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Subject: August 27, 2024 Agenda-Additional Funds for the RCD

Dear Board Members,

The two west slope RCDs do a lot of very good work, but El Dorado County's General Fund has a structural budget deficit. Our operating expenses exceed our expected on-going revenues. We can't keep doing this.

To balance the 2024-25 budget, we took \$3 million out of a "designation" for a park. Further, we didn't fund our retirees' health program.

Remember, public safety is the biggest use of General Fund money and we have a structural budget deficit.

The email I sent you on June 11th is below.

I ended the email stating, "We have a lot of budget adjustment work to do in the next 12 months."

I was expecting budget adjustments in the other direction.

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Subject: RE: June 11, 2024 Agenda-County Budget

El Dorado County's Budget, although legally balanced, is not structurally balanced.

This Budget makes it very likely that we will be in a worse financial situation one year from now.

Please remember, we are using a "rate holiday" of our Retirees Health Program to legally balance this Budget. That is not sustainable budget solution.

Further, as I have previously reported to you, the future of on-line sales tax revenues is bleak.

Please carefully review the CAO's 5 year Budget Projection.

We have a lot of budget adjustment work to do in the next 12 months.

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