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COUNTY

County Releases Adopted Budget



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The County’s \$8.63 billion adopted budget for the 2025–26 fiscal year is now posted on the County’s budget website .

Pursuant to the County’s annual budget process, the recommended budget was released on May 1 and focused on protecting core services for the region’s residents and continued investments in issues important to San Diegans including housing and homelessness, support for vulnerable populations, behavioral health, public safety, infrastructure and environmental sustainability.

In building the budget, County staff recognized the potential impacts of changes in federal and state policies and took them into account.

The public had a chance to review the recommended budget and add their input in-person at budget hearings, at community open houses and with written comments.

A revised recommended budget reflected feedback from the public and the Board of Supervisors and was released on June 13. Budget deliberations were held June 3-12 and the Board of Supervisor adopted the final budget on June 24. The new budget took effect on July 1.

To review the entire Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Budget document, visit the County’s budget website .

County of San Diego news release · Sep 22, 2025

COUNTY

Upcoming Fall Prevention Workshops for Older Adults and Caregivers

When an older adult falls, it can have life-changing impacts.

In San Diego County, there were more than 33,000 emergency room discharges due to falls among people 60 years and older reported in 2023. Serious injuries, hospitalizations and even death can result.

“A fall can have a major impact on someone’s independence and for their entire support system. It can lead to permanent injuries, the need for surgeries and have overall impact how they are able to live their everyday life,” said Jennifer Bransford Koons, Director of County Aging & Independence Services. “The good news is that falls are preventable. There are ways to make our homes safer and be better prepared so that we can avoid the devastating outcomes of a fall.”

The County-led San Diego Fall Prevention Task Force seeks to address this serious issue by bringing together healthcare professionals, senior service providers and community advocates to work on fall-reduction strategies. It is hosting a series of no-cost workshops between Saturday, Sept. 20 and Friday, Sept. 26 throughout the county and the public is invited to attend.

Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego (4077 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103) Standing Stronger Fall Prevention Workshop featuring presentations, sample classes, fall risk assessments, health screenings, exhibitors, and more. To register, email Vazquez.Pualani@ScrippsHealth.org or call (619) 686-3644

Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Palomar Hospital, Escondido (2185 Citracado Parkway, Escondido, CA 92029) Fall prevention information booth with individualized Fall Risk Screening by Palomar Physical Therapy Professionals. No registration needed. For questions, contact Honda.McFadden@palomarhealth.org

Monday, Sept. 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. – County Aging & Independence Services, Virtual Join Aging & Independence Services for Balance & Beyond: A Panel on Fall Prevention &

Aging Well. An expert panel—including a geriatrician, physical therapist, pharmacist, exercise instructor, and first responder—will discuss practical tips for reducing fall risks and staying independent. Discover proven strategies for safe movement, medication management, home safety, and emergency preparedness. Registration is available online. For questions, email HealthierLiving.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov

Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla (9888 Genesee Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037) Standing Stronger Fall Prevention Workshop featuring presentation, sample classes, fall risk assessments, medication checks, blood pressure and stroke risk assessments, exhibitors, and more. To register, email InjuryPrevention@ScrippsHealth.org or call (858) 626-6160

Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Sharp/Grossmont Healthcare District (9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, CA 91942) Fall Prevention & Balance Screening Event. To register, call 1-800-82-SHARP or visit the Sharp event registration website.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Fallbrook Regional Health District (1636 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028) Join County Aging & Independence Services and the Fallbrook Community Health & Wellness Center for a Wellness Wednesday event featuring health screenings, fall risk assessments, and a fall prevention presentation. No registration is needed. For questions call, (760) 731-9187.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – ElderHelp of San Diego, Virtual Join ElderHelp for a Family Caregiver Webinar on the topic of Staying Safe & Living Well: Fall Prevention for Older Adults. To register, visit the ElderHelp registration website. For questions, email Carrie McLellan at cmcclellan@elderhelpofsandiego.org

Thursday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. to 12

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p.m. – UC San Diego Health (Gary & Mary West Wellness Center, 1525 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101) Join UC San Diego Health and the Gary & Mary West Senior Wellness Center for a f prevention event for older adults featuring presentations, exhibitors, and information-sharing. Registration is not needed. For questions, email traumainjuryprevention@health.ucsd.edu

Friday, Sept. 26, from 12 to 4 p.m. – Scripps Encinitas Rehabilitation Center (1092 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, CA 92024) Standing Stronger Fall Prevention Workshop featuring presentations, sample classes, fall risk assessments, health screenings, exhibitors, and more. To register or ask questions, email InjuryPrevention@ScrippsHealth.org or call (858) 626-6160

Risk factors for falls are many. They include vision and hearing problems, medications, chronic conditions and environmental hazards. Oftentimes, older adults have a combination of several risk factors.

The good news is that falls are largely preventable. Here are some low to no-cost strategies to lower your risk:

Look critically at your home and identify possible trip hazards. Come up with a plan to address these hazards, such as installing plug-in night lights in dimly lit

hallways, removing clutter, and removing loose throw rugs.

Be physically active. Focus on activities that can improve your leg strength and balance or consider joining a community exercise program like tai chi or Feeling Fit Club. You can learn more about these programs at HealthierLivingSD.org .

Talk with your healthcare providers about falls. This includes your doctor, physical therapist, and pharmacist.

Get your vision and hearing checked regularly. Address any changes with corrective lenses or hearing aids as they can lower your risk of falls.

The County’s Aging & Independence Services (AIS) has more strategies and resources to prevent falls. Visit SanDiegoFallPrevention.org or call the AIS Health Promotion Team at 858-495-5500 to learn more.

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COUNTY County-Funded Developments Benefit from New State Awards

Four affordable housing developments with \$16 million in County funding have secured an additional \$59.4 million from the state’s new finance program.

The nearly \$60 million in new funds were announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom as part of more than \$141 million in awards to reduce homelessness and increase housing availability across the state.

The four developments are

in the planning stages and will create 380 units of affordable housing. The developments are 73 rd Street apartments, Encanto Gateway, Iris Avenue Trolley Apartments and Goodwin on Glacier.

The 73 rd Street Apartments in the College Area will be a 120-unit building serving those making 30%, 40% and 50% of County Area Median Income (AMI). The County previously provided nearly \$7 million in funding and was just awarded an additional \$18.48 million by the state.

Encanto Gateway will be developed in Southeastern San Diego and provide 65 homes to low-income households and people experiencing homelessness. The state awarded \$1.5 million, adding to the County’s \$6.62 million investment.

Iris Avenue Trolley Apartments in Otay Mesa will provide 64 units for low-income households making 30%-40% AMI. The County invested \$3 million and now the state has awarded an additional \$3.9 million.

Goodwin on Glacier in Grantville will provide 131 homes for seniors 55 years and older on County surplus land . The state awarded \$35.5 million to this development.

The new funding helps secure the viability of these affordable housing developments which generally require multiple funding sources and are unable to begin construction until being fully funded.

Since 2017, the County has invested more than \$327

million in affordable housing, contributing to the opening of 2,901 homes with 3,072 more on the way.

In 2024, the County’s Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) helped more than 20,000 people live in safe affordable housing. HCDS is committed to optimizing the use of County excess land, project-based vouchers, acquisition of land, new units, permanent supportive housing units and collaborative efforts with cities to preserve and expand opportunities to house San Diegans.

County of San Diego news release · Sep 23, 2025

COUNTY Potrero Can Register to Test Their Emergency Preparedness Knowledge

Potrero residents are invited to register for an emergency preparedness-themed neighborhood block party to build a more resilient community in the event of a disaster.

The family-friendly event will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Potrero Branch Library. It is hosted by San Diego County Fire Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the San Diego County Library branch in Potrero.

“Rural communities like Potrero often have fewer resources but face just as many risks,” said Teresa Greenhalgh, San Diego County Fire CERT Coordinator. “Events like this ensure that families here have the same access to

life-saving information as those in larger cities.”

A LISTOS California support grant is funding the block party and providing resources to connect people and help prepare them for a disaster because strong communities start with prepared neighbors. Those attending will receive a free toolkit, get to participate in fun activities and games and maybe win prizes.

Community members will test their emergency preparedness knowledge in games like: The Price of Preparedness, similar to “The Price is Right,” but contestants guess the price of five items included in a starter Go-Kit. Whoever guesses closest to the actual price, wins the bag with all the items; In Two Truths & a Lie, players form teams and pick out the lie, or wrong answer, about eight disasters; and finally a team scavenger hunt will have neighbors figure out who has list items, or resources, and ultimately which neighbors can help and which ones need assistance in a disaster.

Residents can also play Emergency Preparedness Bingo and compete to pack a bag in 15 seconds with a CERT demonstration kit.

Registration for Potrero community members is free but required so that enough materials will be available. Call or text (619) 857-8050 or email:

Teresa.Greenhalgh@sdcounty.ca.gov

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TJRV Update

Last month, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) announced the completion of the 10 million gallon per day (mgd) expansion of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant in just 100 days. The agency is on track, expanding the treatment plant’s capacity from 25 mgd to 35 mgd to support reduce wastewater flowing into the Tijuana River. Next steps include further expanding the plant’s capacity to 50 mgd and secure funding for infrastructure projects on both sides of the border as well as

operation and maintenance.

Last week, the County Board of Supervisors presented a board letter to direct county staff to conduct an epidemiological public health impact study and an economic impact study on transboundary pollution. International and Policy Advisor Myriam Mendoza provided public comment to the Board urging strong support for an impact study that quantifies the economic losses and opportunity cost to our regional business community. The Chamber will continue to lead efforts to secure additional funding and advance infrastructure projects and initiatives on both sides of the border that mitigate pollution, including our upcoming binational delegation trip to Mexico City where it remains a top priority.

San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce news release · Sep 23, 2025

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NAD Bank Summit 2025

The Chamber traveled to San Antonio, Texas late last month to attend North American Development Bank’s (NADBank) Annual Summit and hear about sustainable opportunities and challenges across the U.S.-Mexico border and the need to collaborate across all three levels of government. For two days, the panel discussions focused on the need to invest in technology and infrastructure that mitigate water and energy scarcity. Agriculture was also a trending throughout the summit, including how AI can help support the needs of crops in a sustainable way that also addresses water drought concerns. Adding to previous year’s agenda, the summit

expanded discussions to cover economic development and the need for private-public partnerships to support energy, water, and trade investments. Prominent speakers included former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza; Chihuahua Governor Maria Eugenia Campos; Abraham Zamora, President of SEMPRA Infraestructura; and NADBank’s Chief Environmental Officer Salvador Lopez.

The Chamber has long supported funding for the NADBank and its investment in our CaliBaja region, most recently joining them in Tecate with regional authorities as they consider water treatment projects that help ensure water quality and access for local communities.

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BUSINESS

Sacramento End of Session Update

The State Legislature convened last week to conclude the 2025 session as bills went through late amendments.

In a push led by Governor Newsom, the Legislature approved AB 1207 , extending California’s Cap-and-Trade program, now “Cap-and-Invest”, through 2045. The bill provides regulatory certainty and adds affordability measures such as offset limits, price ceiling adjustments, and a Climate Mitigation Fund. Companion bill SB 840 directs future revenues to clean transportation, housing, air quality, wildfire resilience, and energy innovation, while strengthening oversight of offsets. Together, the bills set California’s long-term climate investment framework, though the business community has raised

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concerns about transparency, compliance costs, and the potential impact on competitiveness.

SB 415 (Reyes) has passed and is moving to the Governor’s desk. SB 415 is a clean-up to last year’s AB 98 (Carillo) that clarifies requirements for logistics developments, including truck routing, warehouse design standards, and local planning updates. The Chamber joined a coalition led by our partners at California Business Property Association (CBPA) to secure 16 critical fixes

from the coalition’s proposed redline, all included in the final bill. While these amendments improve implementation and compliance, the statute remains highly prescriptive and poses litigation risks, underscoring the challenges of last-minute gut-and-amend tactics and the importance of early coalition engagement.

SB 80 (Caballero) emerged from the final week of session as a major win for California’s innovation economy and for San Diego’s fusion leadership. In partnership with the Governor’s office, the bill was revised to establish a dedicated fusion initiative under the California Energy

Commission, replacing the original “hubs” concept with a stronger, statewide strategy. The initiative sets clear priorities: advancing fusion R&D, expanding critical testing facilities, accelerating commercialization, and positioning California to deliver a pilot fusion energy project by the 2040s. While the bill evolved from its original form, the final product provides a strong foundation for California’s leadership in fusion, building on the work of regional innovators like General Atomics, and represents an exciting outcome for the year.

AB 1331 (Elhawary) was ordered to the inactive file at the request of its author,

meaning it did not advance before adjournment of the 2025 session. The proposal, which sought to restrict certain forms of workplace surveillance and impose new compliance requirements on employers, may be reintroduced in the 2026 session. The same goes for AB 446 (Ward), which was placed on the inactive file by Senator McNerny, halting its progress for the remainder of the 2025 session. Assemblymember Ward noted that amendments adopted in the Senate Appropriations Committee significantly weakened the bill, and he has decided not to advance it in its current form, but indicated he

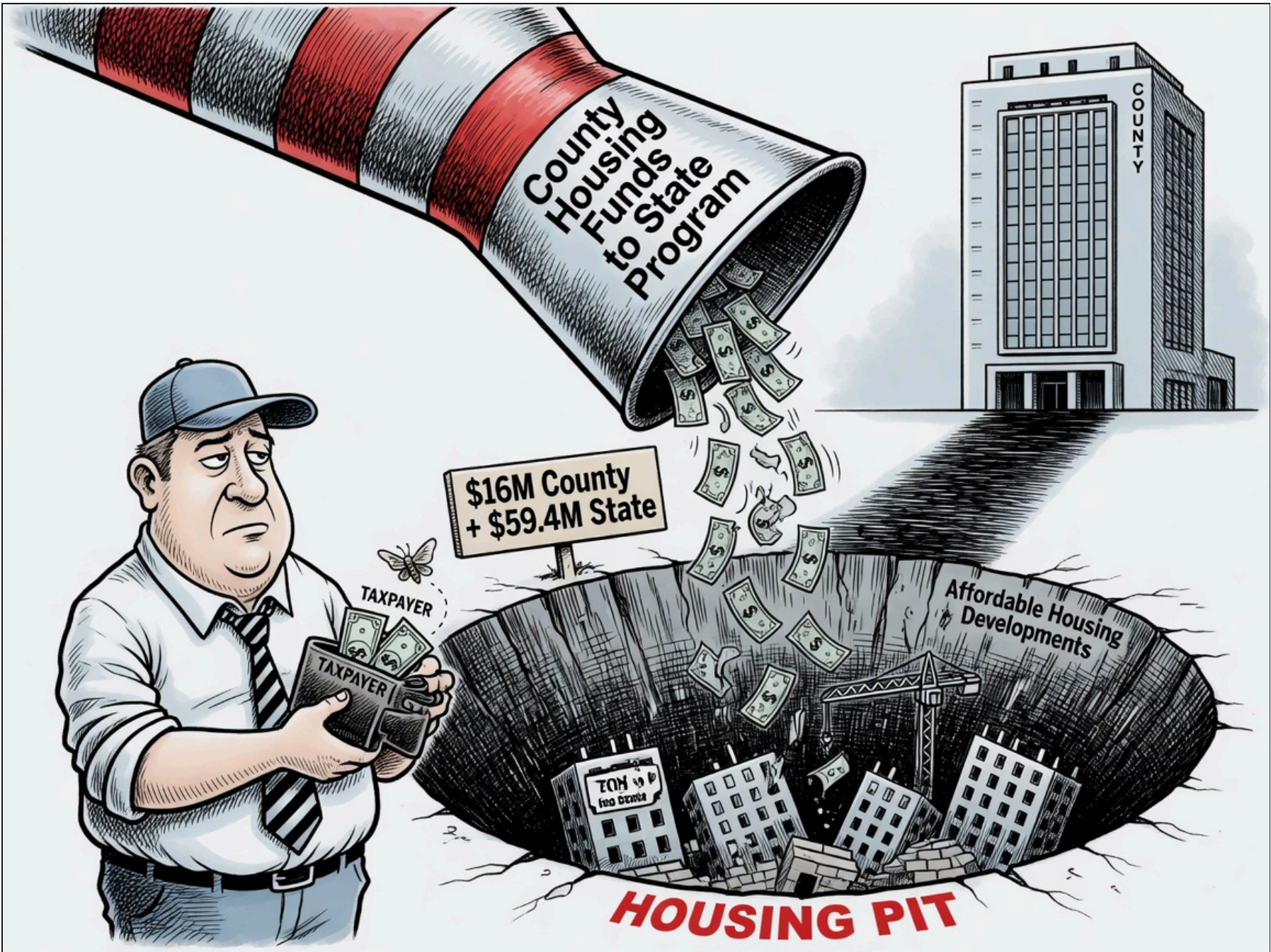
intends to revisit the proposal in January, making AB 446 a likely topic in the 2026 session.

Governor Newsom now has thirty days to sign or veto bills passed by the legislature to finalize the 2025 legislative session for the state of California. Unless otherwise prescribed, most bills will take effect on January 1, 2026. The Chamber team will continue to monitor bill movement over the next few weeks and is getting started with planning for the 2026 delegation to Sacramento.

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COMMENTARY

CalPERS: The \$500 Billion Agency Accountable Only to Itself

The California Policy Center argues that the powerful public pension system prioritizes its members and political goals over taxpayers who bear the ultimate financial risk.

One of California’s most influential government bodies is

currently holding a board election that concludes at the end of September, yet ordinary taxpayers have virtually no voice in its leadership.

The agency in question is CalPERS, the California Public Employees’ Retirement System. According to the California Policy Center, this entity controls \$500 billion in assets, possesses the power to bankrupt the state if mismanaged,

and holds enough sway to shape corporate policies both nationally and globally.

CalPERS administers pension and health benefits for more than two million current and retired public employees and their families. It disburses tens of billions of dollars annually in benefits and determines contribution rates for most government employers across California.

The Center notes that the

13-member board includes six members elected by participants, with two seats currently contested. Three others are appointed by state officials, while the remaining seats are held by the state controller, treasurer, director of the Department of Human Resources, and a representative from the State Personnel Board.

Under the state constitution and Public Employees’

Retirement Law, the Center writes, CalPERS has a fiduciary duty solely to its members. The organization argues that the agency hides behind this mandate while doing little to minimize taxpayer risk and exposure, systematically undervalues the cost of pension benefits, and abuses its investment authority to drive social policy at beneficiaries’ expense.

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California’s public pensions follow a defined-benefit model that guarantees fixed payments regardless of investment performance. The Center contends that inaccurate or unrealistic investment return assumptions can spell disaster, leading to hefty government obligations at the state and local levels that taxpayers must shoulder.

If CalPERS were required to minimize taxpayer exposure, the Center suggests, it might consider shifting toward defined-contribution plans similar to 401(k)s. However, its constitutional independence from taxpayer oversight makes such reforms nearly impossible.

Because the system is only about 80 percent funded, the

Center explains, CalPERS needs a continuous influx of new members to offset retirees. This pressures government agencies to hire even when they lack need or resources, benefiting unions that gain more dues-paying members to finance political activities.

The result, according to the Center, is mounting government debt, primarily in the form of unfunded pension liabilities. A 2023 report from the American Legislative Exchange Council placed that statewide total at an estimated \$1.4 trillion.

The Center writes that CalPERS has a long record of undervaluing pension costs and overestimating expected returns, giving employers a false sense of affordability. This pattern, it argues, enables unions to demand higher wages and benefits that local governments often accept despite clear financial

strain.

Exiting the system is prohibitively expensive. The Center cites the Herald Fire Protection District, which required more than two years and a 15-year bank loan to withdraw. Similarly, the small city of Villa Park abandoned plans to leave after facing a \$3.6 million exit cost in 2014 and remains in the system today with only seven full-time employees.

Even though members elect six board members, the Center maintains this has not produced real accountability. It points to CalPERS’ embrace of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles in 2012 and its commitment of \$100 billion toward climate solutions by 2030.

A September 2024 analysis by the Pacific Research Institute, cited by the Center, found CalPERS’ 2023 returns ranked below average among major U.S. pension funds and

placed in the bottom half for both five- and ten-year periods. Author Wayne Winegarden writes that CalPERS “has also generally underperformed key market benchmarks such as the S&P 500” for five-year and ten-year timeframes and that beneficiaries “would have been better off had CalPERS simply invested their pension money in a passive index fund that tracked the performance of the S&P 500.”

The Center argues that CalPERS’ \$500 billion in assets gives it influence comparable to entire nations. It casts tens of thousands of proxy votes annually, actively pressing companies worldwide to adopt its preferred environmental and social policies.

Ultimately, the California Policy Center contends that CalPERS leaders answer only to themselves. For the system to serve the broader public

interest, it must recognize a fiduciary duty to taxpayers as well as beneficiaries.

Meaningful change, including a transition to sustainable defined-contribution plans, will not occur voluntarily, the Center writes. Only legislative action can embed taxpayer accountability into law, beginning with curbing the influence of government unions that currently dominate the state legislature.

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ABOUT THIS PAPER

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COUNTY

New Blockbuster Already a Big Hit in San Diego County

It doesn’t arrive in theaters until Friday, but a new blockbuster movie generating Oscar buzz has already been a big financial hit for San Diego County.

“One Battle After Another,” a new Warner Bros. movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Benicio del Toro, Sean Penn and others, spent about six weeks filming on location in San Diego County in 2024. And it pumped nearly \$7 million into the local economy, according to Warner Bros. accounting.

The movie was written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, best known for his 2007 film, “There Will Be Blood,” 2012’s “The Master,” and 2014’s “Inherent Vice.” His new movie stars DiCaprio as an aging, in-hiding, former revolutionary who is pushed into trying to save his teenage daughter by the return of an old enemy, Sean Penn’s “Col. Lockjaw.”

It premiered in Los Angeles on Sept. 8 and is scheduled for mass release Friday. It has already received rave reviews and generated Oscar buzz. And Warner Bros. hopes it will thrill audiences.

But it’s already brought a thrill to County of San Diego officials. That’s because parts of the movie were filmed on location in 2024 in County parks and communities and injected an estimated \$6.8 million into the local economy. That ranged from lodging, to food, paying movie

extras and technicians, and the cost of the goods used in filming. Warner Bros. also filmed in the City of San Diego and other locations.

County officials said Warner Bros. officials reached out to the County in early 2024 and worked over a series of months with its Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Parks and Recreation Department, and Planning and Development Services to scout locations and get permits to film.

Steve Lockett, deputy director of the County’s Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA), said moviemakers ended up extending their stay and filming for several weeks longer than they planned. They incorporated more county locations, particularly around the border and Otay Mesa, because they liked the locations and working with the County.

Giang Meyers, who was EDGA’s creative economy manager when the film was shot, said, “they spent at least two weeks filming in Borrego Springs in early 2024, including a few car scenes and maybe one with an explosion.

“Then in July was when they spent about a month filming by the border,” Meyers said. “That was a multi-jurisdictional effort there. Us, the City of San Diego and federal Border Patrol. The trailer has iconic shots of Borrego Springs, and some around the border that I hope made it into the movie.”

Of course, San Diego County is not a complete stranger to Hollywood. Tom Cruise’s Top Gun movies were filmed in San Diego. And some scenes from Cameron Crowe’s “Almost Famous,” Will Ferrell’s “Anchorman” and even “Citizen Kane” were filmed here.

But County officials hope “One Battle After Another” can spur even more Hollywood interest, particularly from television producers, to bring more dollars to the local economy.

“EDGA is working to ... attract more films, TV shows, print ads and commercials,” Lockett said. “We are looking at ways to better market the County as a destination for film makers.

“San Diego County has an abundance of wonderful and varied shooting locations,” he said, “many of which rival what is available in Los Angeles County. In addition, our permitting process is quicker and cheaper, and we have been told that we’re easier to reach.”

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COUNTY

Find Your Home’s Hazard Risks to Prepare for an Emergency

September is Disaster Preparedness Month, and it is an ideal time to think about the critical preparedness steps could reduce risks and protect you and your family in an emergency.

County Emergency Services has a free online

Know Your Hazards Mapping Tool , where you can enter your home or business address and zoom in on a layered map of San Diego County that indicates wildfire, earthquake, flood and tsunami risk.

The tool also offers information about four hazards for San Diego County and includes ways to reduce the risk to your home or business and online resources for more preparedness information.

Wildfire is a year-round threat to many communities in San Diego County. Even if your home isn’t in a high-risk area, look around and be aware, wildfires can shift direction due to weather conditions the fire may create within the area. Emergency officials recommend homeowners take steps to reduce the risk of wind-blown embers igniting on their home or property.

Many county residents live less than 15 miles from a fault that could set off a damaging earthquake, with varying degrees of severity depending on your proximity to where it originates. Because some faults may remain undiscovered, it is important to know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake.

Tsunamis would affect low-lying coastal communities and can damage docks, piers and boats in bays and harbors along the coastline, but if you frequent these communities, you could also be affected. It is important to recognize the signs of a possible tsunami and know what to do if one occurs.

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Flooding is not common in all communities, but can cause damage and move buildings, large boulders, bridges, and roadways. Even if your home or business is not a flooding area, you might travel to canyons, valleys or low-lying areas for business or recreation that are in a flood zone.

For any disaster or emergency, the Office of Emergency Services suggests the following to stay informed:

Register for AlertSanDiego , the County’s Emergency Notification System

Complete a Personal Disaster Plan and don’t forget to consider specialized needs and your pets. As part of this, have emergency supplies you would need in an evacuation or shelter-in-place situation. Be ready to evacuate in 15 minutes or less, if ordered to go, or if you feel unsafe.

Download the Genasys Protect App to receive emergency evacuation notifications.

Seek official sources, like a fire or law agency or county or city for information on an emergency.

Learn more online about preparing for disasters at AlertSanDiego.org .

County Emergency Services coordinates disaster preparedness , mitigation , and supports response and recovery efforts across the unincorporated area and the 18 incorporated cities .

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