



# PROPOSED BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR  
2013-14

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**TRINITY COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Trinity County Library  
Conference Room  
351 Main Street  
Weaverville, CA

**BUDGET HEARINGS**

**2013-08-13 through 2013-08-14**

Chairman  
Supervisor Debra Chapman – District 4

Vice Chairman  
Supervisor Judy Pflueger – District 1

Supervisor Judy Morris – District 2  
Supervisor Karl Fisher – District 3  
Supervisor John Fenley – District 5

Wendy Tyler – County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board  
Marilyn Horn – Auditor/Controller

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**NOTE:** *This agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. Supporting documentation is available in the public packet at the Board meeting or at the Office of the Clerk of the Board, located at 11 Court Street, Room 230, Weaverville, California.*

**August 13, 2013**

**9:00 AM**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
PUBLIC COMMENT

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Behavioral Health Services, Noel O'Neill

Health and Human Services, Letty Garza

Department of Child Support Services, Robin McStay

Trinity County Cooperative Extension, Larry Forero

Advertising County Resources

1:30 PM Reconvene

Sheriff, Bruce Haney

District Attorney, Mike Harper

Probation, Terry Lee

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, Jeff Dolf

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Terri McBrayer

**August 14, 2013**

**9:00 AM Reconvene**

Clerk/Recorder/Assessor/Elections, Deanna Bradford

Auditor/Controller, Marilyn Horn

County Administration/Board of Supervisors, Wendy Tyler

Department of Transportation/Building/Planning, Richard Tippett

Public Input on all Departmental Budgets

Board deliberation and direction

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# TRINITY COUNTY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Wendy Tyler

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2013-14 Proposed Budget

DATE: August 1, 2013

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Presented here is a proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14. The proposed budget including enterprise funds and dependent districts totals \$84,751,365.

A request to hold budget proceedings earlier in the fiscal year has made developing the proposed budget more challenging than usual. The County relies heavily on cash carry forward to balance the budget. At this point, the accounting transactions for fiscal year 2012-13 are weeks away from being completed. To determine what the cash balance forward will be is truly a guess. I have based the balance forward on recent trends, but with shrinking budgets the fact is, departments are expending more of their budgets during the year, thus reducing funds available.

Additionally, the cash balance forward contains funds from the property tax negative bailout. These funds are a result of the passage of SB85 in 2010. In summary, SB85 redirects property tax allocations to 6 counties who, as a result of Prop 13 and an AFDC shift in 1979, were left in an inequitable situation as compared to the remaining 52 counties. As this is a relatively unique circumstance, the property tax division of the state will be on site within the next couple of months to perform an audit of our property tax distribution process. County staff is confident that these funds are being appropriately distributed.

The result of these two items could cause a swing of cash balance forward between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. The effects of not having these funds available will be devastating on the County's budget and our ability to provide services to our citizens. That being said, I have included this amount in the proposed budget. Once the audit is completed and the books closed for 2012-13, should the cash balance forward be less than \$1.485 million, we will need to take immediate action to reduce general fund budgets.

A 10% contribution toward meeting our Annual Required Contributions (ARC) for the County's Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) obligations is included in the proposed

budget. This increases our total contribution for this fiscal year by \$440,047 over last year. While not a huge increase it must be noted it is felt by each department. We must, however, continue to address this issue with a long term plan.

General Fund departments were requested to build a budget that contained the same general fund contribution as fiscal year 2012-13. This was a difficult task as the costs of providing services to our citizens continue to rise. Most departments were able to provide the budget requested, however some were not. The method I used to determine proposed funding is truly subjective. Based on what I believe the Board's priorities to be, and actions taken during previous budget hearings, I have prepared a budget that provides funding for all county services, with at least the same percentage of general fund contribution as fiscal year 2012-13. However, it is nearly certain that there will be a reduction in services provided in many departments. Additional funds have been budgeted for County Administration to cover litigation costs and in General Services to cover necessary maintenance and repairs to county buildings.

As has been noted in previous budget proceedings, it is our job to provide vital services to the citizens of Trinity County. To what level they can be provided, with our limited resources, is a determination you must make. Our departments and all staff are to be commended for their continuing hard work and dedication during these times.

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