



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: June 14, 2024

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4/5 Vote Required

**Concurrent Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of Sonoma County, Agricultural Preservation And Open Space District, And Sonoma County Water Agency Establishing Appropriations Limits For County Government And Board Of Supervisors Governed Special Districts And County Service Areas For FY 2024-25 As Required By Article XIII B Of The California Constitution, Giving Instruction To The County Administrator And County Counsel, And Giving Notice Of Appropriate Period Of Limitation For Judicial Review.**

**Whereas**, Article XIII B of the California Constitution, added by Proposition 4 (November, 1979) and subsequently amended by Proposition 98 (November 1988) and Proposition 111 (June 1990), requires that appropriation limits be established for each entity of government having a secured property tax rate of 12.5 cents or more per \$100 of assessed valuation in 1977-78; and

**Whereas**, staff from the offices of the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller have prepared documentation necessary to establish the appropriations limits for the FY 2024-25 for county government and Board of Supervisors governed special districts and county service areas; and

**Whereas**, on May 31, 2024, documentation used in the determination of the appropriation limits and other necessary determinations was made available to the public, and due notice was given of this Board's intent to establish appropriation limits at its annual Budget Hearings, which commence on June 11, 2024 and where adoption of Appropriation limits are scheduled to occur on June 14, 2024; and

**Whereas**, among the documentation made available to the public, the County Administrator has made available a copy of this resolution including the following documentation:

1. Letter from the Department of Finance, dated May 2024 marked Exhibit 'A' and attached hereto;
2. Notice of Revenue and Appropriation Limit Adoption, marked Exhibit 'B' and attached hereto;

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**Whereas**, in accordance with State law, this Board considered the establishment of the appropriation limits at its annual Budget Hearings, which commence on June 11, 2024 and where adoption of Appropriation limits are scheduled to occur on June 14, 2024.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** by the Board of Supervisors that the following appropriations limits are hereby adopted for Sonoma County and special districts and county service areas governed by the Board of Supervisors:

**FY 2024-25 Appropriations Limits**

Sonoma County - See Notes (A) and (B) below	\$845,696,998
Sonoma County Water Agency – Zone 2A	\$15,689,649
County Service Area #41 (Sonoma Valley)	\$775,032
County Service Area #40 (Fire Services)	\$3,782,155
County Service Area #41 (Lighting District)	\$2,464,974
CFD #4 Wilmar	\$623,024
Bittner Lane Permanent Road District	\$14,304
Monte Rosa Div. #1 Permanent Road District	\$12,772
Peaks Pike Permanent Road District	\$14,306
Sonoma County Open Space District	\$85,168,294

(A) Sonoma County's limit was decreased by (\$647,046) due to the reduction of tax support for refuse disposal operations. The Constitution and enabling state legislation requires that if tax support of a service is reduced, and fees are increased to offset the reduction of tax support, the limit must be decreased by an equivalent amount.

(B) Sonoma County's limit was increased for the city-county agreement for transit services. The appropriations limit increase includes \$6,170,237 for FY 2024-25 to the County from the cities for transportation tax (Transportation Development Act) financed transit services performed by County for cities.

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board finds that the budget hearings, which commence on June 11, 2024 and where the adoption of the FY2024-25 Appropriations Limits is scheduled for June 14, 2024 was noticed on May 25, 2023 by publication in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat; the documentation and materials supporting necessary determinations to establish the FY 2023-24 Appropriations Limits have been available for public review since May 31, 2024 online at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-administrators-office/budget-and-operations/budget-reports> and in person at the County Administrator's Office; and that pursuant to the

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provisions of Section 7910 of the Government Code, any action or proceeding to review, attack, set aside, void, annul or amend the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the County of Sonoma and the governmental entities described herein, by this Resolution or the appropriations described herein must be commenced within 45 days of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board anticipates additional clarification of the provisions of Article XIII B of the California Constitution through anticipated opinions of the County Counsel of this County and counsel for other counties and other public agencies, opinions of the Attorney General, case law and additional implementing legislation. Because these clarifications may result in the necessity of reviewing the limit calculations, the County Administrator and the County Counsel are directed to advise this Board, from time-to-time, on changes in the law that may necessitate such limit modifications; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board will authorize via a resolution any additional adjustments to the limit as permitted by Article XIII B for transfers of responsibility for services; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that this Board reserves the authority to make changes to the appropriations limits based on revised Appropriations Limit Procedure Guidelines when issued by the State Controller's County Accounting Standards and Procedures Committee, and when other necessary population and non-residential property value change information becomes available.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**