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We want to hear
from **YOU!**

Info on upcoming community meetings
and a resident survey inside.

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESIDENTS
WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

HOW SHOULD WE INVEST
IN MARIPOSA COUNTY'S
FUTURE?



***See inside for
an important
community update***

Dear Neighbor,

I am happy to report that Mariposa County is in a sound financial position. Our County is a leader in fiscal responsibility, but there are significant challenges ahead the community should know about.

Mounting obligations, including natural disasters and public safety needs, are putting a strain on our resources and limiting our ability to deliver services.

The last year and a half has included **multiple natural disasters that rank among the worst in our County's history**. We have received more than \$20 million in state and federal aid to respond and recover from these disasters. Even with state aid, however, the March 2018 storms are approaching \$500,000 in direct costs to the County. With the growing frequency and intensity of disasters around California and our nation, we cannot assume the same levels of aid will always be available.

The County is extremely grateful for our volunteer firefighters. They demonstrate extraordinary dedication to their community every time they suit up and respond to a fire or a medical emergency. Unfortunately, **we do not have enough volunteers to keep up with the frequency of disasters around the County**.

You are likely familiar with other budget challenges that exist in the County. We have \$60 - \$100 million in **unfunded road maintenance needs**. We must also address the **rising retiree costs** and **need for workforce housing**, but the County lacks staff to advance housing objectives for our residents. We have **only one-ninth of the park space recommended for our population**, and projects initiated nearly 20 years ago, including ballfields and a potential recreation center, have been **put on hold for lack of funding**.

Leadership from our County government is exploring ways to meet the challenges mentioned above, and others like them, with the limited resources available. **In late July and early August we will host a series of meetings with the community regarding our options and seeking input from residents. If you would like more information, please contact Elaine Scardino at (209) 966-3222.**

Please let us know YOUR priorities for Mariposa County's local services by returning the attached card today and attending an upcoming meeting.



Jay D. Kimble
County Administrative Officer

Community Meeting Schedule

Monday 7/30 - Greeley Hill Community Center

Tuesday 7/31 - McKay Hall

Wednesday 8/1 - Midpines Community Center

Thursday 8/2 - Ponderosa Basin Firehouse

Monday 8/6 - Board Chambers

****All Meetings at 6:00 p.m.****

Additional funds could help maintain and expand essential services, including:

- ✓ **MAINTAINING AND UPGRADING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE PROTECTION**
- ✓ **MAINTAINING AND UPGRADING 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS**
- ✓ **REDUCING THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES AND FLOODS**
- ✓ **INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS FOR MARIPOSA RESIDENTS**
- ✓ **REPAIRING DAMAGED STREETS AND ROADS**
- ✓ **RETAINING AND ATTRACTING JOBS TO MARIPOSA COUNTY**
- ✓ **IMPROVING PARKS AND RECREATION**

We Want to Hear From You!

**Please return the attached survey or visit
www.MariposaCounty.org/budget**

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Help us understand your top concerns for Mariposa County and our local services - please **check all that apply** and mail back, or take the survey online at **mariposacounty.org/budget**

- ☐ Attracting businesses and creating jobs
- ☐ Maintaining and upgrading law enforcement and fire
- ☐ Reducing the threat of wildfires and floods
- ☐ Increasing housing options for Mariposa residents
- ☐ Repairing damaged streets and roads
- ☐ Improving Parks and Recreation
- ☐ Building a County Recreational Center
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

Comments/Questions: _____

THANK YOU!
PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 3, 2018