

El Dorado County Grand Jury 2011-2012

California Grand Jury Budgets Case Number GJ-11-005

Reason for Report

This report is informational.

The El Dorado County Grand Jury conducted a study of all 58 county Grand Juries in California to compare budgeting issues.

Background

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the El Dorado County Grand Jury's budget was cut more than half by the Board of Supervisors. By December 2011, the El Dorado County Grand Jury reached that budget, leaving no money for the remaining six months of the fiscal year. The Grand Jury's budget was eventually returned to a more realistic figure.

Similarly, in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, San Benito County stopped paying their Grand Jury, even though their Grand Jury was still within its budget. The Board of Supervisors augmented reimbursements to allow payment for their Grand Jury six months after the stop-payment.

Methodology

Documents reviewed:

- California Counties Budget Chart – 2010 ([Attachment 5](#))
- California Counties Increase/Decrease Budget Map ([Attachment 3](#))
- California Counties Map ([Attachment 2](#))
- California Counties Overspend/Under spend Budget Map ([Attachment 4](#))
- California Counties Population Chart – 2010 ([Attachment 1](#))
- El Dorado County Grand Jury Budget
- Humboldt County Grand Jury Budget
- Lake County Grand Jury Budget
- Lassen County Grand Jury Budget
- Los Angeles County Grand Jury Budget
- Madera County Grand Jury Budget
- Marin County Grand Jury Budget
- Mendocino County Grand Jury Budget
- Nevada County Grand Jury Budget
- Riverside County Grand Jury Budget

Sacramento County Grand Jury Budget
Tulare County Grand Jury Budget
Ventura County Grand Jury Budget

Facts/Findings

1. Of 58 counties, only 14 Grand Juries responded to our letter.
2. Of 14 counties who responded, 7 county Grand Jury budgets were decreased, 4 remained the same, and 3 budgets were increased.
3. Of 13 counties who responded, 2 county Grand Juries are likely to overspend, 4 are likely to meet their budget, and 7 are likely to under spend their budget.

Recommendations

This report is informational.
There are no recommendations.

Responses

This report is informational.
No responses are required.

(Attachment 1)

CA County Population

Updated 2010

By County

Alameda	1,574,857
Alpine	1,189
Amador	38,022
Butte	221,768
Calaveras	45,870
Colusa	22,206
Contra Costa	1,073,055
Del Norte	29,673
El Dorado	182,019
Fresno	953,761
Glenn	29,434
Humboldt	133,400
Imperial	183,029
Inyo	18,110
Kern	839,587
Kings	156,289
Lake	64,053
Lassen	35,889
Los Angeles	10,441,080
Madera	153,655
Marin	260,651
Mariposa	18,192
Mendocino	90,289
Merced	258,495
Modoc	9,777
Mono	13,617
Monterey	435,878
Napa	138,917
Nevada	98,680
Orange	3,166,461
Placer	347,102
Plumas	20,428
Riverside	2,139,535
Sacramento	1,445,327
San Benito	58,388
San Bernardino	2,073,149
San Diego	3,224,432

By Population

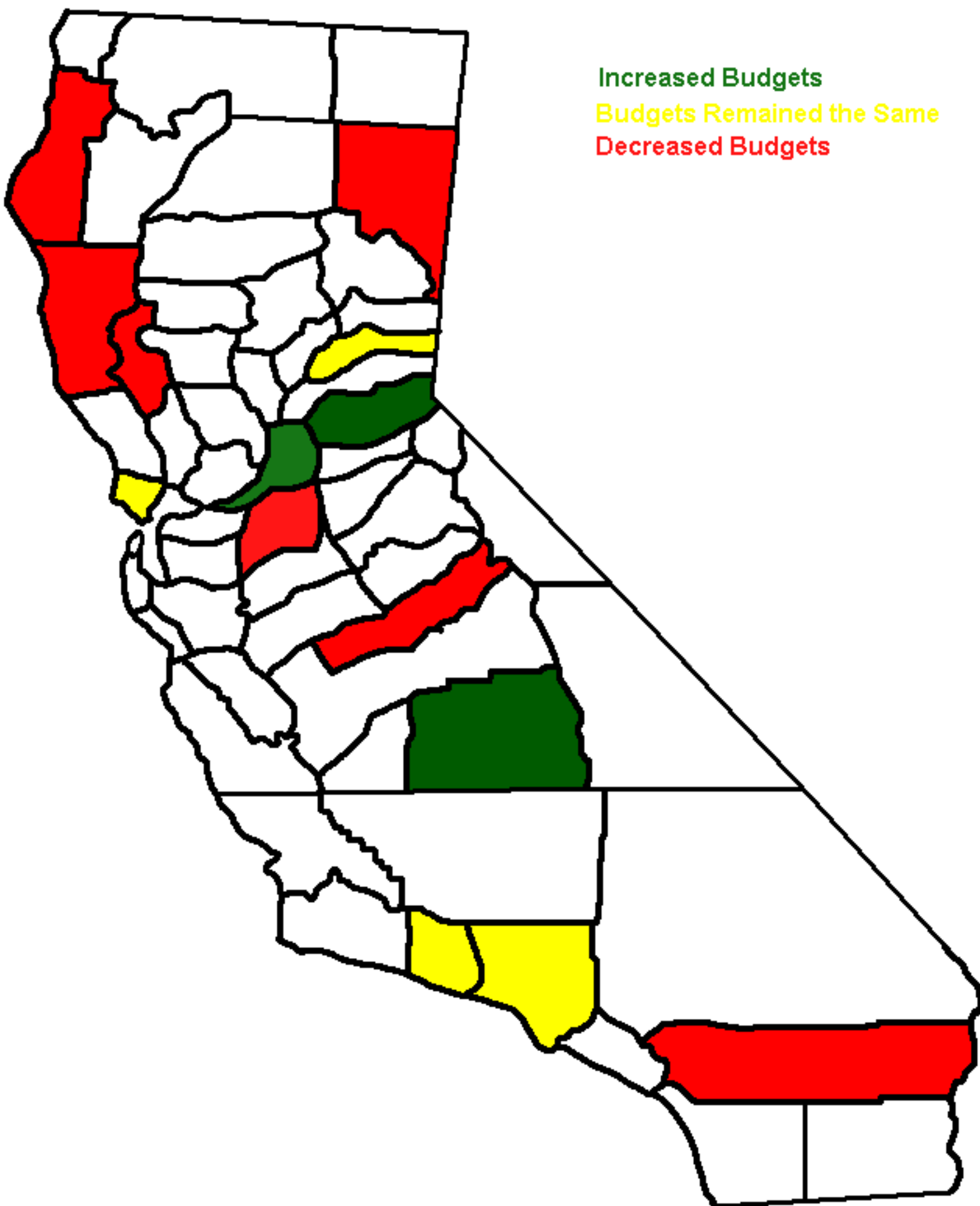
Los Angeles	10,441,080
San Diego	3,224,432
Orange	3,166,461
Riverside	2,139,535
San Bernardino	2,073,149
Santa Clara	1,880,876
Alameda	1,574,857
Sacramento	1,445,327
Contra Costa	1,073,055
Fresno	953,761
San Francisco	856,095
Ventura	844,713
Kern	839,587
San Mateo	754,285
San Joaquin	694,293
Stanislaus	530,584
Sonoma	493,285
Tulare	447,814
Monterey	435,878
Santa Barbara	434,481
Solano	427,837
Placer	347,102
San Luis Obispo	273,231
Santa Cruz	272,201
Marin	260,652
Merced	258,495
Butte	221,786
Yolo	202,953
Shasta	184,247
Imperial	183,029
El Dorado	182,019
Kings	156,289
Madera	153,655
Napa	138,917
Humboldt	133,400
Sutter	99,154
Nevada	98,680

San Francisco	856,095	Mendocino	90,289
San Joaquin	694,293	Yuba	72,900
San Luis Obispo	273,231	Lake	64,053
San Mateo	754,285	Tehama	63,100
Santa Barbara	434,481	San Benito	58,388
Santa Clara	1,880,876	Tuolumne	56,086
Santa Cruz	272,201	Siskiyou	46,010
Shasta	183,095	Calaveras	45,870
Sierra	3,303	Amador	38,022
Siskiyou	46,010	Lassen	35,889
Solano	427,837	Del Norte	29,673
Sonoma	493,285	Glenn	29,434
Stanislaus	530,584	Colusa	22,206
Sutter	99,154	Plumas	20,428
Tehama	62,100	Mariposa	18,192
Trinity	13,898	Inyo	18,110
Tulare	447,814	Trinity	13,898
Tuolumne	56,086	Mono	13,617
Ventura	844,713	Modoc	9,777
Yolo	202,953	Sierra	3,303
Yuba	73,380	Alpine	1,189



(Attachment 3)

Increased Budgets
Budgets Remained the Same
Decreased Budgets

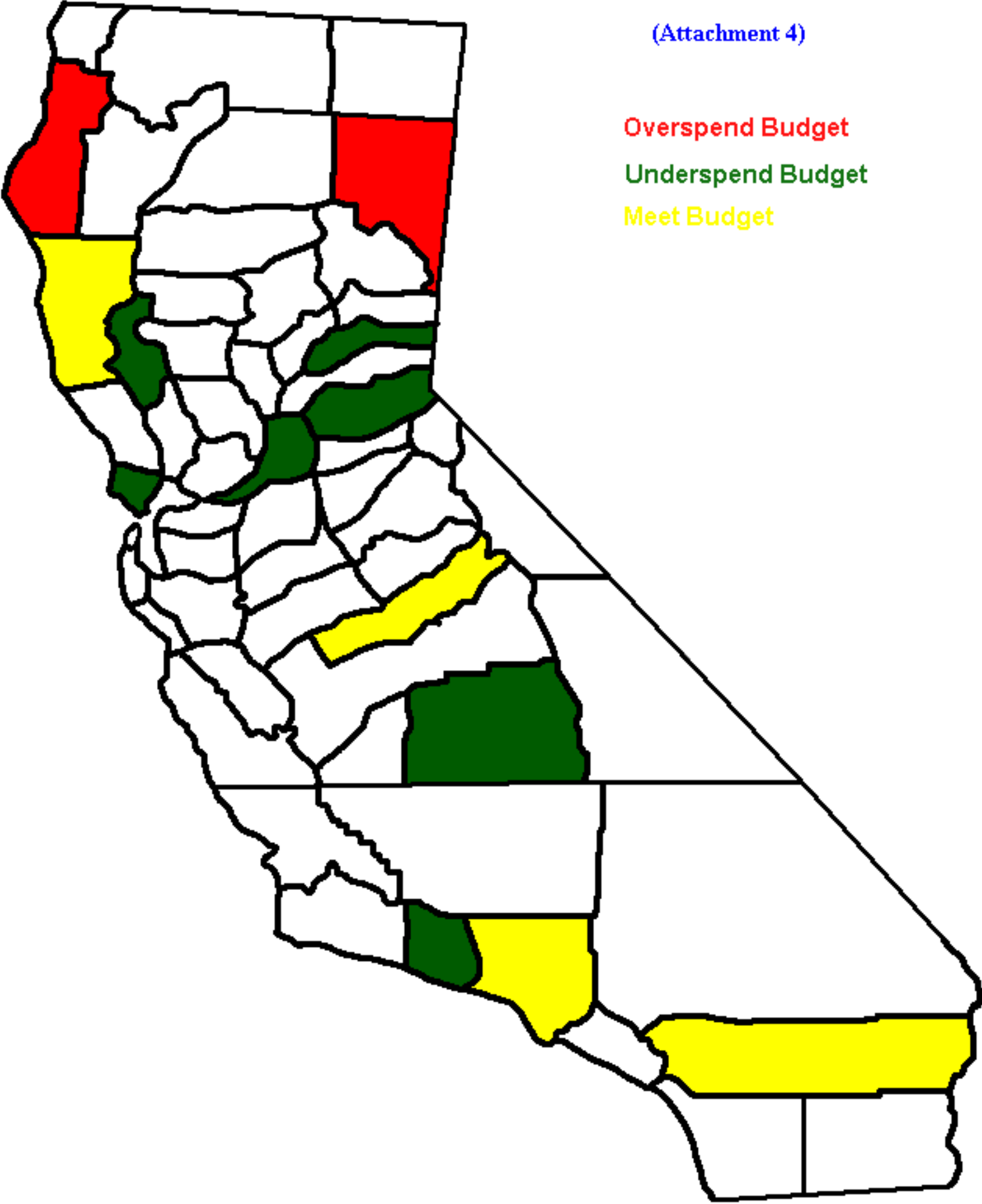


(Attachment 4)

Overspend Budget

Underspend Budget

Meet Budget



(Attachment 5)
California Counties

County	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004/2005	2003/2004
Alameda									
Alpine									
Amador									
Butte									
Calaveras									
Colusa									
Contra Costa									
Del Norte									
El Dorado	\$94,360.00	\$86,213.00	\$92,400.00	\$98,511.00	\$139,958.00	\$130,999.00	\$110,530.00	\$64,530.00	\$83,064.00
Fresno									
Glenn									
Humboldt	\$44,866.00	\$47,110.00							
Imperial									
Inyo									
Kern									
Kings									
Lake	\$67,967.00	\$68,054.00	\$73,281.00	\$72,832.00					
Lassen	\$20,350.00	\$20,655.00	\$22,950.00	\$25,500.00	\$20,000.00				
Los Angeles	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00							
Madera	\$71,700.00	\$73,300.00	\$63,537.00						
Marin	\$141,964.04	\$141,964.04							
Mariposa									
Mendocino	\$83,000.00								
Merced									
Modoc									
Mono									
Monterey									
Napa									
Nevada	\$111,428.00	\$97,777.00	\$97,777.00	\$115,000.00					
Orange									
Placer									
Plumas									
Riverside	\$565,971.00	\$567,471.00							
Sacramento	\$269,983.00	\$267,469.00							

