



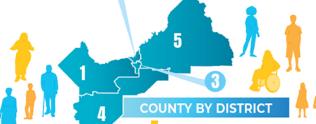
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*2022-23 IS THE FISCAL YEAR FROM JULY 2022-JUNE 2023



Organizational Chart







District 1



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SAL QUINTERO

DISTRICT 3

CHAIRMAN



BUDDY MENDES

District 4



NATHAN MAGSIG

DISTRICT 5

VICE CHAIRMAN





COUNTY COUNSEL

DANIEL C. CEDERBORG



CLERK OF THE BOARD
BERNICE E. SEIDEL



APPOINTED
DEPARTMENT HEADS



CHIEF

PROBATION OFFICER

KIRK HAYNES



ELECTED OFFICIALS

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
OSCAR J. GARCIA, C.P.A.

ASSESSOR-RECORDER

PAUL DICTOS, C.P.A.



COUNTY CLERK/ REGISTRAR OF VOTERS JAMES A. KUS



DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LISA SMITTCAMP



SHERIFF-CORONER
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN ZANONI



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES MELISSA CREGAN



CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES KARI GILBERT



INTERNAL SERVICES
ROBERT W. BASH



PUBLIC DEFENDER

ANTOINETTE TAILLAC



PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING STEVEN WHITE



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PUBLIC GUARDIAN SUSAN HOLT, LMFT



HUMAN RESOURCES
HOLLIS MAGILL



LIBRARY

RAMAN BATH



PUBLIC HEALTH

DAVID LUCHINI



SOCIAL SERVICES
SANJA BUGAY



INFO ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS





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† FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **†**



I want to thank you for taking a few minutes to review and consider some of the amazing work being done in Fresno County over the last year! If you are part of the Fresno County family, please read this report with pride and to gain an understanding of the many things we do! If you are part of our diverse community, a review of this report will give you insight on how your County government is serving you and our entire community in ways you may never have known.

Resilience

During this past Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, the County of Fresno weathered its fair share of challenges (literally and figuratively), from the unpredictable economy to record winter storm activities which challenged our infrastructure, roads, and safety, and required an "all hands-on deck" approach from many departments and agencies.

I am especially proud of the hard work of our "Flood Response Operations Group" or as we called ourselves, the FROG. The Board of Supervisors, department leaders, and our entire County family rose to the challenge to care for residents with urgency, fiscal responsibility. and a shared vision to protect and serve the public. As a result, loss of life and property was minimized. Collaboration and unity among those who worked tirelessly in the Emergency Operations Center and with FROG were all integral to protecting our communities from this extreme weather event.

Recognition for hard work

The County of Fresno, as an organization, is only as good as the people who work here. I'm grateful the County made some progress towards more competitive salaries and benefits and is finalizing implementation of free parking for our downtown employees.

To that end, the County of Fresno teams continue to receive recognition for their amazing work! When you read the highlights shared by our departments in this annual report, Fresno County and staff continue to be recognized with awards from local, state, and national organizations. I am especially proud of awards received in the CAO's office including "Epic" awards from the California Public Information Officials (CAPIO) for our communication and marketing efforts and an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NaCo) for our fentanyl awareness campaign.

The unhoused and ARPA

Two special features in this 2nd annual report focus on the County's critical efforts on the issue of homelessness and monumental, transformational projects funded from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), ranging from parks and water infrastructure projects to community organizations that assist children, the elderly, and other vulnerable populations.

Optimism

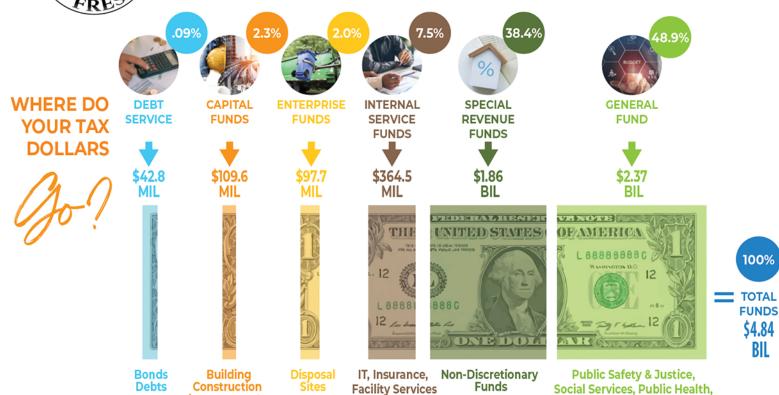
Although the County has accomplished many things this year, we continue to keep a watchful eye on an uncertain economy with high inflation. With that in mind, the proposed County budget for FY 2023-24 is fiscally responsible without sacrificing the crucial services we provide to County residents.

> I'm grateful to be part of this beautiful and diverse county with talented and hard-working people!

TOGETHER, WE'LL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND WEATHER ANY FUTURE STORMS THAT COME OUR WAY.



Budget at a Glance and Met Assessed Value



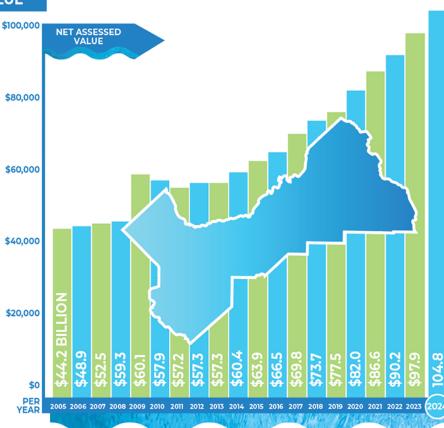
FRESNO COUNTY NET ASSESSED VALUE

Improvements

Secured Property Taxes and Property Tax In-Lieu of Vehicle License Fees (VLF) are the largest source of General Fund revenues. These taxes are determined on the assessed value of real and personal property within the County. The chart below is a 20-year history of property tax values in the County of Fresno.

The 2023-24 Preliminary Net Assessment Roll of \$104.8 billion increased approximately \$7 billion or 7% over the prior year's roll value. While this increase is slightly less than last year's increase of \$7.6 billion (8.5%), it is still significant. 2014 marked the first year since 2008 in which the County realized sizable increases in value. Prior to the last two years, the average annual increase over the previous 8 years had been approximately 5%.

Although there was substantial growth in Net Assessed Value in 2023, the County continues to prepare for the impacts of the cooling housing market.



Administration & Fiscal Services

Net Assessed Value (in \$Billions)
SOURCE: COUNTY OF FRESNO ASSESSOR



American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

DISTRICT

City of Mendota Water Tank \$2,465,000

> Improvements to El Porvenir Park \$400,000

City of Firebaugh Replacement of HUD Storage **Tank for Las Deltas Mutual Water District** \$2,832,100

Biola Community Services District Storm Drain Improvements \$955,000

Tranquillity Public Utility District Sewer Rehabilitation Project \$675,000



Improvements to Tenaya Park \$400,000

\$\$ ACTS Foundation Free Distribution of Food, Household Goods, Economic Development, and Community Resources \$500,000

\$\$ Marjaree Mason Center Construction cost for a new Community Resource Center \$4,700,000







District 1



Malaga County Water District Water Storage Tank at Well 5 \$2,567,225

Improvements to Raisin City Park \$400,000

Raisin City Water Well \$2,000,000

Caruthers Community Service District Water Storage Tank on westside of town \$3,130,100

Laton Community Service District Water Meter Replacement Project \$1,032,000

Del Rey Community Services District **Groundwater Recharge Project** \$600,000



*Not all dollars distributed via ARPA in 2022-23 are shown on chart. FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST, VISIT:

www.fresnocountyca.gov/ Departments/County-Administrative-Office/ American-Rescue-Plan









SAL QUINTERO District 3 **CHAIRMAN**

SOME

DISTRICTS



DISTRICT Courthouse Park Improvements

Poverello House Improvements to Small Commercial Kitchen, increase meal capacity \$1,000,000



DOLLARS BENEFITTING RESIDENTS COUNTYWIDE

COUNTY Valley Caregiver Resources Center Negative Economic WIDE Impacts to OASIS Program, Adult Care (Alzheimer's) \$451,071

> Fresno Metropolitan Ministry Food to Share Program: redistribution of food via 49 church locations, CBOs, and senior and youth centers \$512,000

The Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County Youth Program to address social-emotional and physical wellness for youth affected by the pandemic \$600,000

Break the Barriers, Inc. Programs to provide skill-building services for underserved youth ages 5-17, Literacy Plus, Buddy Program, and Disabled Vet Program \$300,000

Care Fresno, Inc. Program to provide after-school programming, tutoring, mentoring, and activities for children and youth 5-17 and **GED Prep Classes and sports mentoring for** young adults \$300,000



DISTRICTS: 1,3,4,5

Rural Mobile Health Linkages to Wellness (Saint Agnes Medical Center) \$1,038,211

DPH Rural Mobile Health - Contracts (Saint Agnes Medical Center & University of California, SF) \$5,183,204

DPH Rural Mobile Health - Contracts Buddhist Tzu Chi **Medical Foundation \$600,000**



Assisting the Unhoused and Housing Insecure





IN THE LAST 5 YEARS,

Fresno County has led the way

on a collaborative response

to serve both the unhoused

and the housing insecure.

The County is the administrative

agency for the Fresno Madera

Continuum of Care (FMCoC)

with a staff member

presiding as the chair.













In March 2022, the County of Fresno, in partnership with the 15 incorporated cities,

in coordination with its 15 cities,

ADOPTED PRIORITIES TO ASSIST THE UNHOUSED.

REVISED THE COMMUNITYWIDE HOMELESS PRIORITIES

in collaboration with the County's departments of Behavioral Health (DBH), Public Health (DPH), and Social Services (DSS).



MASTER LEASING PROGRAM

DBH contracts with RH
Community Builders to provide
a Master Leasing Program.
This program is a transitional
housing program that serves
people with a serious mental
illness who are experiencing
homelessness or at-risk of
homelessness that are also
connected to DBH or its
contracted providers for
Specialty Mental Health
Services. The Department
provides 68 leased units for
this target population.





HOUSING PROGRAM

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The County shall continue to seek funding to continue to grow DBH's already extensive permanent supportive housing inventory. Currently, DBH has built 307 permanent supportive housing units with hundreds more planned.

DBH has secured approximately \$18 million (No Place Like Home, Prop 2) over the last 3 years to support the unhoused, or housing insecure and need-based supportive services.

\$7.2 million has been allocated for 5 years of supportive housing services in the county (aside from the funding for the actual housing).



MULTI-AGENCY ACCESS POINT (MAP) PROGRAM

The County of Fresno funds the Multi-Agency Access Point (MAP)
Program to assist persons in Fresno County with access/linkages to services. These have ranged from mental health, substance use, housing, social services, primary care, utilities, food, etc.

The County contracts with community-based organizations to provide this program which also funds the navigators and the MAP tool. MAP does screening and offers linkages.

The County invests approximately \$1 million annually for this program. It's not limited to persons served by DBH/Mental Health but anyone who seeks some linkages.

Visit: www.fresnomap.org

The County provides these services to 1,000+ unique clients every year.

\$6.5M DEDICATED ARPA FUNDING SPECIFIC TO HOMELESS INITIATIVES



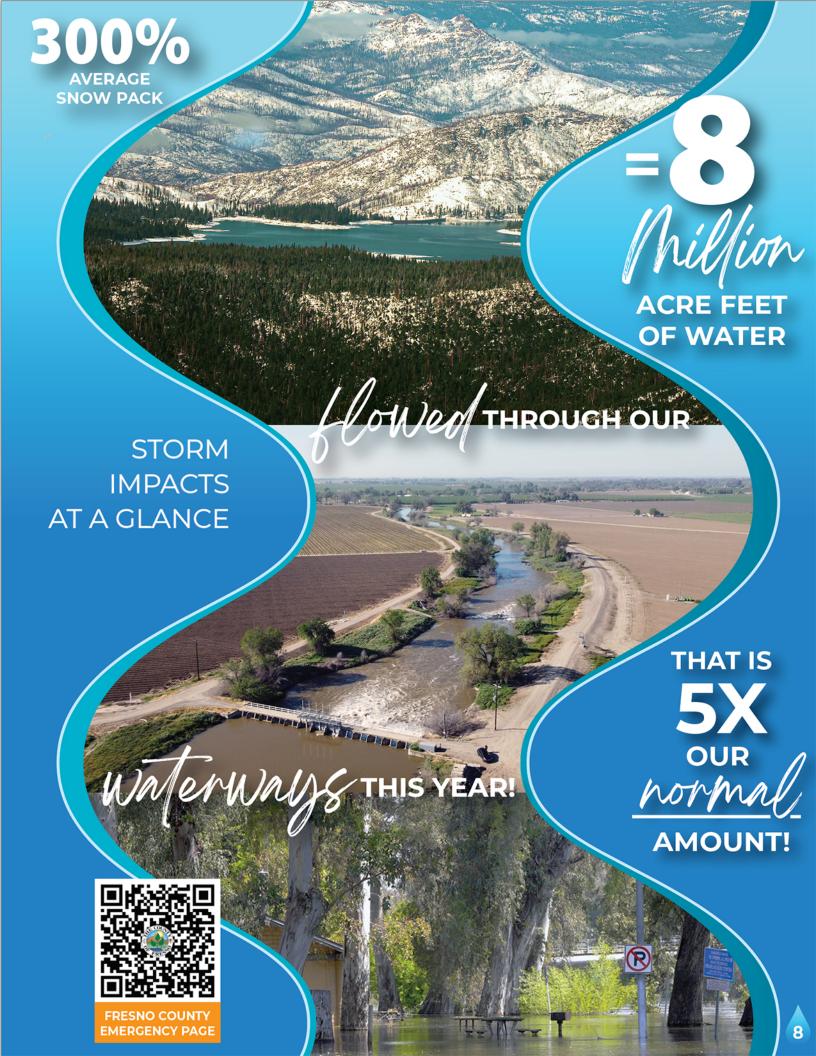


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Working with F.R.O.G.

Throughout the months of January, February, and March of this year, Fresno County received substantial amounts of rain and snowfall from a record number of atmospheric rivers. Due to the impacts of both the rain and snowstorms, Fresno County's Emergency Services Director Paul Nerland proclaimed a State of Emergency on January 9, 2023, and again on March 2, 2023.

The purpose of the proclamations was to address extensive weather-related damage from the snowmelt, debris flow, and flooding throughout the County. To provide residents with accurate information, consistent messaging, and coordinated support from many agencies, Fresno County's Office of Emergency Services opened the Emergency Operations Center and convened daily in-person and virtual meetings with County departments such as the County Administrative Office, Fresno Sheriff, Public Works and Planning, Internal Services Division, Public Health, as well as CAL FIRE. This group of departments and agencies soon adopted a new acronym: FROG (Flood Response Operations Group).

The FROG also had daily briefings with the County's Department of Social Services and agency partners such as the CHP, CalTrans, PG&E, Southern California Edison, National Weather Service, Sierra National Forest Service, CalOES, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Kings River Water Association, cities, and elected officials throughout the state.

In early January, the County activated an emergency web page to provide residents with updated maps and links on road closures, traffic, weather, sandbags, evacuation warnings, among other pertinent information. A new URL, www.fresnocountyemergency.com, was subsequently introduced to provide an easier way for County residents to find this information. The FROG shared up-to-date warnings and information with the public through press releases, social media platforms, videos, PSAs, and press briefings.



As the subsequent snowmelt resulted in dangerous conditions in both the Kings and San Joaquin Rivers, the Fresno County Sheriff closed them to protect lives. Fresno County produced many PSAs in English, Spanish, Hmong, and Punjabi, enlisting the help of elected officials to help spread the message about the dangers of the rivers.

The PSAs included an impressive roster:

- U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
- U.S. Congressman Kevin McCarthy
- U.S. Congressman Jim Costa
- California State Senator Anna Caballero
- California Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria
- Fresno County Supervisors
- Fresno County Sheriff John Zanoni
- Fresno Police Chief Paco Balderrama
- District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp
- Probation Chief Kirk Haynes
- and many others

Though the County of Fresno encountered damage to roads, property, and land from the storms, the teamwork and communication between so many County departments and agencies may have prevented further damage and loss of life.



The Roads and Maintenance Operations crew in Public Works and Planning worked almost 29,000 regular hours and 14,000 overtime hours throughout the winter storms to clear the snow and repair the roads.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



Melissa **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/ SEALER OF WEIGHTS** AND MEASURES



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Agriculture and Weights and Mensures



The Ag Department obtained a new County-managed canine to use in our ongoing battle against invasive pests. Our canine team, handler Amanda Clark and canine Rufus, identifies and inspects packages at parcel terminal facilities containing materials that may harbor invasive pests.

These activities protect agriculture, the environment. human health and safety, and the economy.

Community outreach and engagement is very important at the Ag Department. The department procured a new pop-up canopy that is both educational and colorful. drawing the public to our booth. Among other events in 2022-23, we attended the California Farmworker Foundation-sponsored "Dia De La Familia" in Parlier, Earth Day's "Family KIDSFEST 2023" at the Fresno Fairgrounds, and the "Govaganza" job fair at Chukchansi Park. Regardless of the event, our goal is to educate the public about the functions of the Ag Department, listen to their concerns, answer questions, and assist in any way possible.

We inspect weighing and measuring devices used to sell any product by weight or measure to ensure consumer protection in Fresno County. We inspected approximately 9300 gas pumps in 2022. The gas pump compliance rate with weights and measures laws and regulations was 98%, which is better than the State average of 94%.

One of our many functions is the enforcement of pesticide laws and regulations for the protection of the environment, property, animals, agriculture, and worker and public safety. Many of our inspectors enforce these laws and regulations along with their other duties. In a nod to the popular TV show Magnum PI, we formed Rufus! the Pesticide Inspection Team, or "PI Team". The PI Team consists of three inspectors that focus

solely on pesticide use enforcement activities. Since its creation in July of 2022, the PI Team alone conducted more than 650 pesticide use enforcement inspections.



Assessor-Recorder

PROVIDING CONVENIENT SERVICE







SCAN FOR ASSESSOR-RECORDER INFO



ASSESSOR

ESTABLISHES TAXABLE VALUES OF ALL PROPERTY

IDENTIFIES WHO OWNS/CLAIMS/ POSSESSES/CONTROLS PROPERTY

TRACKS CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP

APPLIES ALL LEGAL EXEMPTIONS

COMPILES ANNUAL & SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ROLLS

MAINTAINS PROPERTY MAPS AND DATA

ASSESS BOATS, AIRCRAFT, & MOBILE/ MANUFACTURED HOMES

RECORDER

RECORDS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO REAL PROPERTY

RECORDS MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS

ISSUES CERTIFIED BIRTH, DEATH, AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

ISSUES COPIES OF RECORDED DOCUMENTS

CREATES & MAINTAINS OFFICIAL GRANTOR/GRANTEE INDEX

REGISTRAR OF PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSES CUSTODIAN OF BOOKS, RECORDS, & MAPS

Fiscal Year 2022-23 was an exciting year for the Assessor-Recorder's Office.

The Assessor's Office certified the 2022 Assessment Roll, reflecting economic growth for the tenth consecutive year with an increase in the assessed value of taxable property countywide.

The 2023-24 Preliminary Net Assessment Roll of \$104.8 billion increased approximately \$7 billion or 7% over the prior year's roll value. Property taxes are a vital source of revenue not only to the County, but also to schools, cities, and special districts who all rely on them to provide essential services to the public they serve.

In addition, in July 2022, the **Recorder's Office moved to its beautiful new building** which provides the public new conveniences such as free parking, vital records located on the first floor, and the first of its kind in the State, a drive-through service.

All of these conveniences are greatly appreciated by the public.



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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/
TREASURER-

TAX COLLECTOR

Auditor-Controller / Treasurer-Tax Collector

PROVIDING TRUST WITH OUR TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS



The Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector's (ACTTC) Office provides governmental accounting and financial services and promotes public trust by providing exemplary accounting and financial services to our public, business, and governmental customers.

Our office has extended the hours of operation during heavy collection in the months of April and December to accommodate those taxpayers unable to visit the office during standard business hours. Please refer to our website for exact days and times.

The primary responsibilities of the Divisions/Units of the ACTTC are:

Tax Collection Division To collect secured and unsecured taxes for all County taxing agencies.

16,164.00

38,484.00

7,566.00

345.00

23,442.00

Treasury - The depository for County department funds and other public agencies 768.00 and the investment of those funds. 412.00 33,245.00 16,164.00 634,567.00

Revenue Collection Unit – To provide a professional collection and billing service for the resolution of debts owed to the County.

Financial Reporting & Audits Division – To prepare the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, perform internal audits of County departments, and administer the County Fraud Hotline.

Special Accounting Division – To calculate countywide tax rates, prepare the County's Cost Allocation Plan, process bond payments for various entities, and validate special district checks.

General Accounting Division – To ensure the integrity of the County's financial system and process payments of the County's obligations.

Payroll Unit – To process payroll for County employees on a biweekly basis and remit payments to the appropriate agencies.

Administration Division - To provide business support to the office.



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Behavioral Health

PROMOTING WELLNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY





GUSAIN HOLL, LMFT DIRECTOR-PUBLIC GUARDIAN **988 Launch** - **In July 2022, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline launched a new easy-to-use three-digit number, 9-8-8.** The old 1-800 number is still active, but now, anyone, anywhere in the country can call or text 988 and get crisis support. The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has been on a yearlong campaign to promote 988. It has used media, online ads, sporting events, community events, and schools to promote 988. The 988 call center for central California is funded by the department.

Continued Housing - The department continued its work in establishing more affordable and supportive housing. This past year saw the opening of Butterfly Gardens in Clovis and Alegra Commons in Fresno. These two developments added 117 units, bringing the total units to 656. Four more projects started construction this year and upon completion, will add 365 more units of affordable and supportive housing. Behavioral Health and support services are provided on site for some residents.

Experiencing Hope - To kick off May's Mental Health Awareness Month, the department launched its first full-length documentary film, developed fully by the department. The film focuses on real stories and experiences of local community members who have overcome challenges and inspired hope in others. The film premiered on May 3rd. The 11 stories are used to help promote hope, reduce stigma, and normalize discussions around mental health and substance use.



The film can be viewed at www.stigmafreefresno.com

Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three-Year Plan - The department undertook the development of a new MHSA Plan by conducting 15 community forums, 15 key sector interviews, and engaging over 380 persons for input. To access MHSA funds, this process is required every three years. This undertaking took the team around the County, with stops including Huron, Tarpey Village, Biola, Fresno State, and meetings with public safety, providers, family members, resident councils, youth, and persons served. This plan funds \$112 million in services in the coming year.

Service Expansion - The department funds a number of substance use and mental health services throughout Fresno County. In the past year, amid a workforce shortage, legislative changes, payment reform, and new mandates on care delivery, the Department of Behavioral Health expanded care and services. The increases were both in number of individuals served and the number of services. An additional 1,000 people received care last year than the year before along with an increase of 5,000 sessions or units of care from the previous year.





Lari Gilbert DIRECTOR

SCAN FOR CHILD SUPPORT INFO



Child Support Services

WE HELP PARENTS CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN



Fresno County Child Support Services provides a variety of services to help parents care for their child(ren). Child support is here to help with any child support needs such as:

- The establishment of legal parentage.
- Locating parents.
- Requesting child support and/or medical support orders from the court.
- The financial management of child and spousal support orders.
- Assist with the process to change existing child support orders.
- Collecting and sending child support payments.

Our goal is to work with persons paying support and persons receiving support and to help remove barriers as they navigate through the child support process.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!







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CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Daniel C.
Cederborg
COUNTY COUNSEL



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Clerk of the Goard of Supervisors

PROVIDING EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL

The Clerk of the Board's office is the **official repository of the County Board of Supervisors' records dating back to the 1800s,** and is responsible for executing administrative detail for the Board, which includes providing meeting agendas and supporting documents to the Board, clerking all Board meetings, recording and publishing the actions taken by the Board, and publishing the County's Ordinance Code.

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LEGAL EXPERTISE



Our office consists of 30 attorneys: County Counsel, 3 Chiefs, and 26 Deputies. We also have 10 staff members: Executive Assistant, Senior Accountant, 5 Legal Assistants, and 3 Paralegals.

The County Counsel's Office serves as general counsel to the Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, and all other County offices and departments. You can find Daniel Cederborg on the dais with the Board members at each of their meetings. The attorneys also advise and attend meetings of other boards, commissions, and committees.

Health and Welfare reviews hundreds of contracts and provides counsel to ensure the health and welfare of dependent children. **Litigation** handles litigation and personnel matters. **General Law** also reviews hundreds of contracts and provides counsel to the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters through the 2022 statewide election cycle.

County Counsel staff are an integral part of the success of our office. They assist in preparation and filing of thousands of legal documents and assist all attorneys in order to provide high-quality legal services to our clients.

We are thankful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves, perhaps for the first time to many of you, and highlight a sample of the services we provide toward the success of the County of Fresno.





James Lug COUNTY CLERK/ REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

County Clerk / Registrar of Voters

ELECTIONS

VOTER REGISTRATION
VOTING OPTIONS
ELECTION DATA
COMMUNITY & VOTER OUTREACH
CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISCLOSURE REPORTS
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
RESOURCES

CLERK SERVICES

MARRIAGE LICENSES

PASSPORTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES (FBN)

FBN LOOKUP

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters has used the Fiscal Year 2022-23 year to wrap up the busy 2022 Election year and begin preparations for the March 2024 Presidential Primary.

221,419 voters participated in the November 8, 2022, Statewide General Election, either by Vote by Mail or at one of Fresno County's more than 50 Vote Centers for in-person voting.

This year, over 130,000 voters have newly registered, updated their registration, or otherwise changed their registration in Fresno County.

The Department has also attended every high school civics and job fair that we have been invited to as well as new citizen naturalization ceremonies hosted by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to provide registration and voting information to our newest eligible voters.

INTEGRITY ACCURACY SERVICE

CLERK SERVICES
THROUGH JUNE 1, 2023



Assisted 5,544 couples with marriage licenses, and performed 3,102 civil marriage ceremonies



Assisted 6,836 local businesses to file their fictious business name applications



Helped 12,934 local constituents through the passport process







District Altorney

PURSUING JUSTICE AND IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY













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Several members of the office were honored for their hard work over the past year:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Lisa Smittcamp
as
"Woman of the Year"
by
Senator
Shannon Grove

CHIEF DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Midori Howo
by
Family
Healing Center

CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY **Deborah Miller** by the California District Attorney's Association SENIOR DISTRICT
ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR
Derek Scott
by the
US Secret Service

SENIOR DEPUTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Miiko Anderson
by
Congressman
Jim Costa

PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICER
Taylor Long
by
CAPIO

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office is the chief law enforcement agency within the County of Fresno, and the mission of the office is to pursue justice and promote public safety. Each year, the DA's Office prosecutes tens of thousands of cases that are investigated by the over two dozen law enforcement agencies within the County.

Within the office there are 8 units:

- Misdemeanor
- Felony Trial Teams
- Domestic Violence
- Child Abuse
- Juvenile
- Consumer Protection
- Sexual Assault
- Gangs and Homicide

Each unit works tirelessly to hold those accountable who violate the law, victimize our citizens, and harm our community.

Our office regularly collaborates with our law enforcement partners at the local, state, and federal level on operations involving gun crimes, human trafficking, and fentanyl.

- Our gang unit, the Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC), celebrated its 25th anniversary in October 2022, which highlighted the incredible collaboration to eradicate gang activity in our community.
- Operation Hands Off Our Kids (HOOK)
 was a joint operation that led to 19
 arrests; Operation Safe Neighborhoods
 led to 279 arrests, and Operation Broken
 Bonds ended with 18 people facing state
 charges for targeting the children of our
 community.

The DA's Office continues to lead the fight against fentanyl, filing first-degree murder charges in October against the person who allegedly sold pills resulting in a fentanyl related death. DA Smittcamp also worked with our State and Federal legislatures to create legislation that would hold drug dealers accountable for their actions. She was also a vocal supporter of AB 2365 which was signed into law in September 2022 and will provide grant funding for other counties to replicate Fresno's fentanyl education and awareness campaign.

The employees from the DA's Office are also involved in various community events such as Beautify Fresno, MADD's Walk Like MADD run, AMOR's annual food drive and Adopt-A-Family programs, the 39th Annual MLK Unity March in Downtown Fresno, Festival de los Ninos at Fresno Chaffee Zoo, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Northern California, to name a few!

In partnership with Fresno Police, Fresno Sheriff, and Fresno County Probation, the DA's Office presented a check for \$38,500 to Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno to ensure that our youth are empowered to become productive, caring, and responsible citizens.





Hollis Magilf DIRECTOR



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Human Resources

SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT THEIR COUNTY CAREER



Successfully implemented a direct contract with Community Medical Providers which allowed our employees to access care while contract negotiations continued with Anthem.

Submitted 19 addendums to MOUs for Board approval impacting 12 bargaining units and affecting approximately 3,500 employees.

Processed over 21,000
applications for approximately
300 recruitments, resulting in
the hiring of 1,300 employees!

Onboarded 700 people for the new employee orientation.

Completed over 40 classification/compensation projects, including salary surveys to obtain "Best in Valley" compensation standards, resulting in salary increases between 2%-10% to 97

different classifications affecting

approximately 2600 employees.

TO INQUIRE ABOUT WORKING FOR THE COUNTY, SCAN HERE!

Internal Services

SERVICING DEPARTMENTS AND THE COMMUNITY



Security screened over 84,000+ visitors at the Plaza over the last year. On February 22, 2023, Sergeant Carlos Perez saved the life of a customer by administering CPR for 7 straight minutes until EMS and Fire arrived. He received a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors on March 28, 2023.

County website modernizing provides an enhanced user experience with an updated visual appeal and design, as well as optimization for mobile experience through its responsive design.

Plaza Courtyard Beautification Project saw the landscape move to more drought-resistant plants and shrubs helping to conserve water. The plaza had their outdated cooling tower media replaced with new high efficiency media which allows cooling for Plaza staff and the public. Downtown parking is now free to all County staff.

As part of the GO Green Initiative, our diesel vehicles now use R99 renewable diesel which is better for the environment. The purchase of 52% of all office supplies were eco-friendly and over 16% of Countywide purchases of maintenance, repairs and operations supplies (MRO) were green spend.

STORM 2023 flood response included: hosting the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); mobile surveillance cameras moved to key spots for 24/7 monitoring of rivers; hosting press conferences for the media; Fleet preparing two new loaders for snow removal and performing 154 work orders for Public Works & Planning during the storm.



Probation

IMPLEMENTATION AND COLLABORATION FOR SIGNIFICANT GROWTH



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER



This year, Probation implemented the Risk Assessment Services Team for both Adult and Realignment services. The team works to identify an individual's criminogenic needs, assist in the rehabilitative journey, and complete the terms of their probation successfully. Results help develop case plan goals and programming. By identifying a variety of factors, a Case Plan is created and tailored for the individual's successful transition and reintegration into the community.

In collaboration with the Fresno County Superior Court, we experienced significant growth in Pretrial Services. The Pretrial Program census doubled in size. Our Pretrial Assessment Unit reviewed over 22,000 jail bookings and completed over 11,000 Public Safety Assessment (PSA) reports. We continue to partner with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies for community safety, proactive probation compliance contacts in the community, and collaborative operations which yield numerous probation searches, felony arrests, and firearms seized.



Deputy Probation Officers in the Juvenile Division volunteered to participate in community engagement events to support our local community. This includes participation in job fairs at local elementary schools, high schools, and universities.

The Juvenile Justice Institution focused on infrastructure improvements to include refurbishment of housing units, technology, internal landscaping, and revitalized living environments for youth. Additionally, redesigning a home intended to assist youth transitioning from custodial care to the community began. The institution continues to have strong partnerships with community-based organizations that provide services to the youth to include lived experience mentors, parenting programming, spiritual opportunities, a Boys and Girls Club, and high school and secondary educational advancement.

The James Rowland Crime Victim Assistance Center provided services to 9,070 victims of crime and in April 2023, unveiled the 2023 Victims' Memorial Quilt with an additional 22 patches. Probation personnel hired 91 new employees that completed a rigorous and thorough background process in order to provide the highest level of service to our community. Training officers facilitated 117 trainings and attended 328 training hours to enhance evidence-based services to the community.







PROBATION INFO





Public Defender

DEFENDING, FOSTERING AND REDUCING BARRIERS



PUBLIC DEFENDER





The Public Defender's Office had a great time partnering with Poverello House at Homeless Court, helping our homeless clients clear their warrants.



Best wishes to our latest County Judge!

Congratulations to Chief Defense Attorney David Munoz Figueroa on his appointment to serve as Judge in the Fresno County Superior Court! The bench, legal community, and the members of our Fresno community are lucky to have David sit as a Superior Court Judge.



Our Attorneys and Defense Investigators had a great time at Fresno State University's Criminology Career and Networking Fair. We are always excited to hire and foster local talent from our community.



On May 3, 2023, the Public Defender's office participated in Fresno Regional **Workforce Development Board's** Govaganza 2023, a Governmental Job Fair that brought together 42 City, County, State, Federal and Education Agencies and over 300 job seekers.



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Our Clean Slate Program continues an invaluable service to the community in clearing the records of those who have proven to be rehabilitated members of society and helping reduce their barriers to education, employment, and success. This year we filed 528 petitions and counting.



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HEALTHY FRESNO COUNTY Better Together

Pavid Luchiri DIRECTOR

SCAN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH



Public Health

CULTIVATING A DIVERSE CULTURE IN HEALTH



The Fresno County Health
Department (FCDPH) launched
the Rural Mobile Health (RMH)
program in February 2023.
The RMH program offers medical
services at no-cost to farmworke

The RMH program offers medical services at no-cost to farmworkers and residents living in the rural areas of Fresno County.

This program
includes UCSF
Fresno and
Fresno State
in collaboration
with
Saint Agnes
Hospital.

To date,
48 clinics have been organized and completed, with over 1,700 individuals receiving medical services through the implementation of the RMH program.



This partnership also includes Community Health Workers (CHWs) from the Fresno Community Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP) on Health, Outreach, Prevention, and Equity (HOPE) Hub.

The CHWs provide culturally sensitive health education. In addition, vision services from Tzu Chi Mobile Clinic are now included.



National Public Health Week (NPHW) was proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on April 3 - 9, 2023.

The FCDPH provided educational sessions based on the daily themes of NPHW and highlighted the work that staff do in the community. This year's theme was Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health, which focused on community health, violence prevention, reproductive and sexual health, mental and rural health, and nutrition. The FCDPH held "Healthy Fresno County Night" at the Fresno Grizzlies game, which included a resource fair and public health messaging.



Vince was a founding member of CUPA. The organization provides assistance to the public and other agencies by responding to emergencies such as hazardous materials spills and accidents. Environmental Health Division
Manager Vince Mendes was
recognized in April by the
California Certified Unified
Program Agency (CUPA) Forum
and received the Lifetime
Achievement award.

Congratulations Vince!



Public Library

REMODELING AND IMPROVING SERVICES JUST FOR YOU!







The Fig Garden Library got a remodel!

On April 18th, the County celebrated the Grand Reopening of the Fig Garden Library after an extensive remodel. which almost doubled its size! Thanks to the voter-approved Measure B, the Library was able to invest over \$1,000,000 to provide a modern space for the community. Since reopening, the Fig Garden Library has seen thousands of residents utilize the updated space.



The Central Library in
Downtown Fresno added
a new program featuring
Live Music at the Library
on Sundays! This free
event featured local
musicians that perform
in our Saroyan Gallery
and music highlighting
our wonderfully diverse
community.



Career Pathways was added to help our residents with their job searches.

Career Pathways gives residents free access to thousands of online classes from top-tier providers like Coursera and LinkedIn Learning. With these workforce development platforms. residents can take classes and courses, earn certifications, or learn broader skills, from how to open a business to how to use an iPad. All are available for free with a Fresno County Public Library card.



Over 30,000 residents signed up to get their free Library Card for the first time!

Helping you study!



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

A driver's license is an economic empowerment tool, and the Literacy Services Center has continued to help Fresno County residents who are struggling with literacy skills obtain their driver's licenses. Throughout the vear via Zoom, adult learners acquire practical study skills, review the DMV handbook in a safe. welcoming environment, and learn how to schedule and take their DMV written test.



Pop-Up Prom Shop:

For the second year in a row, the Library hosted a free prom outfit giveaway, with over 150 teens receiving free dresses and suits! If you would like to support this program by donating new and gently used formal wear, please get in touch with the Library at:



CommunityEngagement @fresnolibrary.org







Public Works and Planning

AWARD-WINNING IMPROVEMENTS



Steven White DIRECTOR







PROJECTS COMPLETED

- American Ave Shoulder Improvements, Placer Avenue to Madera Avenue (\$2.6 MIL) - Completed Nov. 2022
- 2 Auberry Road/Copper Avenue Traffic Signal Installation (\$1 MIL) - Completed Oct. 2022
- West Park Pedestrian Pathway (\$695K) - Completed June 2023
- American Avenue Disposal Site Phase 1 Waste Relocation (\$22 MIL)
- 5 Sand Creek Bridge Replacement (\$2.7 MIL) - Completed May 2023

6 Community Outreach - General Plan in 2022-23

The Department conducted 16 community meetings regarding the County's ongoing General Plan Review, Zoning Ordinance Update, and Program Environmental Impact Report. There were approximately 1,000 flyers handed out to residents and numerous social media posts notifying them of these community meetings for public comments.



PROJECTS AWARDED

Golden State Boulevard Reconstruction Phase 1 (\$29 MIL) Awarded Oct. 2022

Dry Creek Bridge Replacement on Burrough Valley Road (\$5 MIL) Awarded May 2023



AWARDS WON

Road and pedestrian improvements in Calwa, Tranquillity, Del Rey, Cantua Creek and County islands (\$19 MIL)

Highway Safety Improvement and Safe Streets for All (\$3 MIL)

Fire Evacuation Routes (\$1 MIL)



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WON: Project of the Year by APWA Fresno Chapter

Daniels Avenue Reconstruction
WON: Outstanding Community
Access/Diversity Project by ASCE
Fresno Branch and ASCE San Francisco
Section as well as Project of the Year
for a Disadvantaged Community
by the APWA Fresno Chapter

2023 Large County Award and 2023
Grand Award for the Environmental
Compliance Center



James Bypass Overflow Bridges on Manning Avenue

WON: Outstanding Bridge Project by ASCE Fresno Branch and ASCE San Francisco Section as well as **Project of the Year** by the APWA Fresno Chapter









Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

A NEW SHERIFF IS IN TOWN!





John Zanoni

SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

In January 2023, John Zanoni was sworn in as the 26th Sheriff of Fresno County.

He began his career with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office as a 108 Reserve Deputy Sheriff in 1996 and was hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff in November of 1998. During his career, he worked in the Boating Enforcement Unit, Court Services, Detention Custody, Patrol, Uniformed Tactical Assignment, M.A.G.E.C (Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium) Detective and the Search and Rescue Team. Sheriff Zanoni looks forward to leading the Sheriff's Office to remain one of the top law enforcement agencies in the country and improving the quality of life for the people he serves.



Saying Goodbye to an Outstanding Colleague

In August 2022, 69-year-old Chief Forensic Pathologist Venu Gopal died in a tragic auto accident while driving on Highway 168 near Auberry.

Doctor Gopal worked at our Coroner's Office since 1992. In 2020, he was honored as the Sheriff's Office Employee of the Year after serving as the lone forensic pathologist in the office. He performed approximately 350 autopsies and 500 external exams. Doctor Gopal's work ethic was unmatched. It was not

Aside from his regular duties, he taught anatomy, physiology and forensic aspects of an autopsy to paramedics, nurses, anatomy students, criminology students, and medical assistants.

uncommon for him to work seven days

a week for months at a time.

He periodically hosted Emergency Room doctors during their residency for their forensic training requirements.



In December 2022, School Resource Officer (SRO) Deputy Jaime Mendoza helped to prevent a possible shooting from occurring on the campus of Tranquillity High School.

Threatening social media posts were quickly relayed to Deputy Mendoza who immediately went to the home of the alleged suspect and contacted him. He and other deputies searched the house and located the teenager's backpack, which contained a TEC-9 pistol and a magazine. Deputies seized the gun and arrested the 15-year-old. The Optimist Club of Greater Fresno recognized Deputy Jaime Mendoza with its annual "Respect for Law Award."



This sewing program, funded entirely by the Incarcerated Persons Welfare Fund, teaches patience and perseverance and has inspired some to pursue future careers in the sewing industry. They have participated in community projects by donating quilts to the Fresno Veterans Affairs Hospital and Marjaree Mason Center. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office strongly believes in improving the lives of those incarcerated and embraces opportunities to teach them useful skills that can benefit their lives and the community once out of custody.





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The men and women of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to providing the finest quality law enforcement and correctional services.

WE ARE DSS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services

HELPING OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



Sanja Bugalj director



DSS Department Overview

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is a key safety net for the County's most vulnerable population, serving one out of every two residents. Our mission is to assist adults, children, and families to achieve health, safety, and self-sufficiency. Services provided by the Department and in collaboration with community-based organizations and partners help combat and address homelessness, food insecurity, underemployment, health coverage, and the safety and wellbeing of children and the elderly.

Fresno County Veterans Service Office

The Fresno County Veterans Services
Office (VSO) provides vital services
to veterans and their families.
Services consist of community outreach,
precision guidance, and filing accurate
claims for obtaining benefits and
entitlements from the U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs, Department of
Defense, and State and local programs.
Last fiscal year, the VSO assisted with
the completion of 2,433 new claims
totaling \$7,583,937 in new benefit



awards approved.

The Child Welfare Services Branch is focusing on enhancing prevention services and improving placement options for youth in Foster Care. Fresno County has 2,294 youth in out of home placement. Currently, just under 30% of these youth are placed with relatives.

Our goal over the upcoming year is to improve family finding and supports and have at least 50% of our youth living with relatives.

Ending of Continuous Medi-Cal Coverage

In 2020, the Federal Government declared a public health emergency (PHE) in response to the Coronavirus outbreak and legislation was passed to provide continuous Medi-Cal coverage. In June 2023, with the PHE ending, the Medi-Cal program is resuming its normal annual renewal process. During the next year, approximately 20,000 cases (44,000 individuals) per month will be completing their annual renewal process. DSS is actively working with community partners and Health Care Plans to inform the public of this change and maintain Medi-Cal benefits to those eligible.

CalSAWS

As of September 4, 2023, Fresno has joined the rest of the state in converting to a statewide data system. The statewide system provides a streamlined system across all counties, allowing for more consistency and better service delivery. BenefitsCal.com is the new online system to apply for or manage benefits. Current clients will need to establish an account in BenefitsCal.com to access their case.

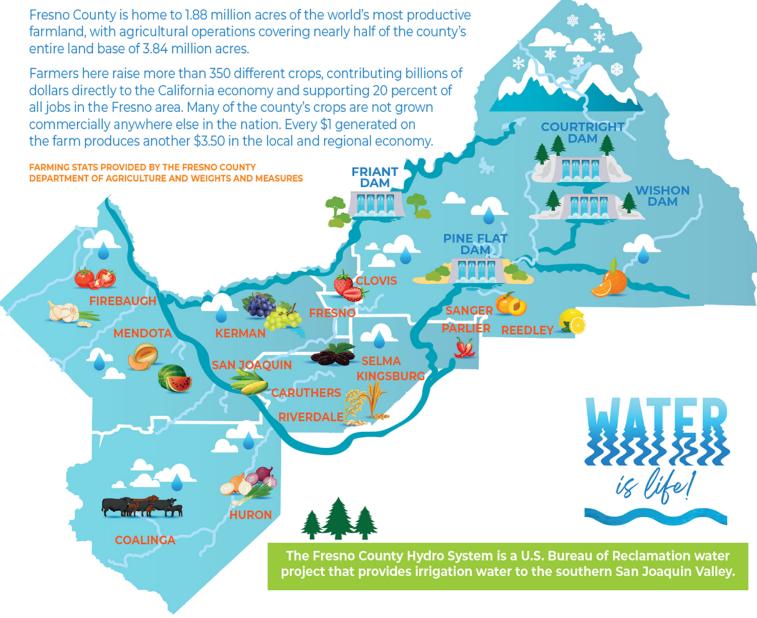




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The Country of Fresno Hydro Map





A ROCKFILL DAM IN HELMS CREEK CANYON

Opened: 1958 Height: 315' Length: 862'

Total capacity: 123,300 acre ft Surface area: 1480 acres

WISHON DAM



EARTHEN AND ROCKFILL GRAVITY DAM IN THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST

Opened: 1958 **Height:** 265' **Length:** 3,328'

Total capacity: 118,000 acre ft **Surface area:** 970 acres

PINE FLAT DAM



A CONCRETE GRAVITY DAM ON THE KINGS RIVER

Opened: 1954 **Height:** 440' **Length:** 1,840'

Total capacity: 1,000,000 acre ft **Surface area:** 5,970 acres

FRIANT DAM



A CONCRETE GRAVITY
DAM ON THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

Opened: 1942 **Height:** 319' **Length:** 3,488'

Total capacity: 520,528 acre ft Surface area: 4,900 acres

