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COUNTY RELEASES 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce the release of the 2021-22 Proposed Budget.

The \$881 million budget serves as a guide as the County begins to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and recover from the CZU Lightning complex fires. The Proposed Budget allocates funding under the direction and vision of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, while continuing community investments to support the residents of Santa Cruz County.

Despite a 13 percent reduction in spending from the prior fiscal year, the Budget includes support for pandemic response, public safety and fire recovery efforts. It incorporates a proposed \$593 General Fund, representing a 2.7 percent reduction from the prior fiscal year. Further budget details are available online at <http://www.santacruzcounty.us>, or through the online interactive tool at sccbudget.com.

Budget hearings will begin June 21 and conclude June 29.