



Solano County

2014 Annual Report



OUR MISSION | *to serve the people and provide a safe and healthy place to live, learn, work and play*

Dear residents of Solano County -

We are pleased to report that 2014 was a year of significant accomplishments.

When it comes to the health, safety and well-being of our community, we're proud to say that we are making things happen – creating opportunities for Solano County residents to thrive where they live, learn, work and play.

2014 got off to a healthy start when we brought the CDA Cares dental clinic to Solano County. Our efforts provided more than 1,900 children and low-income adults with access to \$1.5 million in free dental care. Additionally, our Health and Social Services Department successfully registered more than 25,000 residents with free and low-cost health insurance through Covered California – helping families gain much needed access to care.

2014 was a year of dedications and grand openings, and in some cases, re-grand openings. This summer we dedicated the new Stanton Correctional Facility, a state-of-the-art jail, designed to keep the community safe while providing inmates with the rehabilitative programs they need. We also celebrated with the Courts the rededication of the Old Solano Courthouse. Built in 1911, the vacated facility received a much needed makeover, providing three additional courtrooms for the community.

2014 also tested the County's ability to respond in an emergency situation. The South Napa Earthquake jolted us out of bed at 3:20 in the morning with a rumbling 6.0 magnitude. The County responded immediately by working state and federal agencies to secure the funding necessary to restore county facilities damaged by the quake. We also assisted local governments, ensuring the continuity of care for our residents.

Looking at the long list of accomplishments in 2014, we are proud to say that things continue to improve. Our budget continues to recover as we become a leaner, more efficient organization. Our commitment to providing Solano County residents with the programs and services they need gives them the ability to thrive where they live, learn, work and play.

Linda J. Seifert, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Birgitta E. Corsello
County Administrator



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District One



Linda J. Seifert
District Two



James P. Spering
District Three



John M. Vasquez
District Four



Skip Thomson
District Five



SOLANO FACTS

County Formed: 1850

County Seat: Fairfield

Cities: Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo

Square Miles:

675 rural land area
150 urban land area
84 water area

Population:

424,233

Median Household Income (2013):
\$64,767

Per Capita Income (2013):
\$28,477

Poverty (2013): 13.9%

Age (2013):

0 to 4 - 6.1%
5 to 19 - 19.6%
20 to 64 - 61.3%
64 to 84 - 11.3%
85 and older - 1.7%

Ethnicity (2013):

White - 40.2%
Hispanic - 24.9%
Asian - 14.6%
African-American - 13.6%
Other - 6.7%

2013 Crop and Livestock

Value: \$348,215,000

1. Walnuts
2. Cattle and Calves
3. Alfalfa
4. Nursery Products
5. Tomatoes

2014 Total Property

Tax Assessment:

\$44,136,703,132



OUR VISION: *Locally and nationally recognized for its partnerships and leadership in providing innovative, effective and fiscally responsible services that result in the highest quality of life for its residents*



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Birgitta E. Corsello



COUNTY COUNSEL

Dennis Bunting

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District Attorney*

Krishna Abrams



Sheriff-Coroner*

Tom Ferrara



Probation

Christopher Hansen



Public Defender

Lesli Caldwell



Child Support Services

Pamela Posehn

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TRANSPORTATION**



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Jim Allan



Resource Management

Bill Emlen

EDUCATION



Library Services

Bonnie Katz



UC Cooperative Extension

Morgan Doran

HEALTH & PUBLIC ASSISTANCE



Health & Social Services

Gerald Huber



Veterans Services

Ted Puntillo

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
SUPPORT SERVICES**



Assessor - Recorder*

Marc Tonnesen



Auditor - Controller*

Simona Padilla-Scholten



Treasurer - Tax - County Clerk*

Charles Lomeli



General Services

Mike Lango



Human Resources

Marc Fox



Information Technology

Ira Rosenthal

* Elected Department Head Position

..... Personnel / Budgetary Controls Only



-improving quality of life-

Putting Smiles Back in the Community

Solano County, in partnership with the California Dental Association (CDA) and CDA Cares Solano, hosted a two-day free dental clinic on April 25-26, 2014 at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. A total of 1,901 dental and community volunteers provided 1,959 low-income children and adults with 10,655 dental procedures.



Members of the Solano community received more than \$1.5 million in free dental cleanings, fillings, extractions and oral health education at the County hosted free dental clinic.

Providing Earthquake Assistance

Approximately half of Napa County's Department of Child Support Services employees were temporarily relocated to Solano County after their office building was closed due to earthquake damage. In an effort to ensure continuation of services for Napa residents, a temporary worksite was established in Fairfield within 48 hours.

Helping Children Prepare for School

First 5 Solano helped 426 children at 20 school and childcare sites throughout the county gain access to pre-kindergarten academies. Three-quarters of all students had no prior preschool experience, and those who attended classes showed gains in social, emotional and cognitive improvements, helping them become ready for school.

Expanding Access to Health Care

Solano County Health and Social Services helped more than 25,000 residents receive free or low-cost health insurance through the expanded Medi-Cal program or subsidized private health insurance plans in the Covered California marketplace.

SOLANO FACTS

\$37.1 Million: the amount of money collected and distributed in child support payments by Child Support Services

11,807: the number of expectant parents who received information and services from First 5 Solano

25,000: the number of Solano County residents who gained access to free and low-cost health insurance through Covered California

12,000: the number of students that participated in Safe Routes to School in the 2013-2014 school years

4,800: the number of home visits made by public health nurses to high-risk families

100: the number of years the Solano County Library has served residents in our community

Promoting Healthy Habits for Families

Solano Public Health's Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program and Health Promotion and Community Wellness Bureau helped schools update their wellness policies and provided 50 nutrition education events that successfully reached more than 1,200 students and their parents, lowering their risk of Type 2 diabetes.

Helping Those in Poverty

In partnership with the Senior Coalition, the County hosted a series of poverty summits designed to identify and address the challenges seniors face when living in poverty, many of whom are women. The summits included seniors, government representatives, business leaders and individuals interested in collaborating to find solutions that address the issue of poverty in Solano County. Ideas emerged on ways to assist women and seniors with food, housing and medical concerns.

Left to right: a dentist volunteers at the free dental clinic; the Old Solano Courthouse becomes "new" again; Supervisors at the Stanton Correctional Facility dedication





Celebrating 100 Years of Libraries

Solano County Library celebrated its 100 year anniversary with a kickoff event on April 5, 2014 at the County Events Center in Fairfield. On April 6, 1914, at a time when Solano County had about 27,000 people and almost as many cattle, the Solano County Board of Supervisors established the Solano County Free Library to provide access to all residents of the county. 2014 was a yearlong celebration at all eight county branches of the Solano County Library.

Vocational Training for Youth

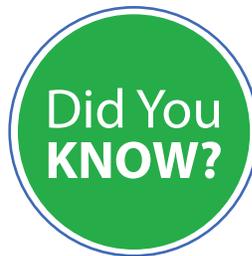
In April 2014 the Juvenile Detention Facility opened an exciting new residential program, The Challenge Academy. The nine-month program for serious youthful offenders age 15-18 provides an intensive treatment regime along with educational and vocational training. The participants are able to regain a solid academic footing and will be provided supportive assistance and monitoring upon their release. The first cohort graduated Christmas Eve.

Making our Parks More Accessible

In 2014 Solano County increased the number of days many of its public parks are open to the public, significantly increasing the number of people who visit. In fact, more than 190,000 people visited a Solano County Park in 2014—a new record—and a nice way to celebrate 40 years of connecting children and families with nature.

Number 1 in Serving our Veterans

With approximately 40,000 veterans living in Solano County, we are proud to announce that Solano County is ranked number one in the state for the average compensation and pension dollars received per veteran. The average annual compensation is \$3,767.



Solano County Public Works was awarded Project Delivery Agency of the Year by the Solano Transportation Authority and is ranked number one among the nine Bay Area counties for pavement conditions.

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4,462: the number of children and teens who participated in the Solano County Library Summer Reading Program

41: the number of miles of county road that received chip seal protection

3,014: the number of routine inspections performed at retail food facilities to ensure safe food handling and services practices are being implemented

\$210,000: the amount of money the Probation Department collected in victim restitution

269: the number children reunified with their families in 2014

8,000: the number of people in Solano County who received educational classes on healthy eating and obesity prevention



-investing for the future-

Award-Winning Public Facilities

Solano County was awarded the Public Project of the Year and People's Choice Awards by the California Counties Architects and Engineers Association for the design of the William J. Carroll Government Center in Vacaville. As one of only three counties in the state to receive the prestigious awards, the facility was selected based on value and cost savings, community and employee enhancement, aesthetics, sustainability, innovation, creative funding and public-private partnerships.

New, Safer, High-Tech Jail Opens

Dedicated in 2014, the Stanton Correctional Facility, Solano County's newest jail, includes state-of-the-art technologies that will allow staff to run a safe operation while expanding the number of rehabilitative programs for inmates. Designed as a maximum security jail, the 128,000 square foot facility has the capacity to house 363 inmates and is scheduled to open in early 2015.

Protecting the Public at the Gas Pump

Over the past several months the Agriculture, Weights and Measures Department has been hard at work replacing old equipment that in many cases was built in the 1960's. The first project was to purchase a 100 gallon "J" Prover that will be used in testing high volume gasoline and diesel meters. The next item is a 100/25 gallon liquid petroleum gas (propane) Prover that will be used in testing propane delivery trucks and retail meters. The new equipment ensures the public receives the correct amount of fuel.

Below: the award-winning William J. Carroll Government Center in Vacaville, Calif.

Makeover: Old Courthouse is "New" Again

After sitting vacant for many years, the Old Solano Courthouse, after a much needed makeover, is "new" again. The County celebrated with the Courts the rededication of the 29,900 square foot facility in 2014. The building will serve as a fully functional courthouse with three public courtrooms. Built in 1911, the Old Courthouse served the County for decades. Renovations included seismic, infrastructure and cosmetic upgrades.

Protecting Future Generations

In 2014, a long-pending lawsuit regarding lead-based paint was resolved, with Solano County Counsel at the forefront of this victory. Because of this landmark case, children in California are now safer from the harms of lead-based paint in homes.

-innovative services-

Adding the Convenience of Online

The County Clerk's office has streamlined the process of completing forms online, allowing patrons to complete and submit documentation electronically. The improvement has saved taxpayers more than \$70,000 to date, allowing staff to spend time on other projects while giving patrons the convenience of completing forms from the comfort of their own homes.

**Did You
KNOW?**

Before the County Clerk streamlined its online form request process it took patrons (and staff) 40 minutes to issue a Marriage License. Today, couples can complete the form online, reducing the office wait time to less than 5 minutes.

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51: the number of children adopted with the help of Solano County Child Welfare Services

6.77: the percentage increase in value for all secured properties in Solano County over last year (equivalent to 2.57 billion dollars)

71,808: the number of people who camped at Solano Parks, a 13 percent increase over last year (2013)

562,046: the number of customers who visited the library "virtually" from their computers and smart phones

\$1.2 million: the amount of grant funding Solano Public Health secured per year for the next 3 years from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to prevent chronic disease in Solano County





Above: a homework group at the Suisun Library

-fiscal responsibility-

Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/15

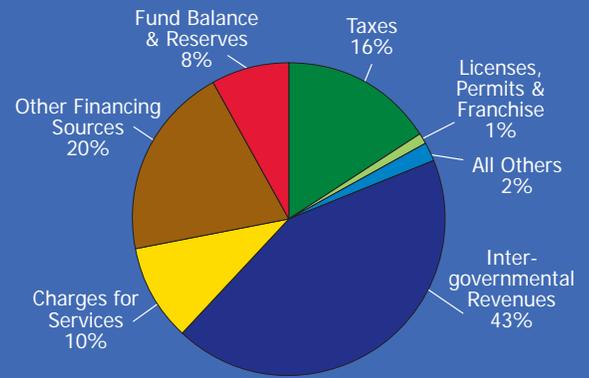
The Revenues by Source chart describes the sources of governmental funds used to finance the FY 2014/15 budget. The County's single largest revenue source is intergovernmental revenue from the state and federal agencies, which are generally restricted dollars to fund the County's implementation of state and federal programs. The General Fund Revenue chart provides information on the sources of funds used to finance County operations, including property taxes and intergovernmental revenue that come to the County without restrictions. The Spending Plan by Function chart shows where the County allocates its budget. Public Protection represents the single largest category of expenditures in both the total budget and Discretionary Spending.

Accolades for Excellence in Fiscal Reporting

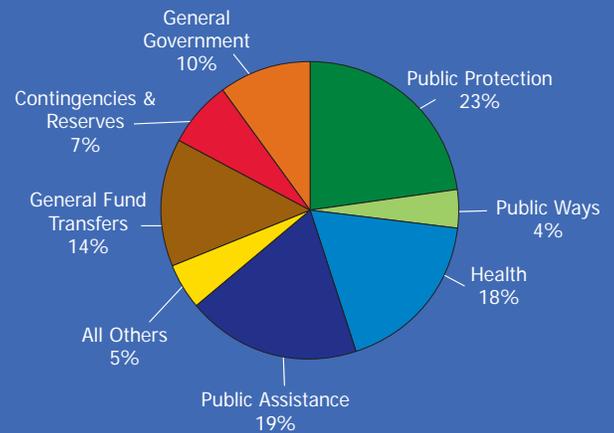
For the 12th consecutive year the Government Finance Officers Association awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County of Solano and the Auditor-Controller's office for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

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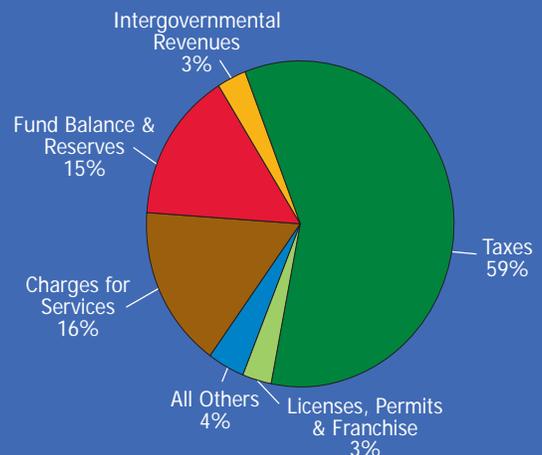
FY 2014/15 ADOPTED BUDGET REVENUES BY SOURCE: \$870.2 million



SPENDING PLAN BY FUNCTION \$870.2 million



GENERAL FUND REVENUE \$218.4 million



GENERAL FUND SPENDING PLAN \$218.4 million

