fire Prevention Bureau in support of the One-Stop-Shop Initiative, and cost allocation charges including charges related to use of the Oracle Financial System, purchasing and auditor's office. Any savings from the FSF Contribution flows into the Fire Services Fund Balance.

The following item(s) are adjustments to the budget and listed in the business plan as potential allocations from operational budget or fund balance as well as the full County Fire Service Fund budget:

	\$200,000	One-time costs for upgrades to fire alerting system
Ī	\$90,996	Ongoing costs for updated FireRMS system
Ī	\$325,000	One-time costs for training props/equipment that was not completed in FY 2022
Ī	\$615,996	Total Adjustments to Base Budget

The Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Final Business Plan totals \$3,651,048 in expenses which is balanced utilizing estimated revenue consisting of \$1,742,500 in Less-Than-Countywide (LTCW) fire tax revenue, \$192,700 in Prevention fees, \$15,375 of intergovernmental revenue, \$212,988 of County General Fund Contribution and \$1,487,485 in estimated use of fund balance.

Fund Balance Summary	
Fund Balance 06/30/21	\$3,110,595
Use of Fund Balance FY 2022	\$143,173
Fund Balance 06/30/22	\$3,253,768
Estimated Use of Fund Balance FY 2023	(\$871,489)
Estimated Use of Fund Balance Adjs	(\$615,996)
Estimated Fund Balance 06/30/23	\$1,766,283



AB 8 Allocation Report

Stanislaus County Auditor AB 8 Allocation Contributions by Fire Districts Pre Redevelopment Fiscal Year 2022

District Name	AB8 Total	ERAF	New Total
BURBANK-PARADISE FIRE	19,069.37	(1,378.58)	17,690.79
CERES FIRE	9,361.26	(676.75)	8,684.51
CITY OF CERES	212,219.79	(15,341.94)	196,877.85
CITY OF MODESTO	8.08	(0.58)	7.50
CITY OF NEWMAN	43,001.67	(3,108.71)	39,892.96
CITY OF OAKDALE	132,577.15	(9,584.36)	122,992.79
CITY OF PATTERSON	102,557.55	(7,414.16)	95,143.39
DENAIR FIRE	63,802.50	(4,612.45)	59,190.05
HUGHSON FIRE	96,055.59	(6,944.12)	89,111.47
INDUSTRIAL FIRE	39,965.22	(2,889.19)	37,076.03
KEYES FIRE	62,441.79	(4,514.08)	57,927.71
MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE	30,037.71	(2,171.51)	27,866.20
OAKDALE FIRE	156,305.98	(11,299.78)	145,006.20
SALIDA FIRE	207,932.12	(15,031.97)	192,900.15
STAN CONSOL FIRE PRO DIST	468,041.32	(33,835.96)	434,205.36
TURLOCK FIRE	32,798.00	(2,371.06)	30,426.94
WEST STANISLAUS FIRE	168,792.07	(12,202.43)	156,589.64
WESTPORT FIRE	29,109.33	(2,104.39)	27,004.94
WOODLAND AVE FIRE	45,136.32	(3,263.03)	41,873.29
Grand Total	1,919,212.82	(138,745.05)	1,780,467.77

Fund Balance Policy

Amended by the Fire Authority September 1, 2022

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standard process for the budgeting and expenditure of the Fire Service Fund (FSF), Fund Balance.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fire Authority to provide a standardized process for requesting and expending funds held in the FSF Fund Balance. In addition:

- a) The FSF Fund Balance shall be maintained at a minimum of 25% of the current operating budget to sustain critical services;
- b) Funds in excess of the minimum outlined in Section 2(a) may be divided (per agency contribution formula (AB8 contribution)) from FSF Fund Balance Spending Plan between Volunteer and Paid agencies.

3. PROCESS

- a) The Business Plan Committee will develop a draft FSF Fund Balance Spending Plan (Spending Plan) based on the approved priorities of the Fire Authority.
- b) The Spending Plan will outline the budget for each priority for upcoming fiscal year.
- c) Upon approval of the Fire Authority, the Spending Plan will be forwarded on to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for approval and spending authority.