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### **Board of Supervisors Finalizes Budget** *Combination of program cuts and layoffs close shortfall*

Sacramento County's Board of Supervisors concluded deliberations this afternoon and formally adopted a \$4.2 billion budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year. Drastically reduced revenues, combined with increased costs and needs for services, have pressured the Board to make additional cuts even since the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2009.

Board members reinforced their commitment to making public safety and protection of children their highest spending priorities. In final decisions reached today, the Board restored nearly \$1 million to Child Protective Services, and more than \$2 million to the Sheriff's Department. Approval of the budget resulted in an additional 24 layoffs that will go into effect this month.

Supervisors have authorized more than \$200 million in reductions so far this year, and expect the continuing decline in sales and property tax revenue to result in additional cuts throughout the year. In addition to program cuts, more than 600 employees have been laid off, the largest workforce reduction in county history.

Among the biggest factors leading to a 20% drop in the size of this year's County budget is the impact of the State's budget cuts. State actions imposed on local governments have caused critical cuts to our safety net programs at a time when they are needed the most. The state impacts are coupled with the continuing dramatic drop in sales tax revenue, which is a major source of funding for public safety and social services.

Sacramento County's labor negotiators are continuing to try to reach agreements with various labor organizations to cut employee costs, which would reduce the number of layoffs necessary. On October 20, the Board will be presented with a proposal to reduce the work hours of all represented employees in order to save another \$4.6 million. That proposal could be changed if labor organizations voluntarily agree to concessions. Managers and unrepresented staff throughout the County are currently subject to monthly furloughs and an expected cost of living increase was rescinded in April.

Work begins almost immediately to prepare for the next wave of revenue reports, and the County will continue to adjust its spending throughout the year as needed.