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Supervisors Begin Final Budget Hearings *Regional Parks, Animal Care and Neighborhood Services on Tuesday's agenda*

Sacramento, CA - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors began final budget hearings Tuesday to address a \$68 million final budget adjustment for FY 2009-10. Supervisors are looking at program reductions throughout the county in several departments to meet the deficit.

Tuesday's hearing covered program cuts and reduction in staff in the Regional Parks, Animal Care and Regulation, Planning, Neighborhood Services and the County Engineering departments. Impacts to these departments are a result of the poor economy with declines in revenue of sales and property taxes and county fees. For example, in the Planning Department only eight applications were received in August. This is down from the peak of 177 per month when building and remodeling were at a peak. The Supervisors also heard a proposal to close Gibson Ranch of the park system.

The budget hearings will continue today with a Bielson Hearing scheduled at one p.m. The hearing is required by law when potential elimination of medical services is imminent. On Thursday, the Supervisors will hear a proposal to cut the bed capacity at the Mental Health Treatment Center by 50%. Also, presentations will be made by the departments of Human Assistance, Behavioral Health Services and Health and Human Services. .

It is anticipated that the Supervisors will adopt the final budget for FY 2009-10 on Tuesday, September 29.

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