

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To do Justice, as no one is above the Law nor beneath its protection.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

The District Attorney is a constitutional officer, mandated to review, investigate and prosecute all criminal violations of state and local laws occurring in Butte County. The District Attorney's priorities include victims of crime and the safety of our communities. As a state officer, the District Attorney acts by the authority of and in the name of the People of the State of California.

The District Attorney receives adult and juvenile crime reports from more than twenty law enforcement and regulatory agencies, determines whether to file criminal complaints in the court and prosecutes cases on a "vertical prosecution" model, i.e., the same prosecutor handles the case from beginning to end. Vertical prosecution is very effective for case management and, most importantly, for victim consideration.

Prosecution and investigation personnel in the office are assigned to specialty areas of law to take advantage of experience and skills. The specialty areas are: Special Victims Unit (child abuse, elder abuse and sexual assault); Domestic Violence Unit (domestic violence, elder domestic violence and stalking); Child Abduction Unit; Juvenile Crimes Unit; Misdemeanor Crimes Unit (driving under the influence, petty theft, alcohol violations, misdemeanor crimes against persons, and etc.); Gang Crimes Unit; Narcotics Unit; Drug Endangered Children Unit (DEC); Major Crimes Unit (homicides, criminal conspiracies, arson, weapons charges, burglaries, felony assault, stolen vehicles, etc.); Economic and Computer Crimes Unit (auto insurance fraud, workers compensation insurance fraud, consumer fraud, embezzlement, etc.); Welfare Fraud Investigations Unit; Environmental Protection Unit (civil and criminal prosecutions of environmental crimes, water/air pollution, disposal/transportation of hazardous materials); Collaborative/Problem Solving Courts Unit (also called therapeutic courts, e.g., Drug Courts and Domestic Violence Court).

**FY 2008-09 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Reviewed and prosecuted over 9,000 criminal cases, including ten homicide trials (the most in one year in the history of the office).
- Uncovered one of the largest mortgage fraud cases in California. The District Attorney's Office joined forces with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office because of the size and far reaching nature of the case.
- Actively participated in the Butte County Special Enforcement Unit (BCSE), which had one of the busiest years in its history. In a recent bogus medical marijuana case, the BCSE seized over 1,000 mature plants along with \$180,000.00 in cash and gold coins.
- Investigated and closed approximately 35 environmental cases in 2008. The closed cases spanned the range of environmental matters from stream and open land dumping of various toxic and harmful materials, leaking underground tanks, and storm water pollution cases.
- Installed an automated file tracking system using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). The RFID system eliminated a significant amount of time spent by staff looking for misplaced case files by installing an automated file tracking system. The new system saved over \$28,000/year in extra-help clerical wages.

**SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST**

- The Department budget request includes funding to maintain FY 2008-09 staff and operations levels.
- The Department budget request includes \$700,000 to provide welfare fraud investigative services by an agreement with the Department of Employment and Social Services.
- The Department budget request includes \$245,448 to provide child support investigative services by an agreement with the Child Support Services Department.
- The Department budget request includes cost savings attributed to ideas by staff, personal financial contributions by staff and cost-savings practices, e.g. hiring extra help retired annuitants to save on training and benefit costs, reviewing all services for possible contracting out, reducing services included in county and department overhead, deferring badly needed vehicle replacements, substantially reducing fuel costs, etc.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

- The recommendation includes appropriation of \$9,786,022 with restricted revenue of \$2,038,156 for all budget units in the department. The use of discretionary revenues by the department is \$7,747,866.
- The recommendation includes the elimination of 2 Office Specialists, a Legal Secretarial Services Manager, and a Legal Secretary. The recommended reductions are in addition to those approved by the Board of Supervisors in FY 2008-09, which included:

March 3, 2009 – 1 Principal Information Systems Analyst, 1 Assistant Chief Investigator, and 1 Deputy DA IV

March 24, 2009 – 1 DA Victim Counselor, 1 Bad Check Program Coordinator, 2 Investigator II's, and 1 Deputy DA IV

- The recommendation includes significant reductions in services/supplies accounts.
- The recommendation includes \$700,000 to provide welfare fraud investigative services by an agreement with the Department of Employment and Social Services.
- The recommendation includes \$245,448 to provide child support investigative services by an agreement with the Child Support Services Department.

BUDGET CODE 320001

UNIT TITLE - DISTRICT ATT. - CRIMINAL

BUTTE COUNTY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL  
SCHEDULE 9 2009-10

FUNCTION - 2 - DISTRICT ATT. - CRIMINAL  
ACTIVITY - 21 -  
FUND - 0010 COUNTY GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNT	TITLE	ACTUAL 2007-08	ADOPTED 2008-09	REQUESTED 2009-10	RECOMMENDED 2009-10	ADOPTED 2009-10
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	8,555,130	8,651,783	7,775,910	7,551,041	
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	1,221,145	1,375,614	824,760	809,660	
550	OTHER CHARGES	66,557	29,700	29,700	29,700	
560	FIXED ASSETS	201,714	86,626	26,626		
TOTAL	DIRECT	10,044,545	10,143,723	8,656,996	8,390,401	-
570	OTHER FINANCING USES	(105,853)	(33,878)	391,508	417,179	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>9,938,691</b>	<b>10,109,845</b>	<b>9,048,504</b>	<b>8,807,580</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
30000	FINES, FORFEITS,PENALTIES	61,561	41,000	61,336	61,336	
50100	STATE REVENUES	944,156	800,948	691,066	691,066	
50200	FEDERAL REVENUES	76,750	-	-	-	
50300	OTHER INTERGOVT REVENUES		38,246	67,259	67,259	
TOTAL	GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	1,020,906	839,194	758,325	758,325	-
60000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	376,510	429,021	414,208	414,208	
70000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	136,071	72,401	49,972	49,972	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>1,595,047</b>	<b>1,381,616</b>	<b>1,283,841</b>	<b>1,283,841</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>8,343,644</b>	<b>8,728,229</b>	<b>7,764,663</b>	<b>7,523,739</b>	<b>-</b>

BUDGET CODE 320003

UNIT TITLE - DIST ATTY CHILD ABDUCT U.

BUTTE COUNTY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL  
SCHEDULE 9 2009-10

FUNCTION - 2 - DIST ATTY CHILD ABDUCT A.  
ACTIVITY - 21 -  
FUND - 0010 COUNTY GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNT	TITLE	ACTUAL 2007-08	ADOPTED 2008-09	REQUESTED 2009-10	RECOMMENDED 2009-10	ADOPTED 2009-10
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	166,628	218,552	167,218	167,218	
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	8,070	13,816	9,013	9,013	
550	OTHER CHARGES		-			
TOTAL	DIRECT	174,699	232,368	176,231	176,231	-
570	OTHER FINANCING USES	44,582	59,324	47,959	47,896	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>219,281</b>	<b>291,692</b>	<b>224,190</b>	<b>224,127</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
50100	STATE REVENUES	69,938	291,692	-	-	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>69,938</b>	<b>291,692</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>149,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,190</b>	<b>224,127</b>	<b>-</b>

BUDGET CODE 320005

UNIT TITLE - DIST ATTY - WELFARE FRAUD INVEST.

BUTTE COUNTY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL  
SCHEDULE 9 2009-10

FUNCTION - 2 - DIST ATTY - WELFARE FRAUD INVEST.  
ACTIVITY - 21 -  
FUND - 0010 COUNTY GENERAL FUND

ACCOUNT	TITLE	ACTUAL 2007-08	ADOPTED 2008-09	REQUESTED 2009-10	RECOMMENDED 2009-10	ADOPTED 2009-10
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
510	SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENE	489,284	514,601	534,408	534,408	
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	67,742	49,700	22,435	22,598	
550	OTHER CHARGES	120,505	-			
560	FIXED ASSETS					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DIRECT</b>	<b>677,531</b>	<b>564,301</b>	<b>556,843</b>	<b>557,006</b>	<b>-</b>
570	OTHER FINANCING USES		135,699	143,157	142,994	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>677,531</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
60000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	665,627	700,000	700,000	700,000	
70000	MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	-	-			
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>665,627</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>11,904</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

BUDGET CODE 321

UNIT TITLE - DIST ATTY - STATE COPS

BUTTE COUNTY  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL  
SCHEDULE 9 2009-10

FUNCTION - 2 - DIST ATTY - STATE COPS  
ACTIVITY - 21 -  
FUND - 0050 SPPL LAW ENF. SVCS

ACCOUNT	TITLE	ACTUAL 2007-08	ADOPTED 2008-09	REQUESTED 2009-10	RECOMMENDED 2009-10	ADOPTED 2009-10
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
520	SERVICES & SUPPLIES	52,199	51,678	53,493	53,488	
550	OTHER CHARGES	608	2,244	822	827	
TOTAL	DIRECT	<u>52,806</u>	<u>53,922</u>	<u>54,315</u>	<u>54,315</u>	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>52,806</u>	<u>53,922</u>	<u>54,315</u>	<u>54,315</u>	-
<b>REVENUES</b>						
50100	STATE REVENUES	<u>70,969</u>	<u>53,922</u>	<u>54,315</u>	<u>54,315</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>70,969</u>	<u>53,922</u>	<u>54,315</u>	<u>54,315</u>	-
NET COUNTY COSTS/USE OF FUND BALANCE		<u>(18,163)</u>	-	-	-	-