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Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025
Kern County, California

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ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

June 26, 2026

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors and the Citizens of Kern County:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the County of Kern (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, is hereby submitted in compliance with Section 25253 of the Government Code of the State of California and Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 69-58, dated January 28, 1969. The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) and audited by a firm of certified public accountants in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as well as the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the County. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the County has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to safeguard the County's assets from loss, theft, or misuse, as well as compile sufficient and reliable information for the purpose of preparing the County's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As the cost of internal controls should not outweigh the respective benefits, the County's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report to be both complete and reliable in all material respects.

As the County's goal is to provide reasonable assurance that its financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, are free of material misstatement, the financial statements have been audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, a firm of certified public accountants. The independent audit involved examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Based upon the audit, the independent auditor concluded that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion which states the County's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, are fairly presented in all material respects in conformity with GAAP. As such, the independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the County was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports will be available in the County's separately issued Single Audit Report.

Additionally, GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). Please note that this letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The County's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Government

The County of Kern was organized April 2, 1866, from portions of Los Angeles and Tulare Counties, making it the southernmost county of California's San Joaquin Valley and spans 8,132 square miles. Kern County is organized as a general law county under California law and is divided into five supervisorial districts. These five supervisorial districts contain 11 incorporated cities. Bakersfield, the County seat, is home to approximately 44 percent of the County's total population of 927,070 while approximately 33 percent of Kern County residents reside in unincorporated areas.

Policymaking and legislative authority is vested in the County Board of Supervisors (Board), which consists of an elected supervisor from each of the five districts. The Board is responsible, among other things, for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and appointing the Chief Administrative Officer and most non-elected department heads. Supervisors are elected to four-year staggered terms, with three supervisors being elected in the presidential election cycle and two supervisors being elected in the gubernatorial election cycle. The County has elected department heads responsible for the offices of the Assessor-Recorder, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk (Auditor-Controller), District Attorney, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator, and Treasurer-Tax Collector. The County provides a full range of services in the following areas: general government, public protection, public ways and facilities, health and sanitation, public assistance, education, and culture and recreation services.

Budgetary and Internal Controls

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the County's financial planning and control. The County prepares and adopts a budget by June 30th each fiscal year in accordance with Government Code Sections 29000-29144. The County adopts budgets for all major funds and certain non-major governmental funds. The Auditor-Controller is responsible for controlling expenditures within budgeted appropriations. Expenditures are controlled at the object level for all budget units within the County. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to ensure effective budgetary control and accountability. At year-end, unencumbered appropriations are cancelled and outstanding encumbrances rollover as reserved fund balance and are made available for subsequent year expenditures. Transfers of appropriations between budget units must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Necessary supplemental appropriations, normally financed by unanticipated revenues during the year, and transfers of appropriations between expenditure object classifications, must also be approved by the Board.

In addition to these controls, the Auditor-Controller's Audit Division performs periodic internal control, compliance, and management audits of County departments. On an annual basis, an audit plan is recommended by the Auditor-Controller and approved by the Board of Supervisors. These audits help to ensure that prescribed procedures are followed while evaluating the adequacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of departmental governance, risk management, and internal controls. A fraud hotline provides County employees and the public with a way to anonymously report perceived fraud, waste or abuse in County government. Allegations reported to the hotline are evaluated by the Auditor-Controller's Audit Division and investigated, as appropriate.

Budget-to-actual comparisons are provided in this report for each individual governmental fund for which an appropriated annual budget has been adopted. For the General Fund and all budgeted major funds, comparisons are presented as part of the required supplementary information. For non-major governmental funds with appropriated annual budgets, these comparisons are presented in the combined and individual fund statements and schedules subsection of this report.

Factors Affecting Financial Condition

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the County operates.

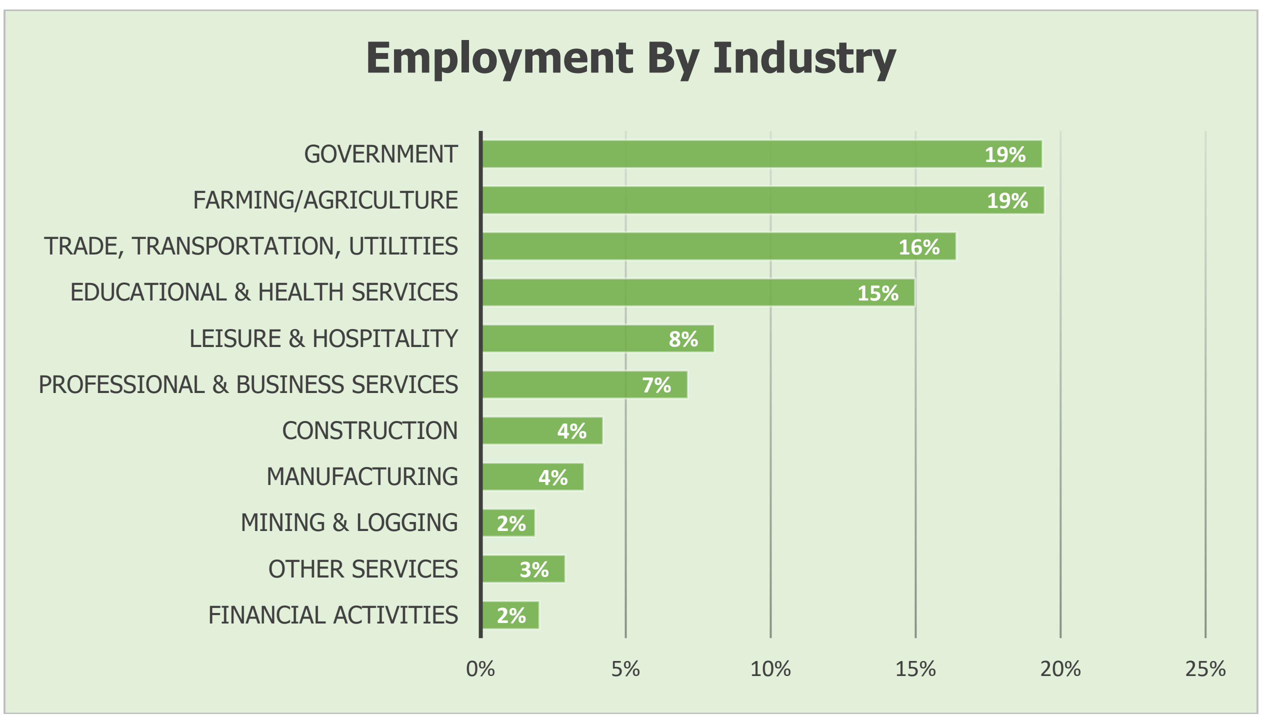
Long-Term Financial Planning

The County develops a five-year forecast for the purpose of providing the Board of Supervisors with a framework for use in decision-making, in order to maintain and continue the fiscal health of the County and to ensure and enable a plan for the provision of services and capital assets. The fiscal year 2024-25 budget for the General Fund includes $1.4 billion of investments in our community, underscoring the County's continued commitment to supporting long-term economic vitality. Over the next five years, the cost of providing services is expected to increase due to inflationary pressures, workforce requirements, and growing demand for County services. A strong economy over the last three years has generated notable growth in residential and commercial property taxes and sales tax collections, reaching levels not seen in more than a decade. This economic strength has also contributed to rising expenditure pressure. The County continues to closely monitor these trends as part of its long-term financial planning efforts.

This fiscal outcome of future State budget negotiations remains uncertain, and actions by the State Legislature and Governor in response to changing revenue conditions may affect County finances, operations, and service delivery. While the County cannot predict the outcome of future State budget negotiations, the impact that such budgets will have on County finances and operations or what actions will be taken in the future by the State Legislature and Governor to deal with changing State revenues and expenditures. There can be no assurances that actions taken by the State will not materially adversely affect the financial condition of the County. Current and future State budgets will be affected by national and State economic conditions and other factors, over which the County has no control. Volatility in the local assessed value of the oil & gas roll has presented fiscal challenges in recent years, further influenced by the State's increasing regulatory oversight of the industry. Subsequent to this reporting period, California Senate Bill 237 (2025) was enacted to help stabilize fuel prices, support in-state oil production, and expand permitting activity within Kern County. Related increases in property tax revenue are expected to develop gradually over time, rather than producing immediate fiscal impacts. Current financial planning for future major outlays is considered on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrative Office to ensure alignment with long-term fiscal sustainability, service needs and community priorities

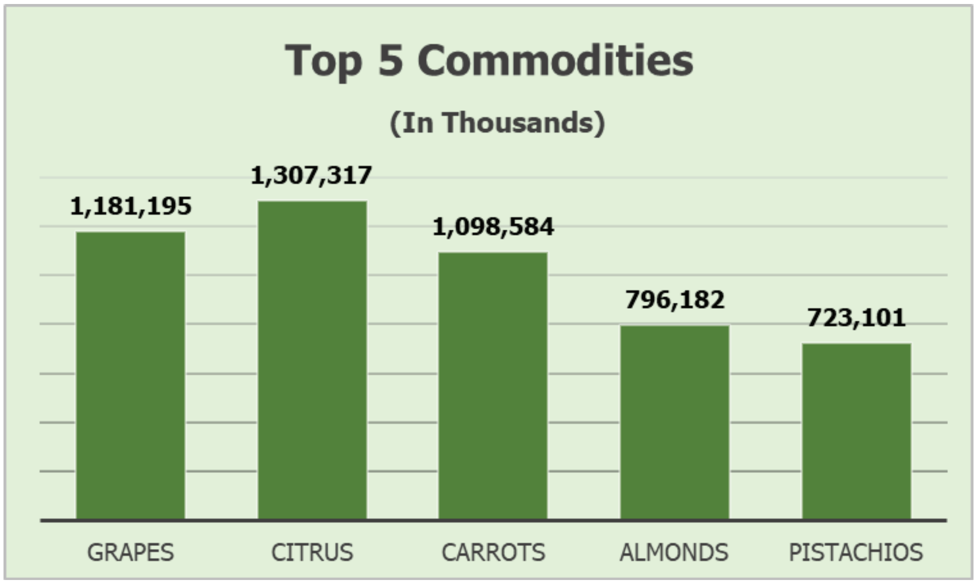
Local Economy

According to the California Employment Development Department, as of August 2025 approximately 386,200 residents of the County were employed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.5%. This was a decrease over the August 2024 rate of 9%.



Source: State of California EDD

Kern County is fortunate to be rich in natural resources. It remains the largest oil-producing County in the State of California, producing approximately 76% of the State's oil. Agricultural production continues to remain steady, with the County being one of the leading producers of agricultural products in the State.



Source: Kern Agricultural Crop Report – 2024

However, regulatory and market forces threaten employment in the industry sectors on which the region relies. Because of this, Kern County continues to evaluate strategies to identify opportunities for regional prosperity, and coordinate and align diverse existing efforts. The County prioritizes job quality and access to ensure inclusive economic development and regional prosperity.

Major Initiatives

County Fiscal Plan

The County has adopted a more consistent, steady salary mode designed to support career-long wage growth and promote long-term workforce stability. To remain competitive in recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, particularly in public safety and nursing personnel, targeted salary adjustments ranging from 5% to 22% were approved for specific classifications. These salary increases have a direct impact on benefits, particularly retirement costs. The performance of investments by the Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA) directly affects the employers' retirement contribution rate. Assumption changes, including lowering the rate of return to reduce the risk in the investment portfolio, continue to increase the County's pension contribution requirements, including $22 million in FY 2024-25. To mitigate the increase in the contribution rate, the County established a retirement designation to pay for annual increases. Additionally, the passage of Measure K, a one percentage point sales tax increase approved in FY 2022-23, has continued to provide a critical revenue stream to support public safety, education, homelessness initiatives, and economic development. While Measure K revenue has increased, the County continues to budget these funds conservatively due to the revenue's sensitivity to economic conditions. Supported by State and Federal funds the FY 2024-25 budget allocates funds to renovate libraries, improve parks, replace the Regional Public Safety Communication System, to finalize the construction of a new Sheriff's substation, and to finalize improvements of a new property and evidence room.

Property Tax Abatement Disclosures (GASB 77)

In accordance with the disclosure requirements of GASB Statement No. 77, the County reports its participation in property tax abatement programs in the notes to the financial statements. These abatements are offered under the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act), including the Farmland Security Zone (FSZ) program, which supports the long-term preservation of agricultural and open-space lands. By providing reduced property tax assessments in exchange for contractual commitments to restrict land to agricultural and compatible uses, the County aims to promote agricultural viability, maintain open-space buffers, and strengthen the region's long-term economic sustainability. Although these programs result in reduced annual property tax revenues for fiscal year 2025, reductions under the Williamson Act and FSZ totaled approximately $29,628 the County expects that the continued preservation of agricultural resources, mitigation of development pressures, and support of the local agricultural economy will yield long-term public and economic benefits consistent with the County's strategic land-use objectives.

Awards and Acknowledgments

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County of Kern for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This was the twenty-seventh consecutive year that the County of Kern has achieved this prestigious award. To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

I wish to express my appreciation to the staff of the Auditor-Controller's Office whose hard work, professionalism, and dedication are responsible for the preparation of this report, and to the firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for their professional assistance. Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrative Office for their continued efforts in planning and conducting the County's financial operations in a responsible and progressive manner.

Sincerely,

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

COUNTY OF KERN
DIRECTORY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

ELECTED

COUNTY SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT .... PHILLIP PETERS

COUNTY SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT.. CHRIS PARLIER

COUNTY SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT ....JEFF FLORES

COUNTY SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT...DAVID COUCH

COUNTY SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT ....LETICIA PEREZ

ASSESSOR-RECORDER... LAURA AVILA

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK....................................AIMEE X. ESPINOZA

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ....CYNTHIA ZIMMER

SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR ....DONNY YOUNGBLOOD

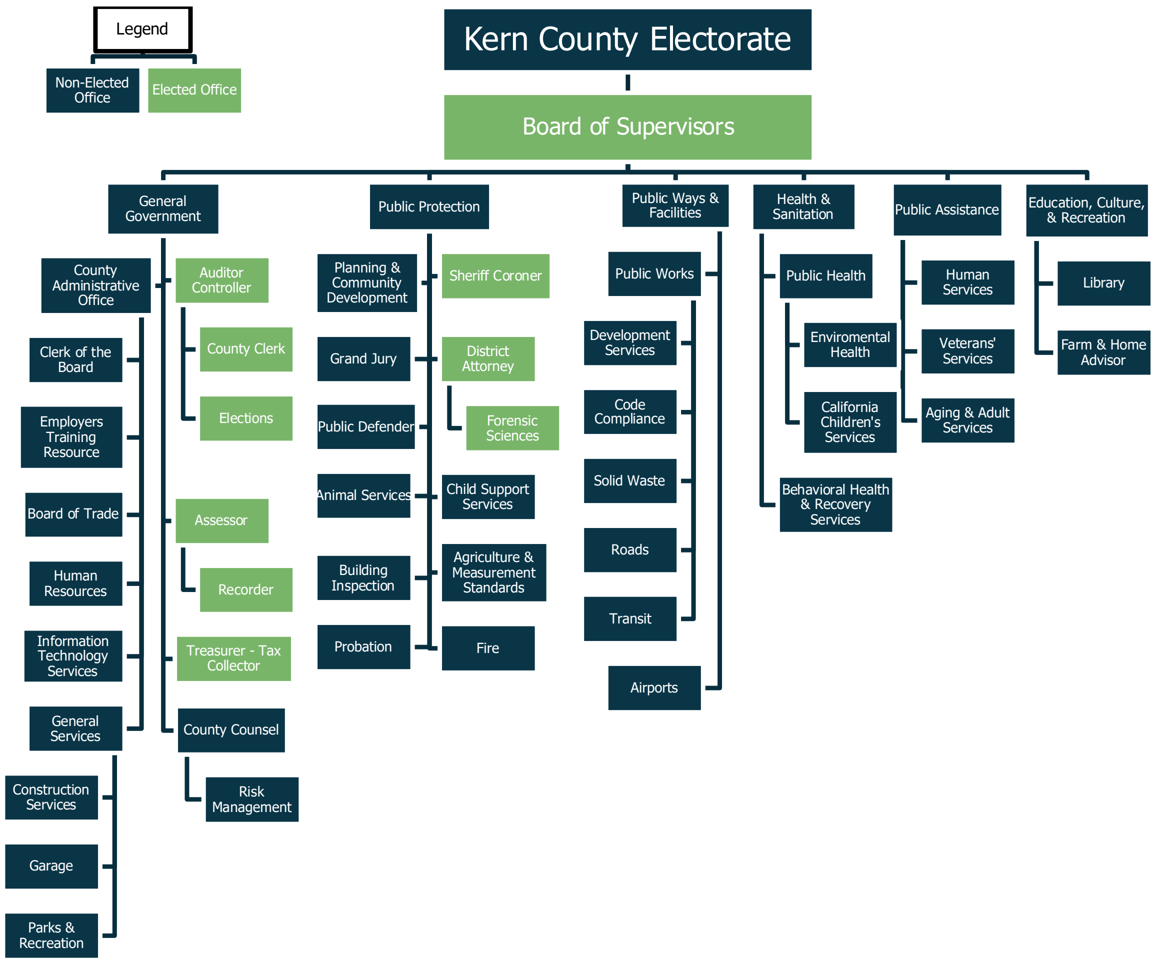
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR .... JORDAN KAUFMAN

COUNTY OF KERN
DIRECTORY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
(CONTINUED)

APPOINTED

AGING AND ADULT SERVICES..JEREMY OLIVER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/SEALER .... GLENN FANKHAUSER
AIRPORTS.. BILL LAMANQUE
ANIMAL SERVICES..NICHOLAS CULLEN
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES.. TONI KENDRICK
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ....NANCY ANDERSON
  BOARD OF TRADE
  CLERK OF THE BOARD
  EMPLOYERS' TRAINING RESOURCE
  GENERAL SERVICES
  GROUP HEALTH
  HUMAN RESOURCES
  INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
  RETIREE GROUP HEALTH
  UNEMPLOYMENT
COUNTY COUNSEL ....KENDRA LAYNE GRAHAM
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ....BRYNN CARRIGAN
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH...JEFFREY MARSHALL
FARM AND HOME ADVISOR ....LIONEL JIMENEZ
FIRE DEPARTMENT... AARON DUNCAN
HUMAN SERVICES ....LITO MORILLO
LIBRARY… ....ANDREA SULLIVAN
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES ....ALISON BURROWES
PLANNING.. CRAIG MURPHY
  COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
  DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY
PROBATION ....WILLIAM DICKINSON
PUBLIC DEFENDER ....PETER KANG
PUBLIC HEALTH ....BRYNN CARRIGAN
PUBLIC WORKS ....JOSHUA CHAMPLIN
  ENGINEERING & SURVEY SERVICES
  ROADS
  WASTE MANAGEMENT
VETERANS' SERVICES...JOSE LOPEZ

Kern County Organizational Chart for Staffed Budget Units by Function of Primary Budget Unit



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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors
County of Kern
Bakersfield, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Kern, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County of Kern's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Kern, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of First 5 Kern, Kern County Hospital Authority, and Tejon Ranch Public Facilities Financing Authority, which represent 100% of the assets, net position and revenues of the discretely presented component units and the financial statements of Kern County Employees' Retirement Association, reported as a pension trust fiduciary fund, which represent 52% of assets, 52% of fund balance/net position and 9% of revenues/additions of the aggregate remaining fund information as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included for First 5 Kern, Kern County Hospital Authority, Tejon Ranch Public Facilities Financing Authority, and Kern County Employee Retirement Association are based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County of Kern and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 19 to the financial statements, effective July 1, 2024, the County of Kern adopted new accounting guidance, Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB Statement) No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County of Kern's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Kern's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County of Kern’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedules, schedules of the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability and the County’s contributions, and the schedules of the County’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability and the County’s contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County of Kern’s basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors’ report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2026, on our consideration of the County of Kern's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County of Kern's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County of Kern's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Irvine, California
June 26, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The management's discussion and analysis section of the County of Kern's (County) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) presents a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Users of these financial statements should read this section in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of the ACFR and the County's basic financial statements following this section. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

Financial Highlights

- At June 30, 2025, the County's total net position was $2,853,776. Of this total net position, $2,415,819, is attributed to net investment in capital assets, and $1,082,903, is restricted, which may be used for the County's ongoing obligations with external restrictions. (For additional information on Restricted Net Position see Note 17B.). The remaining balance of the total net position is a deficit balance of $644,946 representing the unrestricted net position.
- During the current fiscal year, the County's net position increased by $367,707. The County's net position increased by $315,008 for governmental activities and increased $52,699 for business-type activities.
- At June 30, 2025, the County's governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of 1,744,379, an increase of 8.32% compared to prior year's total ending fund balance. Approximately $1,729,793 or 99.16% is considered spendable fund balance. See further discussion in the Financial Analysis of the County's Governmental Funds section on page 20.
- At June 30, 2025, the spendable fund balance for the General Fund was $660,015 or 99.07% of the total fund balance of the General Fund.

Overview of the Basic Financial Statements

Management's discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements.

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all County's assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information illustrating how the County's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event takes place regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, some revenues and expenses are reported in the ACFR for some items that will only result in cash inflows and outflows in future fiscal years.

Both the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* distinguish between activities that are primarily financed with taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) and those that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges for services (business-type activities). The County's governmental activities include general government, public protection, public ways and facilities, health and sanitation, public assistance, education, and culture and recreation services. The County's business-type activities include the operation of seven airports, two sanitation districts, public transportation, three golf courses, solid waste disposal, and activities associated with waste pick-up for the more densely populated unincorporated areas of Bakersfield, Mojave, Rosamond, Buttonwillow, Lost Hills, and Taft. Although the Golf Courses, Sanitation Districts, Kern Asset Leasing Corporation, and County Service Areas are legally separate entities, in substance they are part of the County's operations and have been included as part of the County's governmental and business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 29 through 31 of the ACFR.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the County as a whole. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity designated to report information about groupings of related accounts that are used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions, or limitations. County's funds can be divided into three broad categories:

- Governmental funds
- Proprietary funds
- Fiduciary funds

Governmental funds are used to account for activities that are similar in nature to the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be used in evaluating Kern County's future financing requirements and available resources.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. This will allow readers to get a better understanding of the long-term impact of the County's future financing decisions. Both the governmental funds' balance sheet and the governmental funds' statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County reports eight major individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for each of the major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements located in the *Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules* section.

The County adopted an annual appropriated budget for all its major governmental funds. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided for these funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget and are included in the *Required Supplementary Information* section of the ACFR (debt service budgetary schedules are not required to be presented in these financial statements). Individual budgetary data for each of the budgeted non-major governmental funds is presented in the *Other Supplementary Information* section of the ACFR.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 34 through 39 of the ACFR.

Proprietary funds are reported in two ways: enterprise funds and internal service funds. Enterprise funds are reported as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County has the following enterprise funds: Airports, County Sanitation Districts, Golf Courses, Public Transportation, Waste Management, and Universal Collection. Internal service funds are used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary funds' financial statements provide separate information for Airports and Waste Management, which are major funds of the County. For presentation, all other enterprise funds are combined into a single, aggregated column, as well as the internal service funds. Individual fund data for the non-major enterprise funds and the internal service funds is provided in the combining statements of the ACFR.

The County uses the following internal service funds: General Liability, General Services - Garage, Group Health, Public Works, Retiree Group Health, Unemployment Compensation, and Workers' Compensation. Because such functions predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type activities, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

The proprietary funds basic financial statements are presented on pages 40 through of the ACFR.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the County government. Because fiduciary funds are presented separately, they do not appear in the government-wide financial statements. The resources of fiduciary funds are not available to support the County's own programs. Fiduciary funds are accounted for similar to proprietary funds.

The fiduciary fund basic financial statements are presented on pages 45 and 46 of the ACFR.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements are presented starting on page of the ACFR.

Table 1 - County of Kern's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	Total change
Current and other assets*	$ 2,304,642	$2,156,501	$ 166,946	$ 154,972	$ 2,471,588	$ 2,311,473	$ 160,115
Non current assets	39,046	25,715	15,732	3,473	54,778	29,188	25,590
Capital assets	2,379,042	2,300,785	298,579	264,082	2,677,621	2,564,867	112,754
Total assets	4,722,730	4,483,001	481,257	422,527	5,203,987	4,905,528	298,459
Total deferred outflows of resources	540,299	589,416	11,324	12,751	551,623	602,167	(50,544)
Current liabilities	247,224	260,888	20,375	12,816	267,599	273,704	(6,105)
Long-term liabilities	2,434,420	2,494,657	110,195	110,936	2,544,615	2,605,593	(60,978)
Total liabilities	2,681,644	2,755,545	130,570	123,752	2,812,214	2,879,297	(67,083)
Total deferred inflows of resources*	75,165	113,255	14,455	16,275	89,620	129,530	(39,910)
Net position							
Net investment in capital assets	2,128,013	2,049,326	287,806	258,003	2,415,819	2,307,329	108,490
Restricted*	1,079,217	870,823	3,686	3,368	1,082,903	874,191	208,712
Unrestricted (deficit)	(701,010)	(716,532)	56,064	33,880	(644,946)	(682,652)	37,706
Total net position, as restated*	$ 2,506,220	$2,203,617	$ 347,556	$ 295,251	$ 2,853,776	$ 2,498,868	$ 354,908

*During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the County restated its beginning net position due a change in accounting principle. The County implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, resulting in a change in accounting principle and a restatement of beginning net positions to reflect the cumulative effect of the new standards as of July 1, 2024. Further details are disclosed in Note 19. of the financial statements.

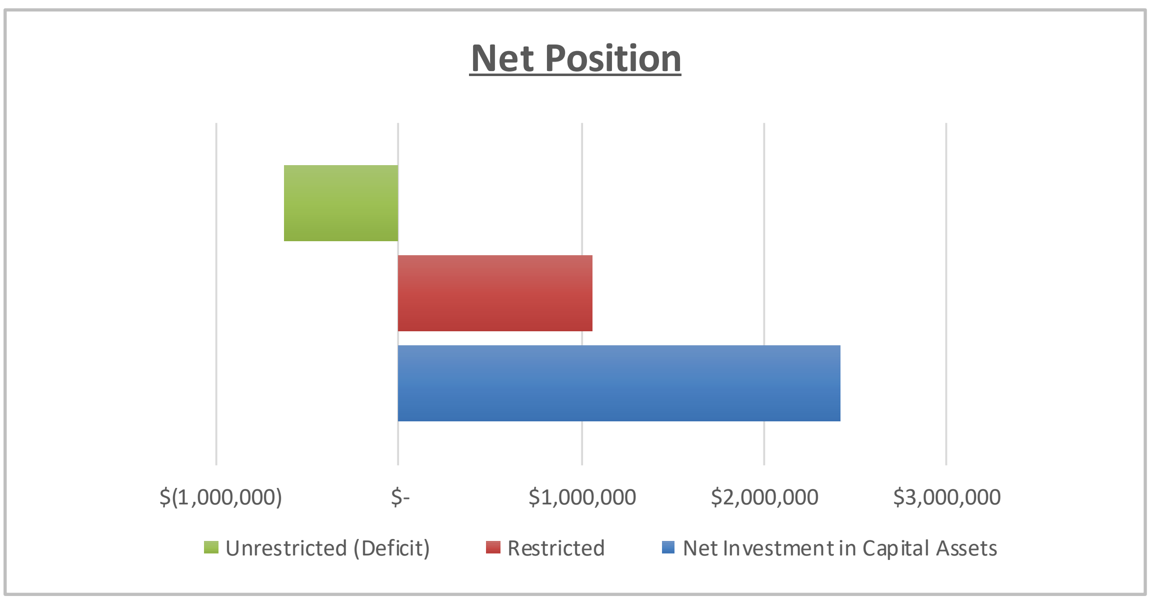
As noted earlier, net position may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position over time. At June 30, 2025, the County's total assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $2,853,776.

Net Investment in Capital Assets
The County's largest portion of total net position is the net investment in capital assets of $2,415,819. The net investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, roads, machinery and equipment, intangibles, and construction in progress, less accumulated depreciation and amortization and any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens, and, as a result, these assets are not available for future spending. Because the net investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, and since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate the debt liabilities, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources.

The increase in net investment in capital assets of $108,490, or 4.70%, was the result of capital acquisitions, disposals, depreciation and amortization, and retirement of related long-term debt. In most cases, the disposals of capital assets have no effect on the change in net investment in capital assets, since assets are not typically disposed of until the end of their useful life and would carry no book value when net of associated depreciation or amortization. The largest increase in capital asset activity was in construction in progress. The increase was primarily due to the Coroner Facility construction, the purchase of Fire Engines and Helicopter that are in the process of being outfitted, and various Roads infrastructure projects. Depreciation and Amortization of $100,003 was the biggest reduction to net investment in capital assets.

Restricted Net Position
Of the County's total net position, $1,082,903 is restricted, which represents external restrictions on how these resources may be used. The major portion of the restricted resources, $867,302, is reserved for public protection, public assistance, and health & sanitation. The total restricted balance increased by $208,712, predominantly from the increase of $39,692 for the restricted portion of the net OPEB asset. Historically, the County has had a net OPEB liability.

Unrestricted Net Position
The remaining balance of net position represents the unrestricted resources, which has a deficit balance of $644,946. This deficit balance is largely due to the inclusion of the long-term debt specifically for the unfunded portions of the pension liability. In the current fiscal year, unrestricted net position increased by $37,706, or 5.52%; this change is due to the current year debt payments and the reductions of the net liabilities from the pension and OPEB actuarial reports.



The table below shows a summary of the governmental and business-type activities for the Statement of Activities.

Summary of Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Primary Government		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	Total Change
Revenues							
Program revenues:							
Charges for services	$ 419,453	$ 364,030	$ 149,698	$ 137,645	$ 569,151	$ 501,675	$ 67,476
Operating grants & contributions	1,414,648	1,405,102	11,611	7,689	1,426,259	1,412,791	13,468
Capital grants & contributions	21,294	14,807	11,177	1,713	32,471	16,520	15,951
General revenue:							
Property taxes	356,335	339,900	1	-	356,336	339,900	16,436
Aircraft taxes	162	176	-	-	162	176	(14)
Sales and uses taxes	193,093	174,571	-	-	193,093	174,571	18,522
Transient occupancy taxes	3,864	3,704	-	-	3,864	3,704	160
Transfer taxes	5,813	4,306	-	-	5,813	4,306	1,507
Other taxes	1,250	1,145	-	-	1,250	1,145	105
Propety taxes in lieu of motor vehicle taxes	135,933	133,097	-	-	135,933	133,097	2,836
Unrestricted investment earnings	104,137	64,061	8,760	5,019	112,897	69,080	43,817
Miscellaneous	37,693	8,077	30	-	37,723	8,077	29,646
Total revenues	2,693,675	2,512,976	181,277	152,066	2,874,952	2,665,042	209,910
Expenses							
General government	183,742	163,753	-	-	183,742	163,753	19,989
Public protection	850,367	754,825	-	-	850,367	754,825	95,542
Public ways and facilities	70,227	43,994	-	-	70,227	43,994	26,233
Health and sanitation	487,139	422,214	-	-	487,139	422,214	64,925
Public assistance	739,718	703,461	-	-	739,718	703,461	36,257
Education	13,924	10,808	-	-	13,924	10,808	3,116
Culture and recreation services	1,398	887	-	-	1,398	887	511
Interest on short and long-term debt	31,293	27,069	-	-	31,293	27,069	4,224
Airport	-	-	12,277	10,388	12,277	10,388	1,889
County sanitation districts	-	-	3,813	4,604	3,813	4,604	(791)
Golf courses	-	-	312	400	312	400	(88)
Public transportation	-	-	15,279	7,078	15,279	7,078	8,201
Universal collection	-	-	26,590	24,732	26,590	24,732	1,858
Waste management	-	-	71,166	65,926	71,166	65,926	5,240
Total expenses	2,377,808	2,127,011	129,437	113,128	2,507,245	2,240,139	267,106
Excess (deficiency) over (Under) expenses before transfers	315,867	385,965	51,840	38,938	367,707	424,903	(57,196)
Transfers	(859)	(782)	859	782	-	-	-
Gain from sale of capital assets	-	430	-	-	-	430	(430)
Change in net position	315,008	385,613	52,699	39,720	367,707	425,333	(57,626)
Beginning net position, as restated	2,191,212	1,818,004	294,857	255,531	2,486,069	2,073,535	412,534
Ending net position	$2,506,220	$2,203,617	$ 347,556	$ 295,251	$ 2,853,776	$ 2,498,868	$ 354,908

*See page 16 for explanation

Governmental Activities

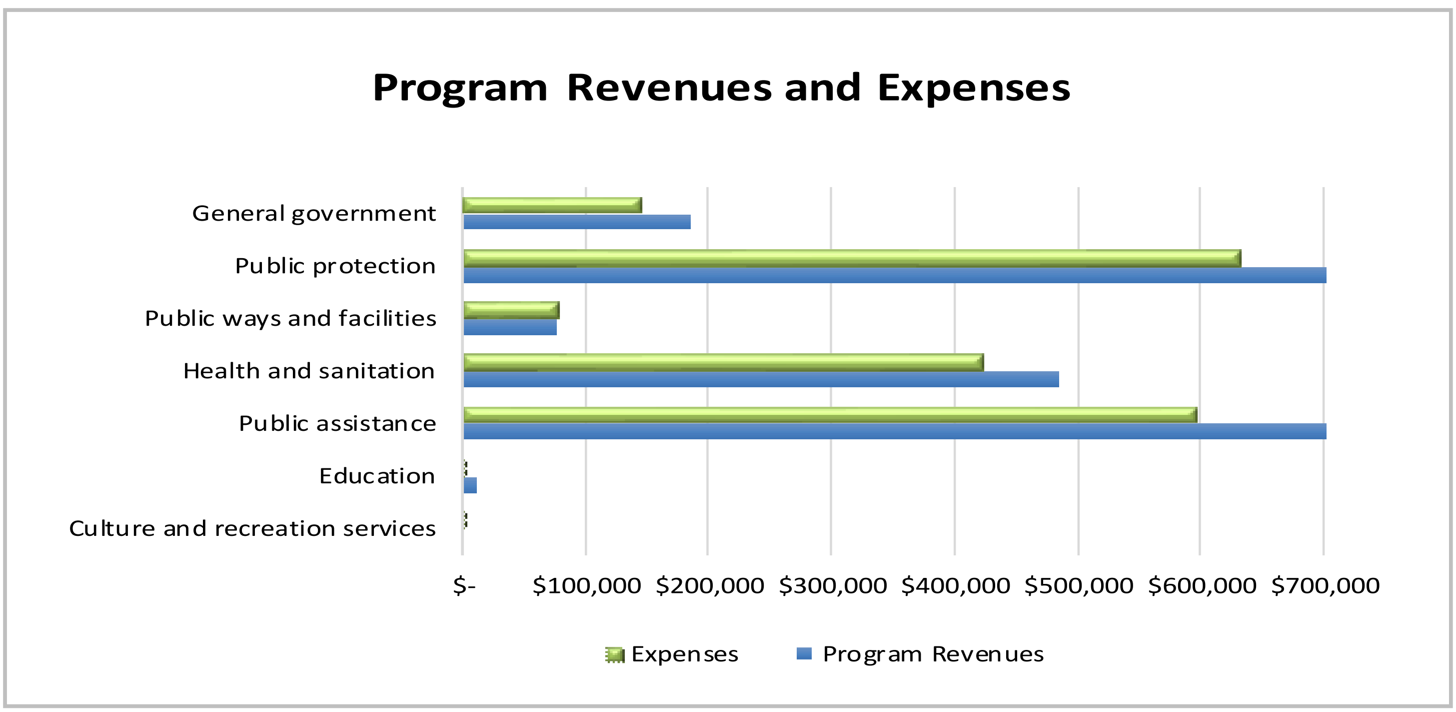
The Governmental activities increased the County's net position by $315,008 for the year ended June 30, 2024:

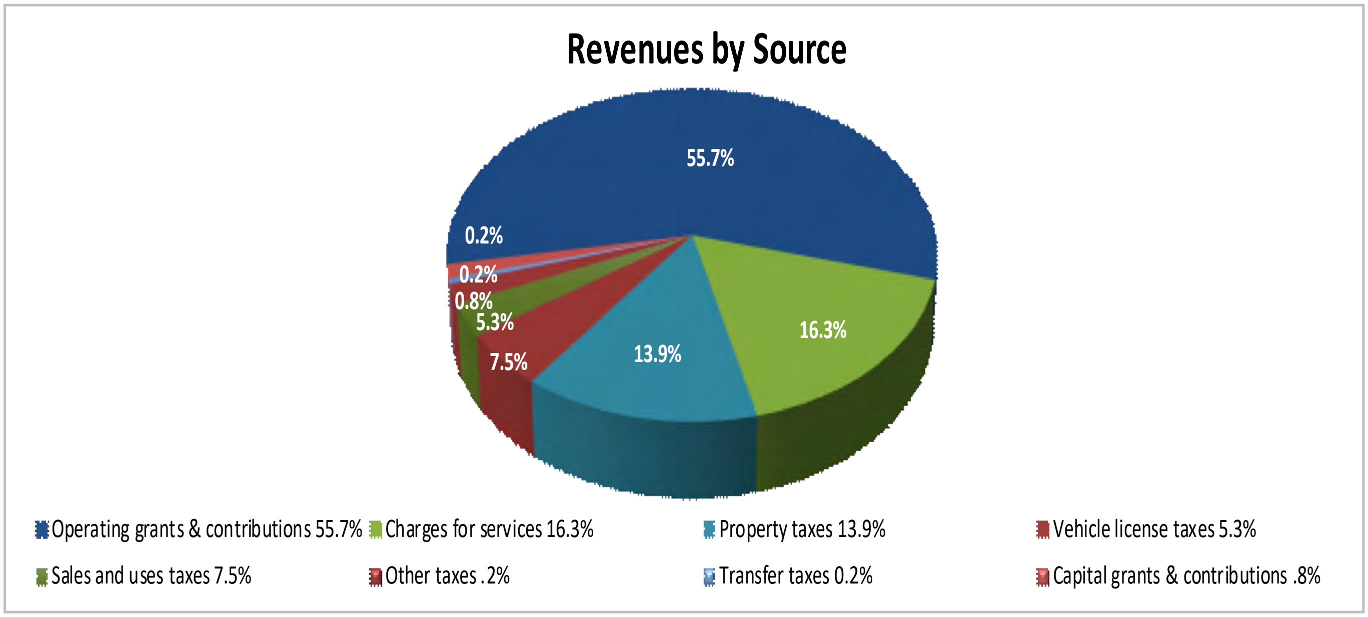
- Total revenues increased by $180,699, or 7.19%; the largest increase in revenues of $9,546 was from program revenues for operating grants and contributions and the largest increase in revenues of $84,441 was from Charges for Services provided by the County such as Medi-Cal Patient Fees, Fire Cost Reimbursements, and Franchises Fees.

- As an arm of the State government, operating grants and contributions serve multiple programs, representing 52.52% of the County's total revenue for governmental activities, and are tied to the mandated services such as public assistance, public health, and mental health. Funding levels for these revenue sources increased by 0.68% from the prior year.

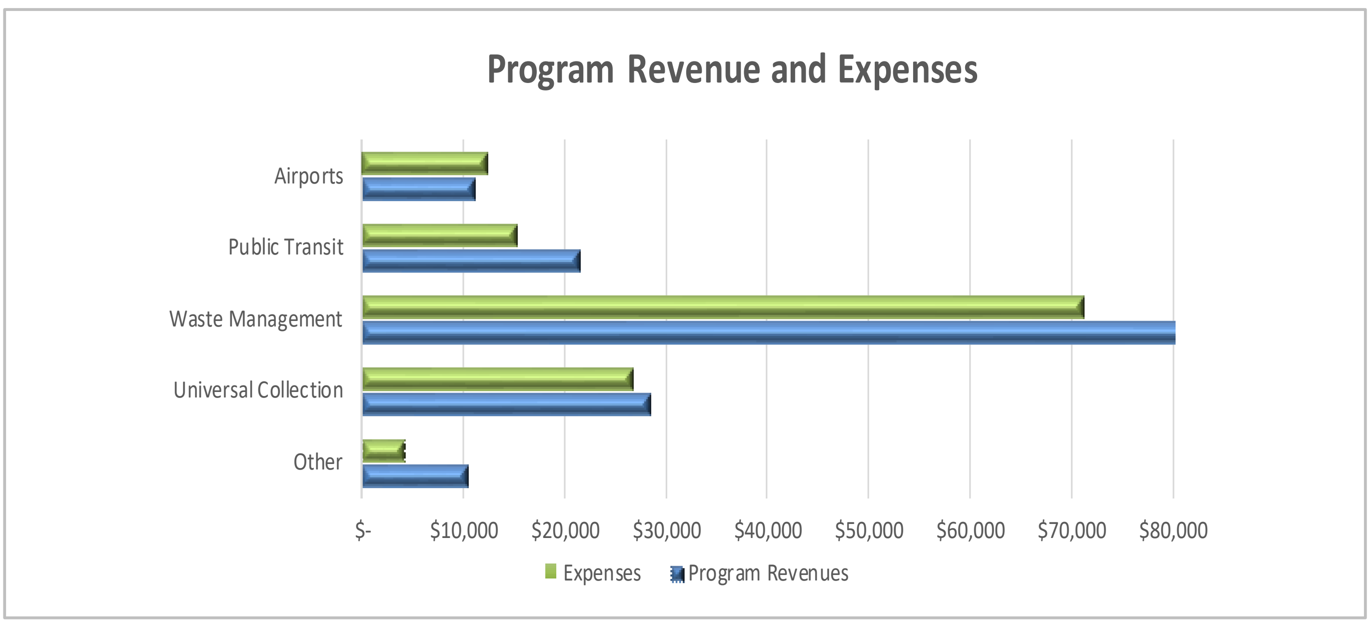
- Taxes and investment earnings that are generated locally provide the Board of Supervisors (Board) with most of its discretionary spending power. The changes are primarily due to the following:
  - Property Tax revenues increased by $16,435, or 4.84%, from prior year due to an increase in property values.
  - Sales Taxes revenues increased by $18,522 primarily due to an increase in collection of taxes from measure K and other local sales taxes.
  - Investment Earnings revenues increased by $40,076, or 62.56%, from prior year due to an increase in interest rates.

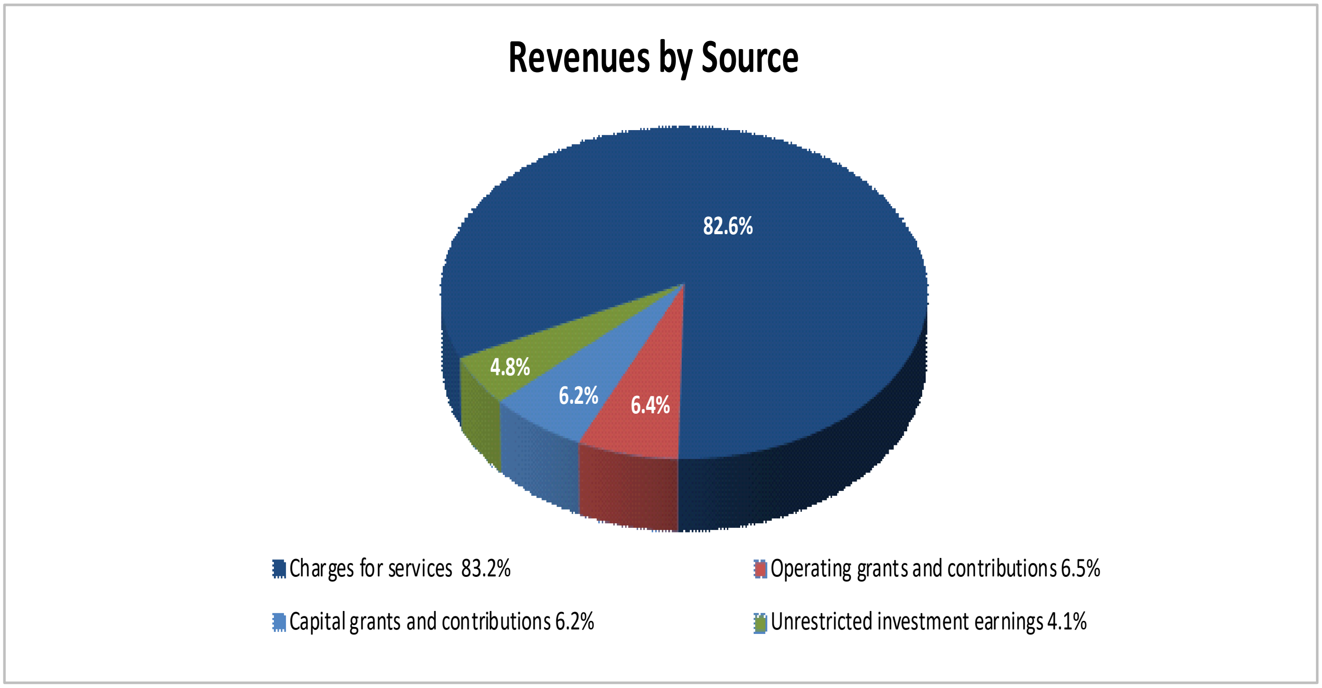
- Total expenses increased by $250,797, or 11.79%, from prior year largely due to the increase to the governmental portion of the net pension liability, which gets allocated to functional expenses at the government-wide level. The increase in Health & Sanitation came from additional expenses for Behavioral Health & Recovery Services. The increase in Public Protection resulted primarily from an increase in salaries and wages.





Business-type Activities
Business-type activities' total net position increased the County's net position by $52,699. Charges for Services increased by $12,053 due to higher sewer and universal collection fees, higher bin fees and gate fees. Expenses in the government–wide business-type activities increased $16,309, or 14.42% due to increase in services and supplies from Waste, Universal Collection, and Public Transportation. In addition, Waste, County Sanitation Districts, and Airports had increases in depreciation expense.





Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Governmental Funds

The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. Particularly, total fund balance less the non-spendable portion may serve as a useful measure of the County's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At June 30, 2025, the County's governmental funds reported total fund balances of $1,744,379, an increase of 8.32% compared to prior year's total ending fund balance. Approximately $1,729,793, or 99.16%, of total fund balance is spendable fund balance, which is a useful measure of the County's resources available for spending in subsequent periods. Spendable fund balance is broken out into the following categories: Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. These categories identify allowable usage of fund balance. The remaining balance of fund balance is non-spendable. Non-spendable fund balance indicates that it is not available for spending because it is either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At June 30, 2025, spendable fund balance of the General Fund was $660,015. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be helpful to compare both spendable fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Spendable fund balance represents 99.07% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 69.12% of total General Fund expenditures. The General Fund reported an increase in Fund Balance of 11.39% or $68,118 due to an increase in Sales and Use local taxes, revenue collected from property taxes, and an increase in interest revenue for investment due to an increase in interest rates.

The fund balances for other governmental funds increased by $67,301, or 6.57% compared to prior year's total ending fund balances. The following major governmental funds had significant changes in fund balance:

- Behavioral Health - Fund balance increased by $40,553, or 21.57%, to a total of $228,524 due to an increase in revenue collected for Medi-Cal Patient fees and reimbursements for State Aid for CalAim.
- Community Development – Fund balance decreased by $(408), or 72.73%, to a total of $153. The decrease is

due to a decrease in federal funding for community development pograms.

- Coronavirus Relief – Fund balance increased by $2,623, or 50.66%. The increase in fund balance is mainly due to a significant decrease in expenses related to the Emergency Rental Assistance program.
- County Local Revenue Fund – Fund balance decreased by $(18,970) or 9.82%. The decrease is due to an increase in transfers related to community corrections, adoption assistance, and realignment.

The following other governmental funds had significant changes in fund balance:

- Detention & Correction – Fund balance increased by $5,409, or 20.97%, to a total of $31,204. The increase in fund balance is due to an increase revenue for the Juvenile Justice realignment block grant.
- Judicial – Fund balance increase by $6,984 or 19.57% due to an increase in revenue for the half percent tax for public safety.
- Property Management – Fund balance increased by $1,086 or 21.39% due to a increase in revenue related to charges for services.
- Public Assistance - Fund balance decrease by $12,166 or 45.75% due to a decrease in revenue related to the workforce innovation and opportunity pogram. In addition, there was an increase in transfers out related to wraparound funds.

Proprietary Funds
The proprietary funds provide similar information to the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The enterprise funds' total net position increased by $56,455, or 17.70%. The net position of Airports increased by $805, Waste Management increased by $38,225.

- Airports net position increased by $805 or 0.71%. The increase was mainly due to and increase in interest revenue from investments, and an increase in Federal Aid for construction various ongoing capital projects.
- The Waste Management's net position increased by $38,225 or 31.70%. The increase was due on various factors operating expenses remain fairly consistent to prior years while operating revenue increased for various sources such as revenue collected from property taxes, Gate Fees, Waste Bin fees, interest revenue from investments, and the largest increased was due to a grant from the State for the construction of the Shafter Compost Facility.

General Fund Budgetary Variances

The difference between the General Fund's original budget and final budget includes appropriations that rolled over from the prior year and increases in supplemental appropriations. The County also adjusted for mid-year identification of any resource shortfall by adjusting appropriations down. The supplemental appropriations increases were from unanticipated revenue sources received throughout the year. All functions, except for Contingencies and Reserves, came in under budget due to various reasons, with the core reason being departments' conservative spending. Significant variances are briefly summarized as follows:

- Increase in total General Government appropriations of $82,047 includes prior year appropriations that consisted of major maintenance and capital project these funds aimed at revitalizing parks and other infrastrucutre. Appropriations increased due to the receipt of unanciticipated revenues from property taxes, sales taxes, and vehicle license fee in lieu revenues. These funds were allocated to key County priorities, including professional services, opioid remediation efforts, and utilities.
- Increase in total Public Protection appropriations of $21,079 includes additional appropriations to reimburse Sheriff's department for cost associated with bonuses paid to sworn staff for recruitment and retention, as well as to cover expenses related to hosting deputy training academies.
- Increase in total Health and Sanitation appropriations of $5,689 are due to unanticipated revenue from a one-time payment of sales and use tax revenues. These funds were allocated to cover costs associated with inmate medical care and the behavioral health substation.

Significant variances between the General Fund's final budget and actual on the budgetary basis are as follows:

- Franchises revenues exceeded initial projections, primarily due to franchise fee surcharges assessed on companies such as PG&E, Southern California Edison, and AES Corporation.
- Investment earnings increased primarily as a result of higher interest rates.
- Other revenues increased primarily due to the Tejon Gaming Authority settlement and state funding received for the Citizen Redistricting Commission.
- Tax revenue was higher than expected due to an increase in taxes collected from the 1% local sales tax, and Measure K sales tax.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Table 3 - The County's Gross Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	Total Change
Land	$ 37,874	$ 34,088	$ 37,130	$ 37,020	$ 75,004	$ 71,108	$ 3,896
Land improvements	-	-	77,143	76,965	77,143	76,965	178
Land acquisition in progress	-	-	-	86	-	86	(86)
Construction in progress	192,582	132,040	57,971	27,168	250,553	159,208	91,345
Works of art	80	60	178	198	258	258	-
Infrastructure	922,053	897,207	155,576	155,039	1,077,629	1,052,246	25,383
Structures and improvements	639,337	645,376	93,354	92,776	732,691	738,152	(5,461)
Equipment	292,201	268,467	72,611	58,433	364,812	326,900	37,912
Intangible	1,180,141	1,180,191	8,903	8,903	1,189,044	1,189,094	(50)
Subscription assets	69,655	39,285	323	271	69,978	39,556	30,422
Lease assets	167,102	165,750	79	178	167,181	165,928	1,253
Total	$ 3,501,025	$ 3,362,464	$ 503,268	$ 457,037	$ 4,004,293	$ 3,819,501	$ 184,792

The County's gross capital assets total $4,004,293 at June 30, 2025 as illustrated in Table 3. Total net capital assets which include land, land improvements, land acquisition in progress, construction in progress, works of art, infrastructure, structures and improvements, equipment, intangibles, subscription assets, lease assets, depreciation, and amortization is $2,677,621 as detailed in Note 6 in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

The major capital assets events during the current fiscal year include the following:

- Construction in Progress – Road’s construction increased by $32,722 and completed projects to the amount of $25,025. In addition, there was an increase of $28,932 related to the Coroner Facility construction project.
- Infrastructure – The Roads Department had several completed infrastructure projects in the current fiscal year. The total infrastructure additions by Roads were $25,025 and by Waste fund were $1,088.
- Lease and Subscription assets - There was an increase in lease assets of $5,267 and an increase in subscription assets of $31,386 due to the County implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning system which would be reported as a subcription asset with Workday for Kern360.

Additional information regarding the County’s capital assets is reported in Note 6 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2025, the County's long-term debt is $2,361,102, which is mainly comprised of Certificates of Participation (COP) (secured by the County's lease rental payments), tobacco asset backed bonds, net pension liability, and Pension Obligation Bonds. The remaining long-term liabilities include other bonds payable, finance purchase agreements, lease liabilities, SBITA liabilities, various loans payable, pollution remediation obligations, closure/post closure liabilities, compensated absences, and net OPEB liability.

The County has no general obligation debt. The COP and bonds are insured by different companies and have Standard and Poor's (S&P) ratings of A+ through AA.

Additional information regarding the County's long-term debt can be found in Note 9 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Table 4 - The County's Outstanding Debt

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government		
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	Total Change
Compensated absences	$ 106,927	$ 87,962	$ 3,501	$ 3,199	$ 110,428	$ 91,161	$ 19,267
Finance purchase	14,960	18,191	-	-	14,960	18,191	(3,231)
Certificates of participation	54,581	58,994	-	-	54,581	58,994	(4,413)
Tobacco - asset backed bonds	43,308	49,219	-	-	43,308	49,219	(5,911)
Bonds payable - Energy conservation bonds	346	685	-	-	346	685	(339)
Loans payable	28,867	31,023	1,230	1,825	30,097	32,848	(2,750)
Pension obligation bonds (2003)	13,785	22,115	222	356	14,007	-	-
Pension obligation bonds (2008)	42,285	42,285	682	682	42,967	42,967	-
Lease liability	116,023	123,832	36	9	116,059	123,841	(7,782)
SBITA liability	33,734	20,892	136	169	33,870	21,061	12,807
Pollution remediation	-	-	8,347	8,196	8,347	8,196	151
Landfill closure liability	-	-	36,851	35,485	36,851	35,485	1,366
Post-closure liability	-	-	21,084	19,594	21,084	19,594	1,490
Net pension liability	1,797,028	1,861,381	37,169	40,910	1,834,197	1,902,291	(68,094)
Total	$ 2,251,844	$ 2,316,579	$ 109,258	$ 110,425	$ 2,361,102	$ 2,427,004	$ (65,902)

The Economy plays a significant role in the County's ability to provide services to the public. There are several factors that the County considers and monitors to ensure that a balanced budget is adopted, including employment levels, housing market and the state and national economy. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 $4.5 billion adopted budget invests in public safety invests in public safety, health, and social services. With the use of State and Federal funds, the budget allocated funds to improve roads, enhance behavioral health and substance abuse use services, and provide increased social services and support to the most vulnerable County residents.

The following factors were considered in developing the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget:

- The County's FY 2025-26 estimated total net assessed value is $129 billion, an increase of $3.2 billion, or 2.6% from FY 2024-25. Since 2014, the County's total assessed valuation has increased 31.7%, or 2.70% per year.
- This year's budget continues to invest in public safety, and the Sheriff-Coroner's office recommended budget reflects continued investment to public safety workforce with an increase in salaries and benefits, and continues to support workforce retention and expansion.
- The Fire Department will receive an notable investment provided by the CAL FIRE cooperative agreement to enhance staffing efficiency and improve coverage during peak wildfire seasons The County will allocate resources in order to increase staffing that will support opeartions at the fire station serving the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon.
- The County continues to focus on homelessness through the M street Navigation Center, the Safe Camping and Parking Project, and the development of a non-congregate housing facility with wraparound services. This facility consists of 50 tiny homes with community rooms and shared bathrooms. The county will continue to invest in strategies and partnerships to address this complex issue impacting our community
- For FY 2025-26, Sales and Use Tax is budgeted at $2 million less than the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget. Actual collections in FY 2024-25 totaled $111.6 million, which was $31.5 million more than anticipated. The additional collections include one-time use tax receipts from improvements made around utility projects, several long-awaited payments that were received, and economic activity.
- In FY 2025-26 the property tax related revenue is budgeted at $12.5 million, or %3.5 higher than FY 2024-25. The increase is mainly due to the 2.57% Assessed value growth in FY 2025-26. Improvements in the residential market and changes in ownership increased by 4.02% or $5 billion in the assessed value of real property. However, oil and gas propert value decreased significantly by 12.32%, reducing their value to $11,.2 billion. Oil and gas value now accounts for only %9 of the total assessed valuation compared to a high of 35.1% in FY 2012-13.
- The allocation of Net General Fund Cost (NGFC) reflects a strategy to manage County resources while maintaining a prudent level of reserves. This year's NGFC allocation also incudes enhancement of services for residents of unincorporated communities using Measure K funds. Investments are in the categories of public safety, education, homelessness and economic development. The total countywide costs reflect a net county cost increase of 15.6 million. This amount includes the allocation of $55.7 million of Measure K. Additionally, one-time year-end fund balance carryforward is allocated to Capital and Major Maintenance Projects, Appropriations for Contingencies and reserves, and reserves and designations for budget FY 2025-26.

Requests for Information

The ACFR is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have any questions about the ACFR or need additional financial information, contact Ms. Aimee X. Espinoza, Kern County Auditor- Controller-County Clerk at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301, (661) 868-3599 or visit the website at www.auditor.co.kern.ca.us.

The County includes three discretely presented component units in the government-wide financial statements, First 5 Kern, Tejon Ranch Public Facilities Financing Authority, and Hospital Authority. The operations of these component units are not considered to be significant in relation to the overall operations of the primary government and have not been included in this Management's Discussion & Analysis. Complete financial statements of the individual component units can be obtained from First 5 Kern located at 2724 L Street, Bakersfield, California 93301; Tejon Ranch Public Facilities Financing Authority (Tejon Ranch PFFA) located at P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243; and Hospital Authority office located at 1700 Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-Wide Financial Statements

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT			DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL	
ASSETS				
Current and other assets				
Cash and investments	$ 1,757,530	$ 174,842	$ 1,932,372	$ 16,433
Other cash and investments	-	-	-	63,494
Revolving fund cash	464	14	478	3
Restricted cash and investments	44,263	-	44,263	-
Receivables, net	363,668	17,740	381,408	321,338
Housing loans receivable	67,566	-	67,566	-
Housing loans interest receivable	22,947	-	22,947	-
Prepaid expenses	675	-	675	7,683
Deposits with others	7,252	-	7,252	-
Inventories	10,445	-	10,445	5,555
Due from other agencies	1,603	-	1,603	-
Internal balances	27,326	(27,326)	-	-
Lease receivables	903	13,487	14,390	-
Investment in joint venture	-	3,275	3,275	-
Net OPEB asset	39,046	646	39,692	2,173
Capital assets not being depreciated	1,397,420	103,363	1,500,783	18,216
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	981,622	195,216	1,176,838	88,778
Total assets	4,722,730	481,257	5,203,987	523,673
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred charge on refunding	5,231	17	5,248	482
Deferred pension	513,241	10,946	524,187	105,894
Deferred OPEB	21,827	361	22,188	1,720
Total deferred outflows of resources	540,299	11,324	551,623	108,096

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT			DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL	
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	100,964	18,815	119,779	37,654
Accrued interest payable	8,025	133	8,158	2,212
Unearned revenue	74,600	1,143	75,743	-
Deposits from others	-	147	147	-
Salaries and employee benefits payable	52,934	137	53,071	19,870
Due to other agencies	10,701	-	10,701	-
Long-term liabilities:				
Due within one year:				
Long-term debt	17,113	741	17,854	3,348
Lease liability	14,390	9	14,399	3,221
SBITA liability	8,924	85	9,009	764
Compensated absences	70,572	2,345	72,917	7,772
Closure, post closure, pollution remediation	-	1,004	1,004	-
Liability for self insurance	32,294	-	32,294	4,415
Due after one year:				
Certificates of participation	50,201	-	50,201	-
Bonds and notes	91,081	770	91,851	-
Other long-term liabilities	-	-	-	119,410
Loans payable	39,737	622	40,359	-
Accrued interest	58,088	937	59,025	7,408
Lease liability	101,633	27	101,660	5,759
SBITA liability	24,810	52	24,862	831
Compensated absences	36,355	1,156	37,511	17,856
Closure, post closure, pollution remediation	-	65,278	65,278	-
Liability for self insurance	92,194	-	92,194	9,395
Net pension liability	1,797,028	37,169	1,834,197	331,776
Total liabilities	2,681,644	130,570	2,812,214	571,691
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred housing payments	456	-	456	-
Deferred pension	37,330	793	38,123	21,283
Deferred OPEB	36,517	604	37,121	3,483
Deferred inflows - lease inflows	862	13,058	13,920	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	75,165	14,455	89,620	24,766
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	2,128,013	287,806	2,415,819	96,867
Restricted(Note 17B):				
Capital projects	35,549	-	35,549	-
General government	48,407	-	48,407	-
Public protection	353,991	-	353,991	-
Public ways & facilities	86,669	-	86,669	-
Health and sanitation	344,351	-	344,351	-
Public assistance	168,960	-	168,960	-
Education	455	-	455	-
Culture and recreation services	1,789	-	1,789	-
Net OPEB asset	39,046	646	39,692	2,173
Other purposes	-	-	-	6,550
Investment in Joint Venture	-	3,040	3,040	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(701,010)	56,064	(644,946)	(70,278)
Total net position	$ 2,506,220	$ 347,556	$ 2,853,776	$ 35,312

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

		PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION			
			OPERATING	CAPITAL	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT			DISCRETELY
		CHARGES FOR	GRANTS AND	GRANTS AND	GOVERNMENTAL	BUSINESS-TYPE		PRESENTED
FUNCTION/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	SERVICES	CONTRIBUTIONS	CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES	TOTAL	COMPONENT UNITS
Primary Government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	$ 183,744	$ 114,041	$ 15,758	$ 13,790	$ (40,155)	$	$ (40,155)	
Public protection	850,367	152,958	477,826	-	(219,583)		(219,583)	
Public ways and facilities	70,227	4,219	71,920	-	5,912		5,912	
Health and sanitation	487,139	134,895	279,251	7,504	(65,489)		(65,489)	
Public assistance	739,718	11,959	569,893	-	(157,866)		(157,866)	
Education	13,924	1,201	-	-	(12,723)		(12,723)	
Culture and recreation services	1,398	180	-	-	(1,218)		(1,218)	
Interest on short and long-term debt	31,291	-	-	-	(31,291)		(31,291)	
Total governmental activities	2,377,808	419,453	1,414,648	21,294	(522,413)		(522,413)	
Business-type activities:								
Airport	12,277	8,135	655	2,320		(1,167)	(1,167)	
County sanitation districts	3,813	8,553	1,452	-		6,192	6,192	
Golf courses	312	396	-	39		123	123	
Public transportation	15,279	12,814	8,398	166		6,099	6,099	
Universal collection	26,590	28,315	-	-		1,725	1,725	
Solid waste	71,166	91,485	1,106	8,652		30,077	30,077	
Total business-type activities	129,437	149,698	11,611	11,177		43,049	43,049	
Total primary government	$ 2,507,245	$ 569,151	$ 1,426,259	$ 32,471	$ (522,413)	$ 43,049	$ (479,364)	
COMPONENT UNITS:								
Discretely presented component units	$ 607,753	$ 327,647	$ 308,110	$ -				$ 28,004
General revenue:								
Taxes:								
Property taxes					$ 356,335	$ 1	$ 356,336	$ -
Aircraft taxes					162	-	162	-
Sales and uses taxes					193,093	-	193,093	-
Transient occupancy taxes					3,864	-	3,864	-
Transfer taxes					5,813	-	5,813	-
Other taxes					1,250	-	1,250	7,569
Property taxes in lieu of motor vehicle taxes					135,933	-	135,933	-
Other governmental revenue								
Unrestricted investment earnings					104,137	8,760	112,897	1,339
Miscellaneous					37,693	30	37,723	385
Transfers					(859)	859	-	-
Special items					-	-	-	(12,435)
Total general revenues, transfers and special item					837,421	9,650	847,071	(3,142)
Change in net position					315,008	52,699	367,707	24,862
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported					2,203,617	295,251	2,498,868	10,450
Restatement of Beginning Net Position - Note 19					(12,405)	(394)	(12,799)	-
Net position - July 1, 2024, as restated - Note 19					2,191,212	294,857	2,486,069	10,450
Net position, June 30, 2025					$ 2,506,220	$ 347,556	$ 2,853,776	$ 35,312

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund Financial Statements

KERN COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF KERN
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL FUND	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CORONAVIRUS RELIEF	COUNTY LOCAL REVENUE FUND
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Assets:					
Pooled cash and investments	$ 564,101	$ 221,790	$ 693	$ 71,495	$ 171,154
Revolving fund cash	331	3	-	-	-
Cash and investments deposited with trustee	-	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	495	133	-	68	-
Taxes receivable	44,204	-	-	-	-
Lease receivables	903	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	1,074	305	-	-	-
Accrued revenue	65,905	55,900	360	-	44,782
Due from other funds	85,353	11,558	-	1	-
Due from other agencies	461	357	-	-	-
Housing loans receivable	-	-	51,992	-	-
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	18,757	-	-
Deposits with others	136	5,212	-	-	-
Inventory - materials and supplies	1,514	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 764,477	$ 295,258	$ 71,802	$ 71,564	$ 215,936
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$ 30,917	$ 25,780	$ 836	$ 1,685	$ 1
Salaries and employee benefits payable	25,605	5,313	-	-	-
Due to other funds	13	2,094	64	5,625	41,721
Unearned revenue	7,068	1,269	-	56,453	-
Due to other agencies	9,025	664	-	-	-
Total liabilities	72,628	35,120	900	63,763	41,722
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	70,749	-	-
Deferred lease proceeds	862	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - property tax	18,283	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - reimbursements	-	31,614	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - other	6,471	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	25,616	31,614	70,749	-	-
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	6,218	-	-	-	-
Restricted	20,966	228,524	153	7,801	174,214
Committed	33,955	-	-	-	-
Assigned	364,693	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	240,401	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	666,233	228,524	153	7,801	174,214
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 764,477	$ 295,258	$ 71,802	$ 71,564	$ 215,936

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	KERN COUNTY TOBACCO FUNDING CORP.	STRUCTURAL FIRE	NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Assets:					
Pooled cash and investments	$ 37,666	$ -	$ 75,781	$ 488,870	$ 1,631,550
Revolving fund cash	101	-	3	25	463
Cash and investments deposited with trustee	-	8,537	-	35,726	44,263
Interest receivable	23	-	22	228	969
Taxes receivable	-	-	3,924	423	48,551
Lease receivables	-	-	-	-	903
Accounts receivable, net	247	-	12,899	739	15,264
Accrued revenue	87,218	-	-	44,571	298,736
Due from other funds	15,213	-	258	20,381	132,764
Due from other agencies	-	-	-	785	1,603
Housing loans receivable	-	-	-	15,574	67,566
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	-	4,190	22,947
Deposits with others	-	-	-	-	5,348
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	1,764	6,604	9,882
Total assets	$ 140,468	$ 8,537	$ 94,651	$ 618,116	$ 2,280,809
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$ 7,163	$ -	$ 7,132	$ 21,936	$ 95,450
Salaries and employee benefits payable	8,007	-	8,621	2,350	49,896
Due to other funds	50,468	-	2	33,988	133,975
Unearned revenue	9,636	-	-	176	74,602
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	680	10,369
Total liabilities	75,274	-	15,755	59,130	364,292
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	-	19,764	90,513
Deferred lease proceeds	-	-	-	-	862
Unavailable revenue - property tax	-	-	3,036	903	22,222
Unavailable revenue - reimbursements	-	-	-	-	31,614
Unavailable revenue - other	18,019	-	2,384	53	26,927
Total deferred inflows of resources	18,019	-	5,420	20,720	172,138
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	-	-	1,764	6,604	14,586
Restricted	47,175	8,537	69,922	335,065	892,357
Committed	-	-	-	30,841	64,796
Assigned	-	-	1,790	167,441	533,924
Unassigned	-	-	-	(1,685)	238,716
Total fund balances	47,175	8,537	73,476	538,266	1,744,379
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 140,468	$ 8,537	$ 94,651	$ 618,116	$ 2,280,809

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

COUNTY OF KERN
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Total fund balances - governmental funds		$ 1,744,379
The OPEB asset recorded in governmental activities is not current financial resources; therefore, the OPEB asset is not reported in the governmental funds.		38,998
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources; therefore, the capital assets are not reported in the governmental funds.		2,374,781
Unavailable revenues are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds, but are recognized when earned in governmental activities.		170,821
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources are reported in the Statement of Net Position, but are not recognized in the governmental funds:		
Deferred charge on refunding	5,231	
Deferred OPEB - Outflow	21,800	
Deferred OPEB - Inflow	(36,472)	
Deferred Pension - Outflow	512,957	
Deferred Pension - Inflow	(37,307)	466,209
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the cost of fleet maintenance, employee benefits, personal injury, and retiree health insurance benefits to individual funds. The assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.		27,762
Accrued interest expense does not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, it is not accrued as a liability in the governmental funds.		(66,055)
Long-term liabilities applicable to the governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as governmental fund liabilities. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the Statement of Net Position:		
Pension obligation bonds	(56,021)	
Bonds payables	(39,655)	
Certificate of participation	(52,220)	
Net unamort. premium/discount on LTD	(6,358)	
Finance purchases	(14,960)	
Lease liability	(116,023)	
SBITA Liability	(33,734)	
Loans payable	(28,867)	
Compensated Absences	(106,885)	
Net Pension Liability	(1,795,952)	(2,250,675)
Net position of governmental activities		$ 2,506,220

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

KERN COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL FUND	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	CORONAVIRUS RELIEF	COUNTY LOCAL REVENUE FUND
Revenues:					
Taxes	$ 550,964	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Licenses, permits, and franchises	23,146	-	-	-	-
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	15,022	-	-	-	-
Revenue from use of money and property	49,267	10,080	25	5,513	3,261
Aid from other governmental agencies	255,338	170,445	7,879	6,800	283,777
Charges for current services	120,303	109,600	-	-	-
Other revenues	9,520	1,371	-	-	-
Total revenues	1,023,560	291,496	7,904	12,313	287,038
Expenditures:					
General government	178,466	-	-	-	-
Public protection	561,319	-	-	-	3,573
Public ways and facilities	-	-	-	-	-
Health and sanitation	94,222	356,326	-	-	-
Public assistance	19,184	-	6,071	9,690	-
Education	12,024	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	78,927	3,035	-	-	-
Debt service:					
Principal	17,859	3,415	-	-	-
Interest	1,921	339	-	-	-
Total expenditures	963,922	363,115	6,071	9,690	3,573
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	59,638	(71,619)	1,833	2,623	283,465
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	244,726	113,485	-	-	-
Transfers out	(262,082)	(2,555)	(2,241)	-	(302,435)
Leases Issued	2,847	1,218	-	-	-
SBITAS Issued	22,989	24	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	8,480	112,172	(2,241)	-	(302,435)
Net change in fund balances	68,118	40,553	(408)	2,623	(18,970)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	598,115	187,971	561	5,178	193,184
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 666,233	$ 228,524	$ 153	$ 7,801	$ 174,214

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	KERN COUNTY TOBACCO FUNDING CORP.	STRUCTURAL FIRE	NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Revenues:					
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 129,110	$ 4,290	$ 684,364
Licenses, permits, and franchises	-	-	3,530	16,916	43,592
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	-	-	129	5,389	20,540
Revenue from use of money and property	1,158	424	3,918	23,291	96,937
Aid from other governmental agencies	380,448	-	6,210	288,961	1,399,858
Charges for current services	620	-	75,769	21,588	327,880
Other revenues	2,824	7,504	6,440	25,437	53,096
Total revenues	385,050	7,928	225,106	385,872	2,626,267
Expenditures:					
General government	-	523	-	6,879	185,868
Public protection	-	-	227,123	48,033	840,048
Public ways and facilities	-	-	-	46,801	46,801
Health and sanitation	-	-	-	17,971	468,519
Public assistance	645,249	-	-	53,279	733,473
Education	-	-	-	-	12,024
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	42	42
Capital outlay	3,033	-	30,808	53,845	169,648
Debt service:					
Principal	5,836	5,645	626	14,910	48,291
Interest	1,244	2,248	56	22,992	28,800
Total expenditures	655,362	8,416	258,613	264,752	2,533,514
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(270,312)	(488)	(33,507)	121,120	92,753
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	254,125	-	35,503	95,442	743,281
Transfers out	(3,902)	-	(4,696)	(166,552)	(744,463)
Leases Issued	1,094	-	1,030	259	6,448
SBITAS Issued	46	-	45	1	23,105
Total other financing sources (uses)	251,363	-	31,882	(70,850)	28,371
Net change in fund balances	(18,949)	(488)	(1,625)	50,270	121,124
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	66,124	9,025	75,101	487,996	1,623,255
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 47,175	$ 8,537	$ 73,476	$ 538,266	$ 1,744,379

COUNTY OF KERN
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 121,124
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:		
Expenditures for capital assets, right-to-use, and other related capital asset adjustments	173,651	
Less: current year depreciation and amortization	(84,182)	
Retirement of capital assets	(12,078)	77,391
Issuance of long-term debt provides current resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increased long-term liabilities in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position.		
Leases Issued	(6,448)	
SBITAS Issued	(23,105)	(29,553)
Governmental fund revenues that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds. Revenue in the Statement of Activities is not limited by availability and has been included in the Statement of Activities:		
Changes in unavailable property tax revenue	12,084	
Change in unavailable reimbursement and other revenue	51,351	63,435
Repayment of debt principal are expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position:		
Principal repayments:		
Pension obligation bonds	8,322	
Certificates of participation	4,160	
Finance Purchases	3,231	
Lease Principal Payments	14,258	
Tobacco - asset backed bonds	5,645	
SBITA Principal Payments	10,251	
Bonds Payable	339	
Loans Payable	2,157	48,363
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, they are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Change in accrued interest payable	(2,448)	
Change in compensated absences	(6,592)	
Change in other post-employment benefits oblig.	12,001	
Change in pension expense	52,356	55,317
Premiums, discounts, and losses and associated with the issuance of long-term debt are included in governmental funds, but deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities:		
Amortization of bond premiums	519	
Amortization of losses on refunding	(555)	(36)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the cost of certain activities to individual funds. The net expense of certain activities of the internal service funds is reported within governmental activities.		(21,033)
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ 315,008

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KERN COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES				GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
	AIRPORTS	SOLID WASTE	NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTAL	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Pooled cash and investments	$ 19,585	$ 103,349	$ 51,908	$ 174,842	$ 125,981
Revolving fund cash	1	13	-	14	1
Interest receivable	13	58	29	100	91
Accounts receivable, net	498	3,985	213	4,696	56
Accrued revenue	176	1	5,706	5,883	-
Lease receivables	1,478	3	195	1,676	-
Due from other funds	-	68	871	939	776
Prepaid items and other assets	-	-	-	-	675
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	563
Total current assets	21,751	107,477	58,922	188,150	128,143
Noncurrent assets:					
Taxes receivable	-	3,035	4,028	7,063	-
Deposits with others	-	-	-	-	1,904
Investment in joint ventures	-	-	3,275	3,275	-
Lease receivables	11,244	4	563	11,811	-
Net OPEB asset	97	469	80	646	48
Capital and Lease Assets:					
Non-depreciable					
Land	11,017	25,258	855	37,130	-
Works of art	178	-	-	178	-
Construction in progress	7,733	37,147	13,091	57,971	255
Intangibles	-	8,084	-	8,084	-
Depreciable					
Structures and improvements	59,531	15,428	18,395	93,354	-
Land improvements	-	77,143	-	77,143	-
Buildings - rights to use	-	79	-	79	-
Equipment	3,369	42,912	26,331	72,612	8,446
Intangible	-	535	284	819	1,807
Infrastructure	102,597	27,951	25,029	155,577	-
Subscription Assets	-	120	203	323	188
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(82,650)	(85,741)	(36,300)	(204,691)	(6,435)
Total noncurrent assets	113,116	152,424	55,834	321,374	6,213
Total assets	134,867	259,901	114,756	509,524	134,356
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred amount on refunding	17	-	-	17	-
Deferred pensions	963	8,328	1,655	10,946	284
Deferred OPEB	54	262	45	361	27
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,034	8,590	1,700	11,324	311

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	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES				GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
LIABILITIES	**AIRPORTS**	**SOLID WASTE**	**NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS**	**TOTAL**	**INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS**
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$ 3,609	$ 9,963	$ 5,253	$ 18,825	$ 5,507
Salaries and employee benefits payable	137	-	-	137	3,039
Deposits from Others	-	-	147	147	-
Due to other funds	-	301	148	449	55
Current portion of long-term debt	625	95	21	741	7
Lease liability	-	9	-	9	-
SBITA liability	-	20	64	84	-
Interest payable - current	30	85	18	133	7
Current portion of compensated absences	198	1,810	337	2,345	28
Current portion of closures, post closure, & pollution liabilities	-	1,004	-	1,004	-
Current portion of liability for self-insurance	-	-	-	-	32,295
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	-	332
Unearned revenue	-	41	1,102	1,143	-
Total current liabilities	4,599	13,328	7,090	25,017	41,270
Non current liabilities:					
Loans payable	622	-	-	622	-
Compensated absences payable	98	892	166	1,156	14
Long-term liability for self insurance	-	-	-	-	92,194
Long-term debt - pension obligation bonds	99	549	122	770	42
Long-term - interest payable	121	668	148	937	51
Long-term lease liability	-	27	-	27	-
SBITA liability	-	51	-	51	-
Pollution remediation obligation	-	8,047	-	8,047	-
Post closure liability	-	20,530	-	20,530	-
Closure liability	-	36,701	-	36,701	-
Net pension liabilities	3,231	27,860	6,078	37,169	1,076
Total non current liabilities	4,171	95,325	6,514	106,010	93,377
Total liabilities	8,770	108,653	13,604	131,027	134,647
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred lease proceeds	12,287	6	765	13,058	-
Deferred pensions	69	594	130	793	23
Deferred OPEB	91	438	75	604	45
Total deferred inflows of resources	12,447	1,038	970	14,455	68
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	97,352	144,082	46,372	287,806	4,106
Restricted					
Deposits - ISF	-	-	-	-	1,519
Investment in joint ventures	-	-	3,040	3,040	-
OPEB asset	97	469	80	646	48
Other Restricted	-	-	6,198	6,198	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	17,235	14,249	46,192	77,676	(5,721)
Total net position	$ 114,684	$ 158,800	$ 101,882	$ 375,366	$ (48)
Cumulative adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service funds activities related to enterprise funds				(27,810)	
Net position - business-type activities				$ 347,556	

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COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES				GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
	AIRPORTS	SOLID WASTE	NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTAL	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
Operating revenues:					
Charges for current services	$ 1,004	$ 90,290	$ 37,464	$ 128,758	$ 281,211
Revenue from use of money and property	5,555	61	204	5,820	-
Other revenues	9	776	1,440	2,225	783
Miscellaneous	-	-	30	30	-
Total operating revenues	6,568	91,127	39,138	136,833	281,994
Operating expenses:					
Salaries and employee benefits	3,444	-	-	3,444	75,916
Services and supplies	2,881	60,521	42,726	106,128	44,113
Claims Incurred	-	-	-	-	185,122
Other charges	330	108	40	478	10,263
Depreciation and amortization	5,418	7,270	2,364	15,052	769
Total operating expenses	12,073	67,899	45,130	125,102	316,183
Operating income (loss)	(5,505)	23,228	(5,992)	11,731	(34,189)
Non-operating revenues (expenses):					
Taxes and assessments	1,564	1	10,549	12,114	-
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	2	332	357	691	-
Licenses, permits and franchises	-	-	47	47	-
Interest on bank deposits and investments	1,020	5,187	2,595	8,802	8,085
Aid from other governmental agencies	655	9,758	10,016	20,429	928
Other revenues	-	-	-	-	116
Interest expense	(90)	(263)	(53)	(406)	(19)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(20)	(18)	(133)	(171)	(50)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses), Net	3,131	14,997	23,378	41,506	9,060
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	(2,374)	38,225	17,386	53,237	(25,129)
Capital contributions	2,320	-	39	2,359	21
Transfers in	859	-	-	859	9,768
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	(9,445)
Change in net position	805	38,225	17,425	56,455	(24,785)
Net position, as previously reported July 1,2024	113,931	120,888	84,486	319,305	24,742
Change in accounting principle - Note 19	(52)	(313)	(29)	(394)	(5)
Net position - July 1, 2024, as restated - Note 19	113,879	120,575	84,457	318,911	24,737
Net position, June 30, 2025	$ 114,684	$ 158,800	$ 101,882	375,366	$ (48)

Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service funds activities related to enterprise funds	(3,756)
Change in net position - business-type activities	52,699

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COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES				GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
	AIRPORTS	SOLID WASTE	NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTAL	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Cash received for current services	$ 2,123	$ 90,528	$ 34,986	$ 127,637	$ 282,266
Cash received for use of property	5,555	61	203	5,819	-
Cash received for other operations	10	777	30	817	789
Cash paid for services and supplies	(4,033)	(60,759)	(42,539)	(107,331)	(44,093)
Cash paid for other charges	(327)	(108)	(37)	(472)	(10,259)
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	(3,268)	(313)	(30)	(3,611)	(75,626)
Cash paid for reported claims	-	-	-	-	(182,634)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	60	30,186	(7,387)	22,859	(29,557)
CASH FROM NON CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Cash received from licenses and permits	-	1	46	47	-
Cash received from taxes and special assessments	1,564	-	10,548	12,112	-
Cash received from other funds	859	-	-	859	323
Aid from other governmental agencies	655	9,754	9,825	20,234	1,043
Fines, Forfeitures and penalties	2	332	357	691	-
Principal paid on pension obligation bonds	(17)	(96)	(21)	(134)	(7)
Interest paid on pension obligation bonds	(52)	(233)	(47)	(332)	(16)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	3,011	9,758	20,708	33,477	1,343
CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Acquisition or construction of capital assets	(3,576)	(30,902)	(9,848)	(44,326)	(1,508)
Principal paid on capital debt	(594)	(17)	-	(611)	-
Interest paid on capital debt	(27)	-	-	(27)	-
Cash capital contributions	2,320	-	-	2,320	-
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(1,877)	(30,919)	(9,848)	(42,644)	(1,508)
CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Interest on bank deposits and investments	1,135	5,970	2,966	10,071	9,298
Investment in Joint Venture	-	-	(235)	(235)	-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,135	5,970	2,731	9,836	9,298
Net cash increase (decreases) in cash and cash equivalents	2,329	14,995	6,204	23,528	(20,424)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	17,257	88,367	45,703	151,327	146,407
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$ 19,586	$ 103,362	$ 51,907	$ 174,855	$ 125,983

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COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025
IN THOUSANDS

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES				GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
	AIRPORTS	SOLID WASTE	NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTAL	INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating Income (Loss)	$ (5,505)	$ 23,228	$ (5,992)	$ 11,731	$ (34,187)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:					
Depreciation and Amortization	5,418	7,270	2,364	15,052	769
Change in assets and liabilities:					
(Increase) decrease in Accounts Receivable	(87)	(1,137)	(133)	(1,357)	9
(Increase) decrease in inventory	-	-	-	-	41
(Increase) decrease in special assessment receivable	-	(415)	(1,761)	(2,176)	-
(Increase) decrease in accrued revenue	(154)	1,705	(3,561)	(2,010)	1,524
(Increase) decrease in lease receivables	1,359	86	(569)	876	-
(Increase) decrease in due from others	-	(24)	(842)	(866)	(410)
(Increase) decrease in net OPEB asset	(19)	(176)	(17)	(212)	-
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	40	(3,340)	4,718	1,418	107
(Increase) decrease in deposits with others	-	-	-	-	(65)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	341	952	1,131	2,424	(327)
Increase (decrease) in salaries & benefits payable	(38)	(313)	(30)	(381)	422
Increase (decrease) in due to others	-	208	41	249	326
Increase (decrease) in subscription liabilities	-	(23)	(11)	(34)	(14)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	(1,547)	(600)	328	(1,819)	(59)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	(51)	684	63	696	(25)
Increase (decrease) in provision for liability claims	-	-	-	-	2,490
Increase (decrease) in pollution remediation	-	151	-	151	-
Increase (decrease) in closure/post closure liability	-	2,856	-	2,856	-
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB liability	-	-	-	-	1
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	304	(926)	(3,117)	(3,739)	(159)
Total adjustments	5,565	6,958	(1,396)	11,127	4,630
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	$ 60	$ 30,186	$ (7,388)	$ 22,858	$ (29,557)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS					
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	19,585	103,349	51,908	174,842	125,981
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1	13	-	14	1
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 19,586	$ 103,362	$ 51,908	$ 174,856	$ 125,982

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COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PENSION TRUST FUND	INVESTMENT TRUST FUND	PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUND	CUSTODIAL FUND
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Cash and cash equivalents held in the pool	$ 27,199	$ 5,202,877	$ 11,257	$ 115,224
Receivables:				
Employee and employer contribution	19,899	-	-	-
Taxes for other governments	-	-	-	100,517
Interest and dividends	11,119	3,255	8	111
Sale of investments	57,282	-	-	-
Total receivables	88,300	3,255	8	100,628
Investments at fair value:				
Short-Term investment	601,693	-	-	-
Debt securities and bonds	1,214,938	-	-	-
Equities	2,499,761	-	-	-
Real estate investments	617,321	-	-	-
Alternative investments	1,652,078	-	-	-
Commodities	6,940	-	-	-
Collateral held for securities lending	184,622	-	-	-
Total Investments	6,777,353	-	-	-
Due from other agencies	-	-	-	7
Prepaid expenses	188	-	-	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	5,635	-	-	-
Total assets	6,898,675	5,206,132	11,265	215,859
Deferred outflows of resources - pensions	-	678	-	-
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	6,898,675	5,206,810	11,265	215,859
LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES				
Due to other agencies	-	25,631	-	129,225
Securities purchased	188,319	-	-	-
Collateral held for securities lent	184,622	-	-	-
Net pension liabilities	-	2,603	-	-
Other long-term liabilities	3,161	-	-	-
Total liabilities	376,102	28,234	-	129,225
Deferred inflows of resources - pensions	-	56	-	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	376,102	28,290	-	129,225
NET POSITION				
Pensions	6,522,573	-	-	-
Pool participants	-	5,178,520	-	-
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	-	-	11,265	86,634
Total net position	$ 6,522,573	$ 5,178,520	$ 11,265	$ 86,634

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COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PENSION TRUST FUND	INVESTMENT TRUST FUND	PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUND	CUSTODIAL FUND
ADDITIONS:				
Property tax collections	$ -	$ 1,323,886	$ -	$ 193,810
Other taxes and fees collected for other governments	-	95,172	-	10,407
Contributions:				
Employer	406,274	-	-	-
Plan member	74,699	-	-	-
Private contribution	-	7,576,435	4,467	229,642
Total contributions	480,973	7,576,435	4,467	229,642
Investment earnings:				
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	620,499	224,675	477	6,853
Interest, dividends, and other	93,947	277,596	684	61,997
Total investment earnings	714,446	502,271	1,161	68,850
Less investment cost:				
Investment activity costs	84,450	1,256	3	31
Net investment earnings	629,996	501,015	1,158	68,819
Total additions	1,110,969	9,496,508	5,625	502,678
DEDUCTIONS:				
Benefits paid to participants or beneficiaries	451,560	-	-	-
Administrative expenses	9,224	837	2	21
Distributions from pooled investments	-	7,557,959	6,469	384,987
Property tax distributions	-	1,542,815	-	152,507
Payments of taxes and fees to other governments	-	46,867	-	5,281
Total deductions	460,784	9,148,478	6,471	542,796
Change in net position	650,185	348,030	(846)	(40,118)
Net position, July 1, 2024	5,872,388	4,830,490	12,111	126,752
Net position, June 30, 2025	$ 6,522,573	$ 5,178,520	$ 11,265	$ 86,634

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COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	FIRST 5 KERN	KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	TEJON RANCH PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY	TOTAL DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 16,433	$ -	$ -	$ 16,433
Other cash and investments	-	28,833	34,661	63,494
Revolving fund cash	-	3	-	3
Receivables, net	1,601	319,735	2	321,338
Prepaid expenses	52	7,631	-	7,683
Inventories	-	5,555	-	5,555
Net OPEB asset	-	2,173	-	2,173
Capital assets, not depreciated	-	18,216	-	18,216
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	250	88,528	-	88,778
Total assets	18,336	470,674	34,663	523,673
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Deferred charge on refunding	-	-	482	482
Deferred pension	-	105,894	-	105,894
Deferred OPEB	-	1,720	-	1,720
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	107,614	482	108,096
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 2,781	$ 34,873	$ -	$ 37,654
Interest payable - current	-	957	1,255	2,212
Salaries and employee benefits payable	58	19,812	-	19,870
Long-term liabilities:				
Due within one year:				
Long-term debt	-	1,058	2,290	3,348
Lease liability	33	3,188	-	3,221
SBITA liability	-	764	-	764
Compensated absences	124	7,648	-	7,772
Self insurance liability	-	4,415	-	4,415
Due after one year:				
Long-term debt	-	6,092	113,318	119,410
Interest payable	-	7,408	-	7,408
Lease liability	188	5,571	-	5,759
SBITA liability	-	831	-	831
Compensated absences	10	17,846	-	17,856
Self insurance liability	-	9,395	-	9,395
Net pension liability	-	331,776	-	331,776
Total liabilities	3,194	451,634	116,863	571,691
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred pension	-	21,283	-	21,283
Deferred OPEB	-	3,483	-	3,483
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	24,766	-	24,766
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	29	96,838	-	96,867
Restricted:				
Net OPEB asset	-	2,173	-	2,173
Other Purposes	6,550	-	-	6,550
Unrestricted (deficit)	8,563	2,877	(81,718)	(70,278)
Total net position	$ 15,142	$ 101,888	$ (81,718)	$ 35,312

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COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	FIRST 5 KERN	KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	TEJON RANCH PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY	TOTAL DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
Program (expenses) revenues:				
Expenses	$ (10,318)	$ (591,971)	$ (5,464)	$ (607,753)
Program revenue				
Charges for current services	-	327,647	-	327,647
Operating grants and contributions	7,876	300,234	-	308,110
Net program (expenses) revenues	(2,442)	35,910	(5,464)	28,004
General Revenues:				
Special Assessments	-	-	7,569	7,569
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	586	185	568	1,339
Other Revenue	-	382	3	385
Total general revenues	586	567	8,140	9,293
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,856)	36,477	2,676	37,297
Fund Distribution	-	-	(12,435)	(12,435)
Net change in net position	(1,856)	36,477	(9,759)	24,862
Net Position, July 1, 2024	16,998	65,411	(71,959)	10,450
Net Position, June 30, 2025	$ 15,142	$ 101,888	$ (81,718)	$ 35,312

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The County of Kern (the County) was established April 2, 1866, as a legal subdivision of the State of California (the State) charged with general governmental powers. The County is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors (Board).

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present the County as the primary government and its component units, entities for which the County is considered financially accountable. Although legally separate entities, blended component units are in substance part of the County's operations; therefore, data from these units is combined with data of the County.

B. BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

Using the criteria of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 14 and No. 39, as amended by GASB Statements No. 61, No. 80, and No. 90, management has determined that the following component units should be blended:

County Service Areas (CSAs)
The County's Board serves as the governing body of the CSAs. Among the duties of the Board is to approve the CSAs' budgets, approve parcel fees, and appoint the management. The CSAs' component unit is reported in the governmental activities as a non-major governmental fund. Complete financial statements for County Service Areas may be obtained from the office of Kern County Public Works located at 2700 M Street, Bakersfield, California 93301.

Sanitation Districts
The County's Board serves as the governing body of the Sanitation Districts. The Board approves the budget and appoints the management of these entities, which are combined and reported as a non-major enterprise fund. Complete financial statements for Sanitation Districts may be obtained from the office of Kern County Public Works located at 2700 M Street, Bakersfield, California 93301.

County of Kern Asset Leasing Corporation (Kern Asset Leasing Corporation)
Although the Kern Asset Leasing Corporation has its own governing body, this component unit provides services exclusively to the County and is reported as a non-major governmental fund. This nonprofit entity is used to finance capital assets constructed through the Certificates of Participation (COP) Program. Equipment and construction costs related to proprietary funds are recorded within each appropriate enterprise fund, and any cash related to the COP is designated as deposits with trustee. See Note 9.B. The County of Kern Asset Leasing Corporation does not issue separate audited financial statements.

Kern County Tobacco Funding Corporation (the Corporation)
The Corporation is a separate legal nonprofit public benefit corporation created under California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. The Corporation was established to purchase tobacco settlement payments allocated to the County from the State, pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement concluded on November 23, 1998, between the major tobacco companies and 46 states, including California, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. Territories. For additional information regarding the sale by the County to the Corporation of all rights, title, and interest of the County to such monies see Note 18.C. The Corporation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of three members appointed by the County's Board. Complete financial statements for Kern County Tobacco Funding Corporation may be obtained from the Kern County Administrative Office located at 1115 Truxtun Ave, 5th Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301.

Kern Public Services Financing Authority
The Kern Public Services Financing Authority was originally established as a Joint Powers Authority with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools in 2003 to finance and construct the Southeast Community Services Center. The County took over the management of the property in 2010.

The fund is blended due to the Kern Public Services Financing Authority providing services directly to the County and it would be misleading to exclude the fund because of the County's nearly exclusive use of the building. The Kern Public Services Financing Authority does not issue separate audited financial statements.

C. DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS

The discretely presented component units column in the County's government-wide statements includes all current audited financial data of the County's discretely presented component units. They are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County. Using the criteria of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 39, as amended by GASB Statements No. 61 & No. 80, management has determined that the following component units should be discretely presented:

First 5 Kern
First 5 Kern was established under the State's California Children and Families Act. The Board enacted Ordinance G-6565, which created the Kern County Children and Families Trust Fund (Commission) and established the membership and Commission. The Board appoints a majority of the Commission and has the authority to replace all members. The Commission is responsible for allocating funds to local service providers for programs that promote, support, and improve the early development of children from prenatal through age five, and promote children's readiness to enter school. Complete financial statements for First 5 Kern may be obtained from the office of First 5 Kern located at 2724 L Street, Bakersfield, California 93301.

Kern County Hospital Authority (Hospital Authority) – Kern Medical
On September 26, 2014, Governor Edmund Gerald Brown approved Assembly Bill No. 2546 – Salas (AB 2546), which gave the Board the authority to establish, by ordinance, the Hospital Authority to manage, administer, and control Kern Medical. On October 6, 2015, the Board enacted Ordinance No. A-356, which added Chapter 2.170 to Title 2 of the Ordinance Code of the County creating the Hospital Authority. The purpose of the Hospital Authority is to provide access to affordable, high-quality health care services and to preserve and strengthen the viability of the health care safety net in the County in order to maintain and improve the health status of the people of the County through an organizational and operational structure that facilitates and improves Kern Medical's ability to function with flexibility, responsiveness, and innovation. On July 1, 2016, the County transferred ownership of Kern Medical and its employees to the Hospital Authority. The Board retained the right to approve certain actions and activities of the Hospital Authority including approving its budget as well as appointing its seven-member governing board. The Hospital Authority is discretely presented because its governing body is not substantially the same as the County's governing body, and it does not provide services exclusively to the County. The Hospital Authority issues a separate financial report that may be obtained from the Kern Medical office at 1700 Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93306.

Tejon Ranch Public Facilities Financing Authority (Authority)
The Authority, a not-for-profit governmental entity, was established as a Joint Powers Agreement between the County and the Tejon-Castac Water District under Articles 1-4 of Chapter 5, Division 7, and Title 1 of the Government Code of the State. The Authority is administered by a Board of Directors, of which three are appointed by the Board of the County, and two are members of the Tejon-Castac Water District. The County could impose its will upon the Authority; however, the Authority does not provide services to the County, qualifying the Authority to be discretely presented. The Authority was formed to establish Community Facilities Districts, the West District and the East District, and issue special tax bonds on behalf of those Districts. The Authority distributes funds to Tejon Industrial Corporation ("TIC") in certain years for reimbursement of planning, design, and construction costs for TIC's commercial project in Kern County. Fund distributions for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, amounted to $12,435. Financial statement requests can be made to the Authority's

Treasurer at P.O. Box 1000, Lebec, California 93243.

D. Fiduciary Component Unit

Kern County Employee's Retirement Association – KCERA
The County pension plan is administered by the Kern County Employee's Retirement Association (KCERA), which was established on January 1, 1945, and is administered by the Board of Retirement to provide service retirement, disability, death, and survivor benefits for employees of the County and participating districts. The Kern County Board of Supervisors and the governing boards of the participating districts adopt resolution, as permitted by the California State Government Code Section 31450 (County Employees' Retirement Law (CERL)), which affect the benefits of the KCERA members. KCERA is governed by the California Constitution; CERL; and the bylaws, policies and procedures adopted by the KCERA Board of Retirement. KCERA is reported in the Pension Trust Fund on the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Fuds of the basic financial statements and has been included because there is a financial benefit or burden relationship, and the County appoints a voting majority of the Board. KCERA issues its own Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that may be obtained online at KCERA.org or by writing to: KCERA at 11125 River Run Blvd., Bakersfield, California 93311. See note 10 for further disclosures related to the pension plan.

E. Related Organization

Housing Authority of the County of Kern (Housing Authority)
The Housing Authority is a legally separate entity from the County established by the Board under the Housing Authorities Law of the State. The Housing Authority consists of seven members, one member nominated by appointment by each Supervisor and two member tenants who are nominated by the Housing Authority and appointed by the Board. While the County's accountability does not extend beyond making appointments and no financial benefit/burden relationship exists, the Housing Authority is deemed to be a related organization. The Housing Authority issues a separate financial report that can be obtained by contacting the Housing Authority's Treasurer at 601 24th Street, Bakersfield, California 93301.

F. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements
Information relating to the primary government is displayed in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities on page 28 through 30. These statements include information regarding the financial statements, excluding the fiduciary activities. These statements distinguish between governmental activities and business-type activities of the County. Governmental activities are primarily supported by taxes and business-type activities strongly depend upon fees charged to external parties. Each type is presented separately.

In the government-wide financial statements, eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. In the Statement of Net Position, all internal balances have been eliminated, apart from those representing balances between the governmental activities and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total government column. In the Statement of Activities, direct expenses such as services provided and used are not eliminated, but internal service fund activity has been eliminated.

A comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the County and for each function of the County's governmental activities are presented in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses are allocated based on the County-wide Cost Allocation Plan, which allocates the cost of central service departments to service user departments. Program revenues include: 1) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular function or program. Revenues not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenue.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, it is County policy to use restricted resources first, and then use the unrestricted resources as needed.

Fund Financial Statements
The fund financial statements separately present three fund categories. The three fund categories that are presented are: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The emphasis of presenting these categories is to identify the major governmental and enterprise funds. The major funds are reported separately, and the remaining governmental and enterprise funds are reported aggregately and separately as non-major funds. Proprietary funds' operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. An exchange transaction is where two parties receive and give up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions. Proprietary funds' operating expenses, such as salaries and benefits or services and supplies, result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in relation to the proprietary funds' primary operations. Expenses that are not directly related to the proprietary funds' primary operations are reported as non-operating expenses.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Principal sources of revenue are taxes; licenses, permits and franchises; fines, forfeitures, and penalties; use of money and property; aid from other governmental agencies; and charges for current services. Primary expenditures are for general government; public protection; health and sanitation; public assistance; education; culture and recreation services; capital outlay; and debt service.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services accounts for developing and maintaining Countywide, client-centered, culturally competent mental health and substance use services for people suffering from a mental illness consistent with the provision of the California Mental Health Services Law. This special revenue fund is funded primarily through state and federal aid and mental health patient fees. Additionally, the special revenue fund also receives interest revenue and other miscellaneous revenue.

Community Development accounts for Federal Community Development Block Grants that are used to develop viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities for low and moderate-income individuals.

Coronavirus Relief accounts for Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) received as a result the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established to battle the coronavirus disease and its economic impacts. CRF revenues and necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency are recorded in this fund. Additionally, this fund also receives interest revenue.

County Local Revenue Fund accounts for sales tax revenues from the State's 2011 Realignment of public safety custodial responsibility of non-violent, non-sex, and non-serious offenders to local jails. Also, the State parole function was delegated to the County. In conjunction with the public safety realignment, the State also shifted full financial burden of many social service and mental health programs. The County was responsible for delivery of the social service and mental health programs before realignment but with the shift, the State no longer participates in the share of cost. Proceeds are split between Public Protection, Health and Sanitation, and Public Assistance.

Department of Human Services provides for direct financial assistance payments to eligible recipients. Public assistance programs administered by the Human Services Department are mandated by the State through the Welfare and Institution Code, as implementing legislation for the Federal Social Security Act. This special revenue fund is funded primarily through state-aid and receives interest revenue and other miscellaneous revenue.

The County has opted to report the following governmental funds as major funds:

Kern County Tobacco Funding Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation established to ensure and otherwise protect against the risk of a substantial decline in tobacco revenues and to assure a source of funding for County programs.

Structural Fire accounts for fire prevention, protection, and suppression services for structures and watershed areas; hazardous material control and incident response; emergency rescue and medical aid; and performance of arson investigations. This special revenue fund is funded primarily through property taxes for fire protection and charges for services. Other revenues include aid from other governments, public protection state sales tax, and licenses and permits.

The County reports the following major enterprise funds:

Airports, headquartered at Meadows Field Airport in Bakersfield, comprises the financing requirements for administration, maintenance, and operation of the County's six airports located in Bakersfield, Buttonwillow, Poso, Taft, Kernville, and Wasco.

Solid Waste accounts for the operation, engineering, planning, and regulatory compliance activities associated with the County's Solid Waste Disposal System.

The County reports the following additional fund types:

Internal Service Funds account for services furnished to other County departments and are financed primarily by charges for such services. Internal service funds account for fleet services, public works, and self-insurance programs such as group health, retiree group health, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and personal injury and property damage.

Fiduciary funds include all Trust and Custodial funds, which account for assets held by the County as a trustee or as a custodian for individuals or for other government units.

The County reports the following fiduciary funds:

Pension (and Other Employee Benefit) Trust Funds account for the activities of KCERA pension plan which accumulate resources for pension benefit payments to qualified beneficiaries and the County deferred compensation plans available to eligible employees which are discussed further in Note 18.

The **Investment Trust Funds** are made up of funds for school districts, self-governed special districts, state trial court and other investment trusts. The County schools' operating, and debt service funds are grouped in this fund. The County is responsible for numerous self-governed special districts. Cash and investments are administered by the County Treasurer, and the Auditor-Controller-County Clerk makes disbursements upon the request of the responsible district officers.

The **Private-Purpose Trust Funds** are funds held by the County to report trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit other governments. These funds report the assets, liabilities, and activities of various successor agencies and conservatorships.

The **Custodial Fund** contains amounts held by the County in a custodial capacity for individuals or other government units.

G. Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, proprietary funds, and all fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The fiduciary and proprietary funds are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are earned, and expenditures are recorded when they are incurred, regardless of when the cash is collected. Non-exchange transactions occur when an entity gives or receives value without giving or receiving the same value in return. An example of a non-exchange transaction would be property and sales taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis of accounting, property tax revenue is recognized in the fiscal year the taxes are levied. Revenues from donations, entitlements, and grants are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligible requirements have been fulfilled.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Using this method, revenue is recorded when it is measurable and available. Property and sales taxes are considered available if collected within 60 days after the end of the accounting period. Interest and charges for services are accrued when their receipt occurs within 90 days after the end of the accounting period. The County considers voluntary non-exchange transactions, such as federal and state grants, available if received within 9 months after the end of the accounting period. All revenues must be both measurable and available. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures related to claims and judgments, and compensated absences are only recorded when payment is due. In governmental funds, general capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures. Proceeds from general long-term debt and finance purchases are reported as other financing sources.

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the cost of certain activities, such as fleet management and the self-insurance programs. Both the assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in Governmental Activities of the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Net Position. The internal service funds' profit or loss is allocated to the function or program that benefits from the internal service funds' activity. The County does this by reviewing the usage and apportioning the cost and profit to the funds responsible.

H. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents
All amounts reported to be cash and cash equivalents represent cash or short-term, highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of acquisition.

Investments
Investments in the County Treasurer's pooled investments are reported at fair value. Interest earnings are distributed to all participating funds based on their average daily balance within the pool. The unrealized increase or decrease in the fair value of the investments have been recognized.

Interfund Receivables and Payables
Transactions between funds with outstanding balances at fiscal year-end are referred to as "due to" or "due from" other funds with long-term balances referred to as "advances to" or "advances from" other funds. The outstanding balances at year-end result from either the time lag in reimbursement from one fund to another or from a lending/borrowing arrangement. See Note 5 for a detailed reconciliation of interfund transactions. These internal balances have been eliminated in the government-wide statements.

Property Taxes
All jurisdictions within the State derive their taxing authority from the State Constitution and various legislative provisions contained in the California Government Code and Revenue and Taxation Code. Property is assessed at 100% of full cash or market value (with some exceptions) pursuant to Article XIII of the California State Constitution and statutory provisions by the County Assessor and the State Board of Equalization. The total 2024 - 2025 net assessed valuation of the County was $125,905,011. The property tax levy to support general operations of the various jurisdictions is limited to one percent (1%) of full cash value and is distributed in

accordance with statutory formulas. Amounts needed to finance the annual requirements of voter-approved debt are excluded from this limitation and are calculated separately and levied each fiscal year. The rates are formally adopted by the Board after approval of city councils or the governing boards of special districts, where applicable. Property taxes are levied on both real and personal property. Secured property taxes are levied on or before the first business day of September of each year and become a lien on real property on March 1 proceeding the fiscal year for which taxes are levied. These tax payments can be made in two equal installments; the first is due on November 1 and delinquent with penalties after December 10; the second is due on February 1 and delinquent with penalties after April 10.

Secured property taxes, which are delinquent if unpaid as of June 30, are declared to be tax defaulted and are subject to redemption penalties, costs, and interest when paid. If the delinquent taxes are not paid at the end of five years, the property may be sold at public auction. The proceeds are used to pay the delinquent amounts due, and any excess is remitted, if claimed, to the taxpayer. Unsecured personal property taxes are not a lien against real property. These taxes are due on March 1 and become delinquent if unpaid by August 31. In 1983, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 813, which requires County Assessors to appraise property and issue an assessment when new construction is completed or a change in ownership occurs. The supplemental assessment will reflect the change in value for the remainder of the property tax year. Tax bills for these new tax liens are issued throughout the fiscal year and contain various payments and delinquent dates but are generally due within one year. If the new tax liens are lower, the taxpayer receives a tax refund rather than a tax bill.

Inventory - Materials and Supplies
Inventories in the General Fund, Roads and Structural Fire, Special Revenue Funds, and the Garage and Public Works Internal Service Funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. Inventories are valued at average cost. The consumption method is used to account for inventories. Under the consumption method of accounting, inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Reported inventories are categorized as non-spendable fund balance as required by GASB Statement No. 54 because these amounts are not available to spend.

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Capital Assets

Capital assets are tangible and intangible assets, which include structures and improvements, equipment, intangibles (software, rights of way/easements, right-to-use), infrastructure assets (roads, street lighting, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), lease assets, and subscription assets are reported under the governmental or business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. For an asset to be considered a capitalized asset, it must exceed $5 for equipment and software; $50 for structures, infrastructures, and all other intangible types, and must have an estimated useful life of at least two years. Intangible assets are amortized based on estimated useful life and will vary by item. All purchased capital assets are valued at cost, and donated capital assets are valued at their estimated acquisition value on the date donated.

The costs of maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. As projects are constructed, major capital outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Equipment	5 - 15 years
Computer Equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 25 years
Software	15 years
Infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, bike paths, other improvements)	5 - 50 years
Structures and Improvements	20 - 60 years
Lease Assets	2 - 54 years
Subscription Assets	2 - 23 years

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Pursuant to GASB Statements No. 63 and No. 65, the County recognizes deferred outflows and inflows of resources. A deferred outflow of resources represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods. A deferred inflow of resources represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods.

Compensated Absences

The county recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over the subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled during or upon separation from employement. Based on the criteria listed, two types of leave qualify for liability recognition for compensated absences - *vacation* and *sick leave*. The liability for compensated absences is reported as incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for compensated absences is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability hads matured because of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compesanted absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

Vacation:

The County's Policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits, which are eligible for payment at the employee's current pay rate upon separation from employment.

Sick Leave:

The County's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave. All sick leave lapses when employees leave the employ of the County and, upon separation from service, no monetary obligation exists. However, a liability for estimated value of sick leave that will be used by employees as time off is included in the liability for compensated absences.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The County has entered into various subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs). The County recognizes a subscription liability and a subscription asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of $5 or more.

At the commencement of a SBITA, the County initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of subscription payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of subscription payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for payments made to the SBITA vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, plus capitalizable initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the underlying information technology asset.

Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected SBITA payments to present value, (2) SBITA term, and (3) SBITA payments.

The County uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor is not provided, the County uses the State and Local Government Series daily rate as the incremental borrowing rate established by the US Treasury as the discount rate for SBITAs.

The subscription term includes the period during which the County has a noncancellable right-to-use the underlying information technology assets. Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of fixed payments, payments for penalties for terminating the SBITA, and any other payment to the SBITA vendor associated with the SBITA contract that are reasonably certain of being required based on assessment of all relevant factors.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITA and will remeasure the subscription asset and subscription liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liability.

Subscription assets are reported with capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and subscription liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Leases

Lessee: The County is a lessee for a noncancellable lease of equipment, land, and structures. The County recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of $5 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

The County uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County uses the State and Local Government Series daily rate as the incremental borrowing rate established by the US Treasury as the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Lessor: The County is a lessor for noncancellable building leases. The County recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the County initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

The County uses the State and Local Government Series daily rate as the incremental borrowing rate established by the US Treasury as the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

Long-Term Obligations
In the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the appropriate governmental activities or proprietary funds statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable premium or discount.

Pension Plan
For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County's pension plan with Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA) pension plan and additions to or deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by KCERA. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Other Post-Employment Benefits
For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability (asset), deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County's OPEB plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to or deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS). For this purpose, the OPEB Plan recognized benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Equity
In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned classifications based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on how specific amounts can be spent.

Non-spendable fund balance – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – amounts with constraints placed on the use of the resource that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority (the Board of Supervisors). An ordinance code is used by the Board to commit fund balance.

Assigned fund balance – amounts that are constrained by the County's *intent* to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent can only be expressed by the Board through the signing and approving of contracts and agreements.

Unassigned fund balance – the residual classification for the County's General Fund that includes amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if total fund balance is exceeded by expenditures.

The Board establishes, modifies, or rescinds fund balance commitments and assignments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is done through adoption of the budget and subsequent budget amendments that occur throughout the year.

When various levels of restricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, followed by the committed, assigned, and then unassigned resources as they are needed. The County does not have a fund balance policy that would dictate the level of financial resources required to be in the funds at year-end. The County also does not have a formal fiscal stabilization policy.

I. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

J. ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

GASB 101 - *Accounting for Compensated Absences*:

In June 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB statement No. 101, Accounting for Compensated Absences. This statement establishes a unified model for the recognition and measurement of liabilities for compensated absences and amends certain disclosure requirements.

Under this statement, liabilities for compensated absences are recognized for leave that has not been used if (1) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (2) the leave accumulates, and (3) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. In addition, liabillities are recognized for leave that has been used but not paid or settled. The statement also clarifies the treatment of certain types of leave, including those that are dependent upon the occurrence of specific events, and guides the inclusion of salary-related payments in the measurement of the liability.

The County adopted the requirements of the standard and fully implemented them on July 1, 2024. The implementation of this statement resulted in a change in accounting principles. Accordingly, the beginning net position has been restated to reflect the cumulative effect of applying the provisions of this statement. Additional detail on the restatement to net position is disclosed in Note 19.

GASB 102 - *Certain Risk Disclosures*:

In December 2023, the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) issued GASB Statment No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures. This statement requires the disclosure of certain concentrations and constrains that may expose the County to risk of substantial impact.

A concentration is defined as a lack of diversity related to a significant inflow or outflow of resources, while constrain represent limitation imposed by an external party or by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The statement requires the County to assess whether an even or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued.

During the implementation of this statement's requirements the County did not identify an area for consideration.

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2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Deficit Net Position

The following funds have a deficit fund balance as of June 30, 2025:

Governmental Funds	
ARPA Projects	$ (1,685)

ARPA projects had a negative fund balance at 6/30/2024 primarily due to expenditure accruals for the park project. A matching revenue accrual would be posted from General Fund prior to year end to prevent a future deficit for this fund. Current year net income loss increased the deficit from $195 at 6/30/2024 to $1,685 at 6/30/2025.

The following funds have a deficit fund net position as of June 30, 2025:

Internal Service Funds	
General Liability	$ (12,347)
Workers Compensation	(64,855)
	$ (77,202)

General Liability and Workers' Compensation negative net position represents liabilities incurred as a result of self-insurance. The County established designation for FY 2025-2026 to transfer the deficit amount from the General Liability as a reserve to prevent this fund from having a deficit net position. For the Workers Compensation fund the rates are being increased through the budget process to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to cover claims. Additionally, risk management is working with departments to track trends and leverage corrective action plans to mitigate and drive accountability in order to prevent future losses.

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3 -CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments at June 30, 2025 consist of the following:

Cash and Investments in County Pool:	
Cash	$ 89,759
Investments	7,296,091
Subtotal	7,385,850
Less: outstanding warrants and other reconciliation items	(80,488)
Total cash and investments in county pool	7,305,362
Cash and Investments Outside County Pool	
Cash with trustee	44,263
Primary government revolving cash	478
Discretely presented component unit other cash	63,497
Investments of KCERA	6,777,353
Total cash and investments outside county pool	6,885,591
Total cash and investments	$ 14,190,953

B. DEPOSITS

Cash and Deposits

As provided for by the California Government Code, the cash balances for all funds are pooled and invested by the County's Treasurer for the purpose of increasing interest earnings through investment activities. The respective funds' shares of the total pooled cash and investments are included in the accompanying balance sheet for governmental funds and statement of net position for proprietary funds under the caption "Pooled Cash and Investments." In accordance with Section 53652 of the California Government Code, a financial institution is required to secure deposits in excess of $100 made by the State and local governmental units by pledging securities held in the form of an undivided collateral investment pool. The fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral investment pool must equal 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. The collateral must be held at the pledging bank's trust department or another bank, acting as the pledging bank's agent, in the County's name. Interest earned on pooled investments is deposited to the participating funds based upon each fund's average daily deposit balance during the allocation period with all remaining interest deposited to the General Fund. Bank deposits are reported at cost as of the end of the reporting period.

C. CASH AND INVESTMENTS DEPOSITED WITH TRUSTEE

At June 30, 2025, the balance for Cash and Investments Deposited with Trustee consists of the following:

Cash	$ 378
Commercial paper	7,212
Money market account	2,357
Governmental agency bond/notes	34,316
Total cash and investments deposited with trustee	$ 44,263

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Of the $44,263 total cash and investments deposited with the trustee, $35,225 is in the Tobacco Securitization Proceeds Fund to be utilized for capital projects. The $8,537 is with the Corporation being held in trust for debt service reserves. The remaining $501 is in the Pension Obligation Bond Trustee Debt Service Fund used to service debt payments related to the County's Pension Obligation Bonds. The funds are currently held by Wells Fargo Bank and U.S. Bank.

D. INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk
In accordance with Kern County's Investment Policy, the government manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the effective duration of the pool to no more than one and a half years.

Credit Risk, Concentration and Rating
Statutes authorize the County to invest in obligations of the United States Treasury, Federal agencies, municipalities, bankers acceptances, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper rated either A-1 by Standard & Poor's Corporation (S&P), P-1 by Moody's Commercial Paper Record (Moody's), or F-1 by Fitch Ratings (Fitch) (securities must be rated by at least two of the three; excluding Federal agencies).

The County of Kern Investment Pool (the Pool) is subject to regulatory oversight by the Treasury Oversight Committee, as required by California Government Code Section 27143. The County has not provided nor obtained any legally binding guarantees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, to support the value of the shares in the Pool. Management believes that the investments in the Pool are of high quality and that the risk of participation in the Pool is negligible. The Pool will not invest more than 6% of its assets in the Eligible Securities of a single institution, other than U.S. government and agency securities. The Pools ratings and weighted average maturity as of June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Rating		
Investments	Moody's	Standard and Poor's (S&P)	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)
Commercial paper	P-1	A-1, A-1+	0.07
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	P-1	A-1, A-1+	0.53
U.S. Treasury Securities	Aaa	AA+	1.98
Corporate notes	A, Aa3, Aa2, Aa1, Aaa	A+, AA-, AA, AA+	1.70
Federal Agencies	Aaa, P-1	A-1+, AA+	1.72
Municipal bonds	Aa2, Aaa	AA-, AAA	3.26
Supranational's	Aaa	AAA	3.08
Portfolio Weighted Average Maturity	N/A	N/A	1.68

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits
The County's deposits are collateralized, and two methods of protection are used. The first method is that the bank is required by state law to collateralize the deposits to the extent of 110%. Collateral securities are held in custody by the State Treasurer's office. The second method of protection is that the bank must carry umbrella insurance to protect against theft or negligence on the part of the bank.

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Pool will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. This risk is mitigated in that of the County's total bank balance, $250 is insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation. The remaining amount on deposit, $13,118, is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent.

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Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

The County minimizes its exposure by purchasing securities with the highest credit rating from Moody's, S&P, and Fitch and by limiting the exposure to any one issuer as required by state law. Certain agencies outside of the County reporting entity participate in the Pool. The participation of these agencies is externally mandated. The participants reported under the Investment Trust Fund are schools, special districts, and special assessments. The County Pool does not issue separate financial statements. Participants may withdraw up to the amortized cost of their respective share. In accordance with this statement, the fair value of the County's combined pool is determined annually and is based on current market prices received from the securities custodian, except for governmental securities and bankers' acceptances, which are carried at amortized cost plus accrued interest.

The Pool participates in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), the California Asset Management Program (CAMP), and the Investment Trust of California (CalTRUST). The LAIF, CAMP, and CalTRUST operate and report to participants on an amortized cost basis. For all three investment pools, the income, gains, and losses, net of administration fees, are allocated based upon the participant's average daily balance. The fair value of the investment pools is approximately equal to the value of the pool shares.

The Local Investment Advisory Board has oversight responsibility for LAIF. The Local Investment Advisory Board consists of five members designated by state statute. The County's investment in the LAIF is $1,533.

The CAMP is a California Joint Powers Authority established in 1989 to provide California public agencies with professional investment services directed by a seven-member Board of Trustees. The County's investment in the CAMP is $446,542.

CalTRUST is a Joint Powers Authority created by public agencies in 2005 to provide a convenient method for public agencies to pool their assets for investment purposes. CalTRUST is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees made up of experienced local agency treasurers and investment officers. The County's investment in CalTRUST is $36,190.

A summary of the investments held in the Pool is as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Principal	Maturity Range
State Treasury's Pool (LAIF)	1,533	1,533	On demand
Money market mutual funds	103,618	103,618	On demand
California Asset Management Program (CAMP)	446,542	446,542	On demand
Investment Trust of California (CalTRUST)	36,190	36,190	On demand
FDIC insured cash sweep	21,852	21,852	On demand
Commercial paper	239,201	233,894	07/03/2025 - 08/22/025
Negotiable certificates of deposit	150,074	150,000	07/02/2025 - 05/20/2026
U.S. treasury securities	3,785,609	3,717,483	07/15/2025 - 05/15/2030
Corporate notes	332,470	328,931	07/02/2025 - 03/01/2030
Federal agencies	1,786,185	1,773,281	07/08/2025 - 06/24/2030
Municipal bonds	65,386	65,154	11/01/2025-09/01/2029
Supranational's	327,431	321,949	10/28/2025-02/15/2030
Total investments	$ 7,296,091	$ 7,200,427	
Cash on hand	181		
Cash in banks	89,578		
Less warrants in transit	(80,488)		
Total cash and investments	7,305,362		

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The following represents a condensed statement of net position and changes in net position for the Pool as of June 30, 2025:

Statement of Net Position:	
Total assets held for pool participants	$ 7,305,362
Equity of internal pool participants	$ 1,932,372
Equity of external pool participants (voluntary & involuntary)	5,372,990
Total equity	$ 7,305,362
Statement of Changes in Net Position:	
Net position at July 1, 2024	$ 6,770,076
Net changes in investments by pool participants	535,286
	$ 7,305,362

E. DEPOSITS WITH OTHERS

The County has total deposits with others of $7,252. The General Fund has deposited $136 with the City of Bakersfield for the construction of an overpass on Bakersfield Union Avenue pursuant to a joint agency agreement between the County, the City of Bakersfield, and the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) has deposited $5,212 with the Department of Health Care Services (DCHS) under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14184.403(b). CalAIM was initiated during fiscal year 2024/25 to reform the way BHRS is reimbursed for Medi-Cal costs. This reform requires BHRS to deposit these funds with DCHS. Group Health Internal Service Fund has a balance of $1,519 with its designated claim administrators, and the remaining amount of $385 from Workers Compensation Internal Service Fund for an escrow account with Corvel third party administrator for worker’s compensation payments. This amount has been determined by claim administrators to be representative of one month's billings.

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F. Fair Value Measurement

The Pool categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB Statement No. 72. The Pool has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2025:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
Investments by fair value level	6/30/2025	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Debt securities:				
Commercial paper	$ 239,201	$ -	$ 239,201	$ -
Negotiable certificates of deposit	150,074	-	150,074	-
Corporate Notes	332,470	-	332,470	-
Federal agencies	1,786,185	-	1,786,185	-
Municipal bonds	65,386	-	65,386	-
Supranational's	327,431	-	327,431	-
U.S. treasury securities	3,785,609	-	3,785,609	-
Total investments by fair value level	6,686,356	$ -	$ 6,686,356	$ -
Investments measured at amortized cost				
State Treasury's Pool (LAIF)	1,533			
Money market mutual funds	103,618			
California Asset Management Program (CAMP)	446,542			
Investment Trust of California (CalTRUST)	36,190			
FDIC insured cash sweep	21,852			
Total investments measured at amortized cost	609,735			
Total investments measured at fair value	$ 7,296,091			

Debt Securities are classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy due to use of evaluated pricing by the Pool's trustee. The trustee of the Pool has chosen this alternative pricing technique and, based on their definition of an "active market," has elected to categorize only equity securities as Level 1.

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4 - RECEIVABLES

A. RECEIVABLES

The County's net receivables for the year ended June 30, 2025, for the individual major funds, non-major funds, and internal service funds are as follows:

	Interest	Taxes	Accounts	Lease	Other	Allowance for Uncollectible	Net Receivables
General Fund	$ 495	$ 44,204	$ 1,074	$ 903	$ 65,905	$ -	$ 112,581
Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	133	-	305	-	55,900	-	56,338
Community Development	-	-	-	-	360	-	360
Coronavirus Relief	68	-	-	-	-	-	68
County Local Revenue Fund	-	-	-	-	44,782	-	44,782
Department of Human Services	23	-	247	-	87,218	-	87,488
Structural Fire	22	3,924	12,899	-	-	-	16,845
Non-Major Governmental Funds	227	423	1,991	-	44,571	(1,252)	45,960
Internal Service Funds	91	-	56	-	-	-	147
Total governmental activities	$ 1,059	$ 48,551	$ 16,572	$ 903	$ 298,736	$ (1,252)	$ 364,569

The receivables category classified as "Other" is composed of receivables from the State and other sources. The total amount of taxes receivable not expected to be collected within one-year totals $10,088. Of this amount, $6,149 is recorded in the General Fund, $3,036 in Structural Fire, and $903 in Non-Major Governmental Funds.

The County's net receivables for the year ended June 30, 2025, for the enterprise funds are as follows:

	Interest	Taxes	Accounts	Lease	Other	Allowance for Uncollectible	Net Receivables
Airports	$ 13	$ -	$ 498	$ 12,722	$ 176	$ -	$ 13,409
Solid Waste	58	3,035	4,023	6	1	(38)	7,085
Non-Major Enterprise Funds	29	4,028	213	759	5,706	-	10,735
Total business-type activities	$ 100	$ 7,063	$ 4,734	$ 13,487	$ 5,883	$ (38)	$ 31,229

Housing Loans Receivable and Housing Loans Interest Receivable
A total of $67,566 was recorded as housing loans receivable and a total of $22,947 was recorded as housing loans interest receivable at June 30, 2025. These represent low or no interest mortgage notes and related accrued interest to finance multi-family and single-family construction and rehabilitation projects, as well as homebuyer assistance for low-income families, as part of the County's affordable housing program with loan terms ranging from 5 to 55 years. The County's primary sources of funding for these loans come from grants from the federal HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. The HOME and CDBG grants contain monitoring requirements, reflected in the loan agreements, to ensure grant compliance. Due to the terms of the loans, offsetting deferred inflows of resources of $94,763 have been established in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet for the housing loan principal and interest payments. Additionally, $456 of deferred inflows of resources remain in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position for the principal and interest balance of loans with a forgiveness clause since these types of loans are more likely not to be repaid to the County.

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5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A. DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS

Due From and Due To Other Funds amounts will be repaid in the following fiscal year. Due From and Due To Other Funds at June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	$ 19,874	Expenditure Reimbursement
	Behavioral Health & Recovery	2,094	Expenditure Reimbursement
	Department of Human Services	50,468	Expenditure Reimbursement
	Community Development	64	Expenditure Reimbursement
	County Local Revenue Fund	12,849	Realignment
	Public Works - ISF	3	Expenditure Reimbursement
	Non Major Enterprise	1	Expenditure Reimbursement
		85,353	
Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	County Local Revenue Fund	11,558	Realignment
Department of Human Services	County Local Revenue Fund	15,213	Prop 172
Coronavirus Relief Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	1	Services Provided
Structural Fire	Non-Major Governmental Funds	258	Services Provided
Non Major Governmental	General Fund	10	Services Provided
	Coronavirus Relief Fund	4,734	Services Provided
	County Local Revenue Fund	2,101	Services Provided
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	13,432	Services Provided
	Non Major Enterprise	18	Services Provided
	Public Works	46	Services Provided
	Solid Waste	40	Services Provided
		20,381	
Solid Waste	Coronavirus Relief	50	Services Provided
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	9	Expenditure Reimbursement
	Non-Major Enterprise Funds	5	Expenditure Reimbursement
	Public Works ISF	4	Expenditure Reimbursement
		68	
Non Major Enterprise	General Fund	2	Expenditure Reimbursements
	Coronavirus Relief Fund	841	Expenditure Reimbursements
	Non-Major Governmental Fund	24	Expenditure Reimbursements
	Public Works	2	Expenditure Reimbursements
	Non Major Enterprise	2	Expenditure Reimbursements
		871	
Public Works ISF	General Fund	1	Services Provided
	Structural Fire	2	Services Provided
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	390	Services Provided
	Solid Waste	261	Services Provided
	Non-Major Enterprise	122	Services Provided
		776	
Total		$ 134,479	

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B. TRANSFERS

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund required by statute or budget to collect them to the fund required by statute or budget to expend them. Transfers also include debt service payments required to be paid out of debt service funds. Other transfers include unrestricted amounts in the General Fund transferred to finance various programs accounted for in other funds as per budgetary authorizations. Transfers Out/In for the year ended June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Transfers Out	Transfers In	Amount
General Fund	Airports	$ 859
	Behavioral Health & Recovery	12,478
	Department of Human Services	153,907
	Garage ISF	47
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	59,710
	Public Works ISF	9,721
	Structural Fire	25,360
		262,082
Behavioral Health & Recovery	General Fund	921
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	1,634
		2,555
County Local Revenue Fund	General Fund	97,286
	Behavioral Health & Recovery	99,670
	Department of Human Services	92,218
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	13,261
		302,435
Community Development	General Fund	2,241
Department of Human Services	General Fund	160
	Behavioral Health & Recovery	248
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	3,494
		3,902
Structural Fire	Non-Major Governmental Funds	4,696
Non-Major Governmental	General Fund	144,094
	Behavioral Health & Recovery	1,089
	Department of Human Services	8,000
	Structural Fire	10,143
	Non-Major Governmental Funds	3,226
		166,552
Garage ISF	General Fund	24
Public Work ISF	Non-Major Governmental Funds	9,421
Total		$ 753,908

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6 -CAPITAL ASSETS

A. GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset governmental activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:					
Capital Assets, not depreciated:					
Land	$ 34,088	$ 3,794	$ 8	$ -	$ 37,874
Construction in progress	132,040	101,882	3,363	(37,977)	192,582
Intangible	1,166,884	-	-	-	1,166,884
Works of art	60	-	-	20	80
Total capital assets, not depreciated	1,333,072	105,676	3,371	(37,957)	1,397,420
Capital Assets, depreciated and amortized:					
Infrastructure	897,207	-	179	25,025	922,053
Structures and improvements	645,376	-	14,932	8,893	639,337
Equipment	268,467	33,180	12,906	3,460	292,201
Intangibles	13,307	-	50	-	13,257
Lease land	3,894	34	50	-	3,878
Lease structures	151,028	2,491	649	-	152,870
Lease equipment	10,828	2,742	3,216	-	10,354
Subscription assets	39,285	31,386	1,016	-	69,655
Total capital assets depreciated and amortized	2,029,392	69,833	32,998	37,378	2,103,605
Less: Accumulated depreciation/amortization:					
Infrastructure	525,072	20,934	-	-	546,006
Structures and improvements	280,804	31,162	7,354	(369)	304,243
Equipment	183,142	9,889	12,386	(19)	180,626
Intangibles	8,791	595	37	-	9,349
Lease land	1,840	475	47	-	2,268
Lease structures	39,603	10,044	232	-	49,415
Lease equipment	5,760	1,855	3,189	-	4,426
Subscription assets	16,667	9,997	1,014	-	25,650
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	1,061,679	84,951	24,259	(388)	1,121,983
Total capital assets depreciated and amortized, net	967,713	(15,118)	8,739	37,766	981,622
Capital assets, net	$2,300,785	$ 90,558	$ 12,110	$ (191)	$2,379,042

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B. Enterprise and Component Unit Capital Assets

Capital asset business-type activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
Business-type Activities:					
Capital Assets, not depreciated:					
Land	$ 37,020	$ 110	$ -	$ -	$ 37,130
Land acquisition in progress	86	-	86	-	-
Construction in progress	27,168	35,299	3,337	(1,159)	57,971
Intangible	8,084	-	-	-	8,084
Works of art	198	-	-	(20)	178
Total capital assets, not depreciated	72,556	35,409	3,423	(1,179)	103,363
Capital Assets, depreciated and amortized:					
Structures and improvements	92,776	152	-	426	93,354
Land improvements	76,965	-	-	178	77,143
Equipment	58,433	17,253	3,692	617	72,611
Intangibles	819	-	-	-	819
Infrastructure	155,039	-	-	537	155,576
Lease Structure	178	45	144	-	79
Subscription Assets	271	52	-	-	323
Total capital assets depreciated and amortized	384,481	17,502	3,836	1,758	399,905
Less: Accumulated depreciation/amortization:					
Structures and improvements	49,507	2,654	-	369	52,530
Land improvements	40,753	2,867	-	-	43,620
Equipment	30,210	4,278	3,563	19	30,944
Intangible assets	585	59	-	-	644
Infrastructure	71,639	5,098	-	-	76,737
Lease Structure	174	9	143	-	40
Subscription Assets	87	87	-	-	174
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	192,955	15,052	3,706	388	204,689
Total capital assets depreciated and amortized, net	191,526	2,450	130	982	195,216
Capital assets, net	$ 264,082	$ 37,859	$ 3,553	$ 191	$ 298,579

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Discretely Presented Component Unit - Hospital Authority

A summary of capital asset activity for the Hospital Authority, a discretely presented component unit, for the year ended June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
Hospital Authority Component Unit Activities:					
Capital Assets, not depreciated:					
Land	$ 1,854	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,854
Construction in progress	8,198	8,405	-	(241)	16,362
Total capital assets, not depreciated	10,052	8,405	-	(241)	18,216
Capital Assets, depreciated and amortized:					
Structures and improvements	103,963	-	101	-	103,862
Intangibles	57,626	-	-	-	57,626
Equipment	85,530	4,924	-	241	90,695
Lease Building	13,223	186	78	-	13,331
Lease Equipment	7,664	-	1,514	-	6,150
Subscription assets	3,978	-	96	-	3,882
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized	271,984	5,110	-	241	275,546
Less: Accumulated depreciation/amortization					
Structures and improvements	70,367	2,377	-	-	72,744
Intangibles	27,408	3,369	-	-	30,777
Equipment	64,028	6,013	-	-	70,041
Lease Building	7,146	2,062	78	-	9,130
Lease Equipment	2,063	1,398	1,514	-	1,947
Subscription assets	1,725	750	96	-	2,379
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	172,737	15,969	-	-	187,018
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized, net	99,247	(10,859)	-	241	88,528
Capital assets, net	$ 109,299	$ (2,454)	$ -	$ -	$ 106,744

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C. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation and amortization expense were charged to functions or programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities:		
General	$	12,687
Public protection		30,182
Public ways and facilities		22,386
Health and sanitation		8,114
Public assistance		8,290
Education		1,167
Culture and recreation services		1,356
Depreciation on Capital Assets held by the County's Internal Service Funds are charged to various functions based on usage of the assets		769
Total depreciation and amortization expense - governmental activities	$	84,951
Business-type activities:		
Airports	$	5,418
Solid Waste		7,270
County sanitation districts		785
Golf course		148
Public transportation		1,431
Total depreciation and amortization expense - business-type activities	$	15,052

D. CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Construction in progress for governmental funds includes projects for roads and several smaller projects. Business-type construction in progress projects include rehabilitating and upgrading of the airport’s taxiway, bus stop enhancements, a transit station, and the improvement of land for landfill closures.

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7 - LEASES

A. LEASE RECEIVABLES

The County has entered into fifty-three lease agreements as a lessor for right-to-use Land, and seventy-eight lease agreements as a lessor for right-to-use Buildings. For lessor leases, the County is utilizing an incremental borrowing rate between 0.20 - 4.2%. The leases include a range of options to extend the lease term for a period of 45 years with the final extension period ending December 16, 2070.

B. LEASE PAYABLES

The County has entered into one-hundred and seventy-five lease agreements as lessee for right-to-use fourteen land, sixty-seven buildings, ninety-four equipment leases.

The leases include a range of options to extend the lease term for a period of 43 years with the final extension period ending July 9, 2068. The County is required to make annual principal and interest payments between $7,282 and $12,759, subject to annual rent increases ranging from 1.5 to 13.40%. The County is utilizing a range of incremental borrowing rates between 0.20 - 4.5%.

As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability for governmental activities was $116,023. The difference of $7,809 from the beginning balance represents (1) the reduction of the principal portion of the lease payments in the current year of $14,244 and (2) new lease agreements entered into during the current fiscal year amounting to $6,435.

As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability for business-type activities was $36. The difference of $27 from the beginning balance represents (1) the reduction of the principal portion of the lease payments in the current year of $17 and (2) new lease agreement entered into during the current fiscal year amounting to $44.

The following is a schedule of future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2025:

	Governmental Activities		
Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 14,390	$ 1,764	$ 16,154
2027	11,944	1,551	13,495
2028	9,394	1,368	10,762
2029	8,222	1,196	9,418
2030	6,214	1,069	7,283
2031-2035	19,573	4,186	23,759
2036-2040	18,087	2,821	20,908
2041-2045	20,045	1,387	21,432
2046-2050	8,154	123	8,277
Total Leases	$ 116,023	$ 15,465	$ 131,488

	Business-type Activities		
Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 9	$ -	$ 9
2027	9	-	9
2028	9	-	9
2029	9	-	9
Total Leases	$ 36	$ -	$ 36

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8 - SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

As of June 30, 2025, the County's Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) totaled $33,734 in governmental-type subscriptions. The County has entered into forty-seven SBITAs. These arrangements include term ranges from over twelve months to one hundred and twenty months or November 30, 2034. Due to the nature of these arrangements, there are no options to extend as they are subscription-based arrangements. The County is utilizing a range of incremental borrowing rates between 0.36 – 4.37% for governmental activities.

As of June 30, 2025, the County entered into three subscription-based arrangements for business-type activities totaling $136. These arrangements include term ranges from twenty-four to sixty months or March 31, 2029. The County is utilizing a range of incremental borrowing rates between 3 – 4.16% for business-type activities.

The following is a schedule of future principal and interest SBITA commitments for as of June 30, 2025:

	Governmental Activities		
Year Ended June 30,	**Principal**	**Interest**	**Total**
2026	$ 8,924	$ 685	$ 9,609
2027	8,849	818	9,667
2028	2,527	543	3,070
2029	2,382	461	2,843
2030	2,525	378	2,903
2031 - 2035	8,527	603	9,130
Total SBITAs	33,734	3,488	37,222

	Business-Type Activities		
Year Ended June 30,	**Principal**	**Interest**	**Total**
2025	85	5	90
2026	24	2	26
2027	27	1	28
Total SBITAs	$ 136	$ 8	$ 144

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9 - LONG-TERM DEBT

A. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The County is not obligated in any manner for outstanding special assessment debt. However, the County acts in an agency capacity for property owners in collecting overlapping tax and assessment debt, which totals $2,072,003. These amounts do not appear in the accompanying Financial Statements.

As indicated in Notes 1.H., 7.B., 8., 9.B., 9.C., 9.D., and 9.E., the County has recognized a long-term liability for compensated absences, finance purchases, leases, SBITAs, certificates of participation, loans payable, bonds payable, and pension obligation bonds.

For governmental activities, the General Fund and the Special Revenue Funds for Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Human Services, Roads, Structural Fire, Aging and Adult Services, Building Inspection, Child Support Services, County Clerk, Environmental Health, and Recorder have typically been used to liquidate compensated absences, OPEB, and Pension liabilities.

Internal Service Funds predominantly serve the governmental funds. Accordingly, their long-term liabilities are included as part of the totals for governmental activities.

The following is a summary of long-term liabilities and corresponding activity for the year ended June 30, 2025:

	Beginning Balance, as Restated	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2025	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated absences (1)	$ 100,366	$ 73,593	$ 67,032	$ 106,927	$ 70,572
Financed purchase	18,191	-	3,231	14,960	1,878
Lease liability	123,832	6,448	14,257	116,023	14,390
SBITA liability	20,892	23,105	10,263	33,734	8,924
Certificates of participation	56,380	-	4,160	52,220	4,380
COP - unamortized premium	2,614	-	253	2,361	-
Tobacco - asset backed bonds	44,955	-	5,645	39,310	-
Tobacco - unamortized bond premium	4,264	-	266	3,998	-
Bonds payable - qualified energy conservation bonds	685	-	339	346	346
Loans payable - I Bank	1,379	-	447	932	460
Loans payable Kern psychiatric facility	25,404	-	1,144	24,260	1,172
Direct borrowing - Kern Public Services	4,240	-	565	3,675	580
Pension obligation bonds (2003)	22,115	-	8,330	13,785	8,297
Pension obligation bonds (2008)	42,285	-	-	42,285	-
Net pension liability	1,861,381	-	64,353	1,797,028	-
Total governmental activities	$ 2,328,983	$ 103,146	$ 180,285	$ 2,251,844	$ 110,999

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	Beginning Balance, as Restated	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2025	Due Within One Year
Business-type Activities:					
Compensated absences(1)	$ 3,199	$ 2,321	$ 2,019	$ 3,501	$ 2,345
Lease liability	9	44	17	36	9
SBITA liability	169	53	86	136	85
Direct borrowing - airport	1,825	-	595	1,230	608
Pension obligation bonds (2003)	356	-	134	222	134
Pension obligation bonds (2008)	682	-	-	682	-
Pollution remediation	8,196	151	-	8,347	300
Closure liability	35,485	1,366	-	36,851	150
Post-closure liability	19,594	1,490	-	21,084	554
Net pension liability	40,910	-	3,741	37,169	-
Total business-type activities	110,425	5,425	6,592	109,258	4,185
Total government-wide long-term liabilities	$ 2,439,408	$ 108,571	$ 186,877	$ 2,361,102	$ -

(1) Beginning balances restated to reflect implementation of GASB 101, *Compensated Absences*.

Discretely Presented Component Unit - Hospital Authority

Long-term obligations and corresponding activity for the Hospital Authority, a discretely presented component unit, for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance, as Restated	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2025	Due Within One Year
Hospital Authority					
Compensated absences(1)	$ 23,970	$ 1,524	$ -	$ 25,494	$ 7,648
Lease liability	12,043	185	3,469	8,759	3,188
Subscription liability	2,347	-	752	1,595	764
Pension obligation bonds	8,212	-	1,062	7,150	1,058
Net pension liability	344,447	-	12,671	331,776	-
Total	$ 391,019	$ 1,709	$ 17,954	$ 374,774	$ 12,658

(1) Beginning balances restated to reflect implementation of GASB 101, *Compensated Absences*.

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B. Certificates of Participation

COPs are secured by annual lease rental payments payable by the County for use of facilities constructed or purchased from the certificate proceeds.

The County has outstanding COPs totaling $52,220 at fixed interest rates. The proceeds of the COPs are being used for the acquisition of equipment, construction, and renovation of certain public facilities within the County. The COPs have been delivered to the trustee, U.S. Bank, for investment and disbursement subject to the terms and conditions of the trust agreements.

The obligation of the County to make base rental payments does not constitute a general obligation of the County for which the County is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation. A portion of the 2011 Refunding is being paid for by the Hospital Authority, a discretely presented component unit; see the corresponding activity for the debt in Note 9.A. The rest of the 2011 Refunding COP and the 2016 Refunding Capital Improvement Projects COP are paid by the Kern Asset Leasing Corporation. A description of each COP and the corresponding schedules of future minimum payments owed by the primary government are as follows:

2016 Refunding COP, Series A

On December 14, 2016, the County issued $80,350 of Certificates of Participation with fixed interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% with maturity dates from November 1, 2017 – 2034 to advance refund the 2009 COP. The net proceeds plus the 2009 COP reserve account were deposited in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the 2009 COP until the prepayment date of February 1, 2019, at which point the 2009 COP was paid in full. As a result, the 2009 COP is considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the County's long-term debt liabilities. The County has pledged three County owned properties as collateral. The 2016 COP refunding included a debt service reserve insurance policy to satisfy the reserve requirement. The 2016 Refunding COP has the following schedule of future payments:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	4,380	1,879	6,259
2027	4,600	1,654	6,254
2028	4,785	1,468	6,253
2029	4,935	1,319	6,254
2030	5,095	2,603	7,698
2031-2035	28,425	245	28,670
Total	$ 52,220	$ 9,168	$ 61,388

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C. Loans Payable

2019 Refunding Loan - Kern Public Services Financing Authority (Direct Borrowing)
On December 1, 2019, the County issued the 2019 Lease Revenue Refunding Private Placement Loan in the amount of $6,885 to refund the 2010 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds. The purpose of the refunding was to accelerate the maturity date by one year from 2032 to 2031 and reduce the variable interest rate from between 4.5% to 6.5% to fixed rate of 2.19%. The refunding resulted in a decrease in total debt service payments of $1,350 and an economic gain of $1,955. The loan contains a provision that in the event of a continued default, the interest rate will be raised to an annual rate of 5.19%.

The 2019 Refunding Loan debt schedule is as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	580	80	660
2027	595	68	663
2028	605	55	660
2029	620	42	662
2030	630	28	658
2031	645	14	659
Total	$ 3,675	$ 287	$ 3,962

2017 Refunding Loan - Airports (Direct Borrowing)
On August 1, 2017, the County issued the 2017 Refunding Private Placement Loan in the amount of $5,377 to refund the 2011 Airports Private Placement Loan. The purpose of the refunding was to lower the annual debt service payments by extending the maturity date from 2023 to 2027 and reduce the interest rate from a fixed rate of 3.08% to 2.28%. The extension of the loan resulted in an increase in total debt service payments of $382 and an economic loss of $79. The asset constructed with the proceeds from this issuance is pledged as collateral. The loan contains a provision that in the event of a continued default, the interest rate will be raised to an annual rate of 5.28%. The 2017 Refunding Loan debt schedule is as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	608	25	633
2027	622	11	633
Total	$ 1,230	$ 36	$ 1,266

Fifth District Curb and Gutter Project
To facilitate the construction of curbs, gutters, drainage and sidewalk improvements in the Fifth District, the County obtained a loan for $7,200 in the fiscal year 2007-08 from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank). The loan has a fixed interest rate of 2.66%, and the expected maturity dates are from August 1, 2007, to August 1, 2026. The Fifth District Curb and Gutter Project debt schedule of the outstanding balance is as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	460	21	481
2027	472	8	480
Total	$ 932	$ 29	$ 961

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2021 Private Placement Loan

In November 2021, the County issued the 2021 Private Placement Loan in the amount of $27,612 to facilitate the construction of two psychiatric health facilities for the department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. The loan has a 20-year term with a fixed interest rate of 2.38% and an expected maturity date of November 1, 2041. The 2021 Private Placement Loan future maturities is as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	1,172	563	1,735
2027	1,200	535	1,735
2028	1,229	506	1,735
2029	1,258	477	1,735
2030	1,289	446	1,735
2031-2035	6,924	1,751	8,675
2036-2040	7,799	876	8,675
2041-2044	3,389	81	3,470
Total	$ 24,260	$ 5,235	$ 29,495

D. Bonds Payable

Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds

On October 21, 2014, the California County Tobacco Securitization Agency (the Agency) issued the Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, on behalf of the Corporation in the amount of $95,860. The issuance consisted of $29,010 in serial bonds and $66,850 in term bonds with the expected maturity dates to range from June 1, 2015 – 2040. The bonds' interest rates range from 4.0% to 5.0%.

The Agency issued bonds and loaned the proceeds to the Corporation, which, in turn paid the proceeds to the County. The bonds are limited obligations of the Agency payable solely from payments made by the Corporation from tobacco settlement payments purchased from the County. The bonds do not constitute a charge against the general credit of the Agency (except from loan payments by the Corporation) or the County and neither will the Agency or the County be obligated to pay interest on or principal of these bonds in the event of default or in the event tobacco settlement revenues decline. These bonds do not constitute a legal debt, liability or obligation of the County. For additional information regarding the Tobacco Settlement Revenues see Note 18.C.

The Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds debt schedule is as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	-	1,966	1,966
2027	-	1,966	1,966
2028	-	1,966	1,966
2029	-	1,966	1,966
2030	2,515	1,966	4,481
2031-2035	15,370	7,758	23,128
2036-2040	21,425	3,314	24,739
Total	$ 39,310	$ 20,902	$ 60,212

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2011 Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

On April 12, 2011, to facilitate the construction of solar power systems for the County Administrative Center and the Lerdo Detention Facility, the County issued bonds in the principal amount of $4,337. The constructed solar panels serve as collateral for these bonds. The bonds have a fixed interest rate of 5.94%, and the expected maturity dates are from January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2026.

The Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds debt schedule is as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	346	15	361
Total	$ 346	$ 15	$ 361

E. Pension Obligation Bonds

Debt service payments for the County's pension obligation bonds are funded by charges to County departments based on their proportionate share of salaries and benefits expenses. In the event of default, the County treasury would be required to transfer funds sufficient to pay the principal and interest due and for the expense of the Trustee incurred in the performance of its powers and duties.

2003 & 2008 Pension Obligation Bonds

The County's Board adopted a resolution to authorize the issuance of the County pension obligation debenture to finance the County's share of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the KCERA. The actuarial accrued liability of participating special districts was excluded from this funding source. The Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds have been issued at $288,177, of which $238,177 was issued as 2003 Series A Bonds and $50,000 was issued as 2003 Series B Bonds. The 2003 Series A Bonds were issued as Current Interest Bonds and Capital Appreciation Bonds; the 2003 Series B Bonds were refunded as Adjustable-Rate Bonds in August 2008. The bonds have various maturity dates ranging from 2006 to 2023 for Current Interest Bonds and from 2023 to 2028 for Capital Appreciation Bonds. The 2003 Series A has fixed interest rates that range from 2.33% to 4.88% for the Current Interest Bonds and 5.50% to 5.57% for the Capital Appreciation Bonds. A portion of the 2003 & 2008 Pension Obligation Bonds are being paid for by the Hospital Authority, a discretely presented component unit; see the corresponding activity for the debt in Note 9.A.

On August 27, 2008, the County entered into a Purchase Agreement with Dexia Credit to purchase the Taxable Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2008 Series A in the principal amount of $50,000 to redeem the 2003 Series B Pension Obligation Bond. The 2008 Series A Bonds have a fixed interest rate of 4.185% and maturity date of August 15, 2027.

The following is a summary of the County's total funding requirements of the 2003 Series A bonds:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 8,431	$ 19,953	$ 28,384
2027	5,576	14,386	19,962
Total	$ 14,007	$ 34,339	$ 48,346

The following is a summary of the County's total funding requirements of the 2008 Series A bonds:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ -	$ 1,798	$ 1,798
2027	10,213	1,442	11,655
2028	32,754	229	32,983
Total	$ 42,967	$ 3,469	$ 46,436

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F. FINANCED PURCHASES

The County has entered into several long-term financed purchase agreements for certain pieces of equipment during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. At the end of the financed purchase, when all terms have been met, the related equipment will become property of the County.

The following is a summary of the County's future minimum payments for financed purchases:

Year Ended June 30,			
2026	$ 1,878	$ 378	2,256
2027	1,916	339	2,255
2028	1,954	298	2,252
2029	1,998	257	2,255
2030	1,058	220	1,278
2031-2035	3,200	785	3,985
2036-2040	2,956	240	3,195
Total	$ 14,960	$ 2,517	$ 17,476

10 - PENSION PLAN

PLAN DESCRIPTION

The County's Board established KCERA under the provisions of the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 on January 1, 1945. All permanent employees of the County and thirteen related agencies are covered by KCERA, which operates as a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit plan. It is the responsibility of KCERA to function as an investment and administrative agent for the County with respect to the pension plan. Separate audited financial statements can be obtained from KCERA at 11125 River Run Blvd., Bakersfield, California 93311.

KCERA became independent from the County's supervision and control as a result of the 1992 passage of Proposition 162, which legally established the independent control of the Board of Retirement. The Board of Retirement, consisting of nine members and two alternates, establishes policy for the operation of the plan, considers applications for disability retirement, recommends contributions based on actuarial valuations and controls investment of assets.

Prior to January 1, 1996, the Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector was responsible for financial reporting and accounting for all investments as required by California Government Code Section 31596; thereafter, responsibility for financial reporting and accounting is vested with the Board of Retirement as required by Government Code Section 31596 et seq., as amended. On January 11, 1987, the Board of Retirement authorized the retirement fund to incur an administrative expense and hire an Administrator to serve at the Board of Retirement's pleasure. The Administrator is responsible for the processing and computing of applications for retirement benefits, refunds, beneficiary allowances, death benefits, reciprocity, and any other duties the Board of Retirement may assign. The Administrator also acts as Secretary for all Board of Retirement and Committee meetings and performs other activities as directed by the Board of Retirement. The KCERA Pension Plan (the Plan) provides for retirement, disability, death, beneficiary and cost-of-living benefits.

BENEFITS PROVIDED

All regular, full-time employees of the County or contracting districts who work 50% or more of the regular standard hours are required to become members of KCERA effective on the first day of the payroll period following the date of hire. Safety membership includes those in active law enforcement, fire suppression, criminal investigation, detention, and probation.

General Tier I and Tier II members are eligible to retire at age 70 regardless of service or at age 50 with 10 or more years of retirement service credit. A member with 30 years of service is eligible to retire regardless of age. General Tier III members are eligible to retire at age 70 regardless of service or at age 52 with 5 or more years of retirement service credit. Safety members are eligible to retire at age 70 regardless of service or at age 50 with 10 or more years of retirement service credit. A member with 20 years of service is eligible to retire regardless of age.

The retirement benefits the member will receive is based on age at retirement, final average salary, years of retirement service credit and benefit tier.

General member benefits for Tier I and Tier II are calculated pursuant to California Government Code Sections 31676.17 and 31676.01, respectively. The monthly allowance is equal to 1/50th of final average compensation times years of accrued retirement service credit times an age factor from Section 31676.17 (Tier I), or 1/90th of final average compensation (FAC) times years of accrued retirement service credit times an age factor from Section 31676.01 (Tier II). General Tier III member benefits are calculated pursuant to the provisions found in California Government Code Section 7522.20(a). The monthly allowance is equal to the final compensation multiplied by years of accrued retirement credit multiplied by an age factor from California Government Code Section 7522.20(a).

Safety member benefits for Tier I and Tier II are calculated pursuant to California Government Code Sections 31664.1 and 31664, respectively. The monthly allowance is equal to 3% of final average compensation times years of accrued retirement service credit times an age factor from Section 31664.1 (Tier I), or 1/50th (or 2%) of final average compensation times years of accrued retirement service credit times an age factor from Section 31664 (Tier II).

For general and safety members in Tiers I and II, the maximum monthly retirement allowance is 100% of final average compensation. For General Tier III members, there is no final compensation limit on the maximum retirement benefit.

The maximum amount of compensation earnable that can be considered for 2022 for members with membership dates on or after July 1, 1996, but before January 1, 2013 is $305,000. For General Tier III members who joined KCERA on or after January 1, 2013, the maximum pensionable compensation that can be considered for 2022 is $134,974 for those enrolled in Social Security. These limits are adjusted on an annual basis. Members are exempt from paying member contributions and employers are exempt from paying employer contributions on compensation in excess of the annual cap.

Final compensation consists of the highest 12 consecutive months of pensionable pay for a General Tier I or Tier IIA member or a Safety Tier I or Tier IIA member, and the highest 36 consecutive months of pensionable pay for a General Tier IIB or Tier III member or a Safety Tier IIB member.

KCERA provides an annual cost-of-living adjustment for all retirees. The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), based upon the Consumer Price Index for the Los-Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Area, is capped at 2.5%.

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The total members included in the Plan as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

	General	Safety	Total
Active employees	8,569	1,890	10,459
Terminated employees	4,627	547	5,174
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	7,097	2,317	9,414
	20,293	4,754	25,047

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adopted March 2012 between the County and its general employees' states that all general members hired prior to the first day of payroll period 2004-16 shall start to pay, in the second year of the agreement, one-sixth of the employee's normal contribution to retirement. In the third year, the employee's normal contribution will increase to one-third. All general members hired on or after the first day of payroll period 2004-16 shall pay 100% of the new employees' normal contribution to retirement.

The MOUs adopted in March 2012 between the County and its safety employees state that all safety members, depending on MOU, hired before the range March 2007 – October 2007, will contribute one-sixth of the employee's normal contribution to retirement in the second year of the agreement. In the third year, the employee's normal contribution will increase to one-third.

The Kern County Prosecutors' Association's MOU adopted in March 2012 states that all employees hired prior to pay period 2005-05 will start to pay one-third of the employee's normal contribution to retirement in the first year, an additional one-third in the second and an additional one-third in the third year. In addition, any safety employee hired on or after the adoption of the new MOU will have a lower retirement tier of 2% at age 50. The County Administrative Office negotiated an agreement with the Central California Association of Public Employees (CCAPE) adopting California Government Code Section 31676.17, which provides enhanced retirement benefits, commonly known as 3% at 60, for General members, in August 2004.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

KCERA follows GASB accounting principles and reporting guidelines. The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and reflect the overall operations of KCERA. Employer and member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due, and benefits and refunds of prior contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

CONTRIBUTIONS

As a condition of participation under the provisions of the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL), members are required to contribute to KCERA a percentage of their salaries. Member contributions for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, ranged from 4.72% to 19.29% and were applied to the member's base pay plus compensable special pay. For general members hired prior to 2013, contribution rates were determined by benefit tier and KCERA entry age. For safety members hired prior to 2013, contribution rates were determined by benefit tier and each safety-represented bargaining unit's applicable MOU. Some safety member rates were based on age of entry, whereas other safety members contribute at a flat, average rate. The contribution rates of general and safety members who first joined KCERA, on or after January 1, 2013, are at least 50% of the normal cost rate. Furthermore, the rate of members integrated with Social Security is reduced by one-third on the first $350 of monthly salary.

Interest is credited to member contributions semi-annually on June 30 and December 31, in accordance with Article 5.5 of the CERL. Member contributions and credited interest are refundable upon termination of membership.

Each year, an actuarial valuation is performed for the purpose of determining the funded ratio of the retirement plan and the employer contributions that are necessary to pay benefits accruing to KCERA members that were not otherwise funded by member contributions or investment earnings. The employer contribution rates are actuarially determined by using the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost method. The Plan's employer rates provide for both normal cost and a contribution to amortize any unfunded or overfunded actuarial accrued liabilities.

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS

At June 30, 2025, the County reported net pension liability of $1,834,197 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability (NPL). The NPL was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the NPL was determined by rolling forward the TPL from the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023. The NPL for each membership class is the TPL minus the Plan's Fiduciary Net Position (Plan's FNP). The TPL for each membership class is obtained from internal valuation results based on the actual participants in each membership class. The Plan's FNP for each membership was estimated by adjusting the valuation value of assets for each membership class by the ratio of the total KCERA Plan's FNP (excluding the SRBR) to total KCERA valuation value of assets. Based on this methodology, any non-valuation reserves are allocated amongst the membership classes based on each membership classes valuation value of assets. At the June 30, 2024, measurement date, the County's proportion was 72.03%, which was an increase of 0.49% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the County recognized pension expense of $258,461. Pension expense represents the change in the NPL during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial gain/loss, actuarial assumptions or method, and plan benefits.

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At June 30, 2025, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in assumptions of other inputs	$ 81,923	$ -
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	20,616	1,668
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	314,088	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on retirement plan investments	28,475	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the total pension liability	79,085	36,455
	$ 524,187	$ 38,123

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in the previous schedule represent the unamortized portion of changes to NPL to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner. Deferred outflows of resources reported $314,088 related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the NPL in the year ending June 30, 2026.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2026	16,634
2027	130,894
2028	34,744
2029	(10,296)
Total	$ 171,976

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FAIR VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

Fair value for investments are derived by various methods as indicated in the following table:

Publicly traded stocks	International securities reflect currency exchange rates in effect at June 30, 2025. .
Short-term investments and bonds	Institutional evaluations or priced at par.
Over the counter securities	Evaluations based on good faith opinion as to what a buyer in the marketplace would pay for a security.
Commingled funds	Net asset value provided by the investment manager.
Alternative investments	Net asset value provided by the fund manager based on the underlying financial statements and fair value of the fund.
Private equity real estate investments	Estimated based on the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between marketplace participants at the measurement date. Investments without a public market are valued based on assumptions made and multiple valuation techniques used by the investment manager. Property is valued based on an annual appraisal.
Commodities and Swap/Options	Listed market prices are used to report the fair values for derivative instruments, if available. If listed market prices are not available for derivative instruments, the price used may be from a vendor, an investment manager or a counterparty.

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

The TPL as reported at June 30, 2025 was measured on June 30, 2024. The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an experience study for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

The following actuarial assumptions were applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	General: 3.70% to 8.00% and Safety: 4.00% to 10.00%. Varies by service, including inflation and real across-the-board salary increase of 0.50%
Cost of living adjustment	Retiree COLA increase due to CPI are assumed to be 2.50%.
Discount rate	
Investment rate of return	7.00% net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation.
Administrative expenses	0.95% of payroll allocated to both the employer and member based on the components of the total average contribution rate (before expenses) for the employer and the member.

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Retirement age	General Non-Reciprocal Retirement Age: 56 General Reciprocal Retirement Age: 60 Safety Retirement Age: 51

The Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost method used in KCERA's annual actuarial valuation has also been applied in measuring the service cost and TPL with one exception. For purposes of measuring the service cost and TPL, KCERA has reflected the same plan provisions used in determining the member's actuarial present value of projected benefits. This is different from the version of this method applied in KCERA's annual funding valuation, where the normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are determined as if the current benefit accrual rate had always been in effect.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00%) was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These returns are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adding expected inflation and subtracting expected investment expenses and a risk margin. The target allocation and projected arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, after deducting inflation, but before deducting investment expenses, used in the derivation of the long-term expected investment rate of return assumption are summarized in the following table:

	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global equity	37%	7.05%
Core fixed income	14%	1.97%
High yield corporate credit	6%	4.63%
Emerging market debt (hard)	2%	4.72%
Emerging market debt (local)	2%	4.53%
Commodities	4%	4.21%
Core real estate	5%	3.86%
Value added real estate	5%	6.70%
Midstream	5%	8.00%
Capital efficiency alpha pool	8%	3.10%
Hedge fund	10%	3.10%
Private equity	5%	10.27%
Private credit	5%	6.97%
Cash	-8%	0.63%
Total	100%	

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DISCOUNT RATE

The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024, which is a decrease of 0.25% from the last discount rate used to measure the TPL of 7.25% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed member contributions would be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions would be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates.

For this purpose, only employee and employer contributions intended to fund benefits for current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions intended to fund the service costs for future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's Fiduciary Net Position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL as of the measurement year. The discount rate assumptions have been developed without taking into consideration any impact of the 50/50 allocation of future excess earnings between the retirement and Supplement Retirement Benefit Reserve (SRBR) asset pools.

SENSITIVITY OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY TO CHANGES IN THE DISCOUNT RATE

The following presents the County's proportionate share of the NPL calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, and what the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one point lower (6.00%) or one point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
Net Pension Liability	2,656,513	1,834,197	1,158,694

PENSION FUND FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Detailed information about the pension fund's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued KCERA ACFR.

11 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPEB PLAN

Plan Description

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 10, eligible County employees are provided post retirement health care benefits through a cost-sharing multiple-employer OPEB plan established in an irrevocable trust administered by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS). The authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of the OPEB plan comes from union contracts and the Board's order. The OPEB plan does not issue a separate annual financial report, however audited financial statements for Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust that holds the OPEB plan's net position may be obtained at PARS, 4350 Von Karman Ave, Suite 100, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Benefits Provided

The OPEB plan provides post retirement health care through two programs in accordance with union contracts and Board orders.

1. The Retiree Health Premium Supplement Program (RHPSP) provides benefits to employees who: 1) elected to participate or were required to participate, 2) retire on or after July 1, 1990, 3) are between the ages of 50 and 64, and 4) have at least 20 years of continuous County service as a permanent employee. The supplement amount is permanently fixed once determined and, depending on years of service, is equal to 50-100% of the active employee monthly health premium for a single individual at the time of retirement.
2. The Retiree Health Stipend (RHS) provides a stipend to employees who choose continuous County health coverage upon retirement. The monthly stipend paid on behalf of each retiree is a maximum of $39.75 for single coverage, $53.69 for two-party coverage and $61.50 for family coverage, limited to the cost of the plan selected.

During the fiscal year 2015-2016, the County gave a one-time offer to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) represented employees and Management, Mid-Management, and Confidential employees to opt-out of the postretirement health care benefits. During the fiscal year 2021-2022, sheriffs, probation officers, probation managers, detention officers, and law enforcement had the option to opt-out of the postretirement health care benefits. By opting out of the plan: the employee will be ineligible to receive the RHPSP supplement upon retirement, including service connected disability retirement; be ineligible to receive the RHS upon retirement; upon active retirement from the County, the employee will be eligible to receive an employer contribution to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement in the following manner (a lump sum contribution equivalent to all of the employee's RHPSP deductions from payroll period August 11-24, 2012, up to the final pay period that the employee contributed to the RHPSP; Employees retiring at or after age 70 will not receive any contribution); the change will be effective the first biweekly pay period following receipt of the form by County Human Resources- Health Benefits; and the County will no longer deduct 2.12% of the employee's salary for participating in the RHPSP. During fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the County increased the retiree premiums for fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025 in an effort to reduce the plan's implicit subsidies.

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Plan Membership

At June 30, 2023, County OPEB plan membership consisted of the following:

Retired members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits [1]	2,133
Active members [2]	8,735
Total	10,868

[1] Excludes 499 married spouses receiving benefits

[2] Includes 4,883 members that are only eligible for implicit subsidy (i.e.,not eligible for Supplement of Stipend subsidy and 996 members that received a cash-out).

Contributions

The County's contribution rate is based off an employer portion and employee portion with the County contributing all of the RHS portion. The County contributed $70 ($15 stipend contribution and $55 supplement contribution) per eligible employee per pay period for the plan year ending June 30, 2025. The employer contribution is not legally or contractually determined. The employee contribution for the RHPSP is 2.12% of covered payroll for a majority of the employee union contracts. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the County were $10,010 for the year ended June 30, 2025. Of this amount, $4,119 originated from employee contributions, $4,280 from employer contributions, and $1,611 from the implicit subsidy.

B. OPEB LIABILITIES (ASSET), OPEB EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATING TO OPEB

At June 30, 2025, the County reported $(39,692) for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset). The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2025, and the total OPEB liability (asset) used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023. The County's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the proportion of total OPEB liability (asset) for each group, calculated according to classification in census data. At June 30, 2025, the County's proportion was 94.81 percent, which was an increase of .07% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2024.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the County recognized an OPEB expense (income) of $(12,203). At June 30, 2025, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	$ 1,482	$ 587
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	20,203	14,196
Net excess of actual over projected earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	4,532
Differences between expected and actual experience in the total OPEB liability	503	17,806
	$ 22,188	$ 37,121

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount
2026	$ 950
2027	(1,946)
2028	(5,537)
2029	(5,573)
2030	(3,085)
Thereafter	258
Total	$ (14,933)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total OPEB liability (asset) in the June 30, 2025 actuarial valuation was determined using the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Ranging from 3.7% to 8.0% for general employees and from 4.0% to 11.0% for safety employees.
Discount rate	6.50% based on asset allocation in PARS OPEB Trust and understanding that the County of Kern is contributing $70 per pay period per eligible employee for the plan year ending July 1, 2023 and the eligible employees are contributing 2.12% of payroll for the Supplement (RHPSP).
Trend rates:	
Supplement	Bargaining Units 7, F, O, Q, T, V, Y: 7.50% to 2024/2025, then 7.25% to 2025/2026, then 7.50% to 2026/2027 grading down by 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.50%. Supplement is fixed for all other bargaining units.
Stipend	0.00%
Retiree claims	7.50% to 2024/2025, then 3.90% to 2025/2026, then 7.00% to 2026/2027 grading down by 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.50%.
Retiree contributions	7.50% to 2024/2025, then 9.20% to 2025/2026, then 7.50% to 2026/2027 grading down by 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.50%.
Mortality Rates:	
Pre-retirement:	General: Pub-2010 General Employee Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021.

	Safety: Safety Employee Headcount-Weighted Above-Median Mortality Table, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021
Post-retirement	
Healthy	General: Pub-2010 General Healthy Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table with rates increased by 15% for females, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021.
	Safety: Pub-2010 Safety Healthy Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021.
Disabled	General: Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table with rates decreased by 5% for males and females, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021.
	Safety: Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table, with rates increased by 5% for males and females, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021.
Beneficiaries	General and Safety: Pub-2010 General Contingent Survivor Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table with rates increased by 10% for males and 5% for females, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2021.

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The non-health demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2025, valuation were based on the KCERA Experience Study dated May 24, 2023 for the period July 1, 2019 through June 20, 2022.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These returns are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adding expected inflation and subtracting expected investment expenses and a risk margin. The target allocation and projected arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, after deducting inflation, but before deducting investment expenses, used in the derivation of the long-term expected investment rate of return assumption are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	36.00%	6.05%
International equity	18.00%	6.64%
Other growth equity (REIT and global infrastructure)	6.00%	3.84%
Domestic fixed income	36.00%	1.80%
High yield fixed income	3.00%	3.40%
Cash	1.00%	1.00%
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability (TOL) was 6.50% as of June 30, 2025. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at a flat $70 per eligible employee per pay period. For this purpose, only employee and employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits for current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs for future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) was projected to be sufficient to make projected future benefit payments for current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TOL as of June 30, 2025.

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Changes of Assumptions

The participation assumptions were updated based on the plan's recent experience. The main changes include (1) a change to the participation rate from 100% to 80% for non-Medicare retirees who are eligible for a Supplement and Stipend, (2) a change to the participation rate from 70% to 80% for non-Medicare retirees not eligible for a Supplement, and (3) the addition of a 33% discontinuance assumption at age 65 for retirees who were participating in the plan prior to age 65. The updates to the participation assumptions decreases the TOL.

Trend assumption to project future medical costs were updated. The update to the trend assumption increased the TOL.

The actuarial factors used to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age and by gender were updated. The new factors are based on a review of historical claims experience by age, gender, and status (active vs retired) from actuarial' s claims data warehouse. The update to the age utilization factor increased the TOL.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability(asset), as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	$(32,316)	$(39,692)	$(46,347)

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability(asset), as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability(asset) would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Trend Rates*	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	$(44,129)	$(39,692)	$(34,563)

*See assumption table for current trend rate

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12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is generally self-insured for general liability, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, professional liability, retiree "under age 65" medical claims and employee medical and dental claims. The Automobile and General Liability policy protects the County and its employees against most legal liabilities arising from automobile liability and contractual liability. The County does not self-insure against liability at its six airports. Airport Liability insurance is maintained. The amount of settlements in each of the past three years has not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage.

Excess liability insurance is maintained for Automobile and General Liability claims over $7,500 and are subject to annual aggregate limits. Workers' compensation claims are self-insured up to $1,250 per occurrence with excess insurance covering claims up to statutory limits.

The liabilities for self-insurance included in the General Liability and Workers' Compensation Internal Service Funds are based upon the results of actuarial studies and include amounts for claims incurred but not reported (IBNR). The liability for self-insurance included in the Group Health Internal Service Fund is based upon historical trend analysis and includes amounts on the IBNR. The liability for self-insurance included in the Unemployment Compensation Internal Service Fund represents unpaid claims incurred as of June 30, 2025.

The Risk Management Division of the Office of County Counsel determines and administers General Liability and Workers' Compensation requirements of the County. The Risk Management Division also acquires insurance for earthquake, fire, boiler and machinery, crime and honesty, aviation, and other perils. Health and Unemployment self-insurance is administered by the County Administrative Office. Retiree claims are paid from the Group Health Internal Service Fund.

Financial activity of the self-insurance programs is accounted for in separate internal service funds. Internal service funds are maintained for General Liability, Group Health, Retiree Group Health, Unemployment Compensation, and Workers' Compensation.

Changes in the Self-Insurance Fund claims liabilities since July 1, 2023 resulted from the following:

	July 1, 2024	Claims & Changes in Estimates	Claims Payments	June 30, 2025	Due Within One Year
General Liability	$ 34,241	$ (3,910)	$ 90	$ 30,241	$ 115
Group Health	10,697	168,137	165,255	13,579	13,579
Unemployment Compensation	688	1,325	1,288	725	725
Workers' Compensation	76,376	19,659	16,092	79,943	17,875
Total	$ 122,002	$ 185,211	$ 182,725	$ 124,488	$ 32,294

	July 1,2023	Claims & Changes in Estimates	Claims Payments	June 30, 2024
General Liability	$ 35,522	$ (1,140)	$ 141	$ 34,241
Group Health	10,968	146,037	146,308	10,697
Unemployment Compensation	407	1,579	1,298	688
Workers Compensation	71,099	20,966	15,689	76,376
Total	$ 117,996	$ 167,442	$ 163,436	$ 122,002

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13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT PROGRAMS

The County participates in a number of federal and state grant programs, which are subject to audit. Audit requirements for most Federal grants will be met by the completion of the County's "Single Audit" as required by Public Law 98-502. For the most part, state grants will be audited by the State in the future. The amount of any disallowed expenditures by grantor agencies, if any, as a result of the audit cannot be determined at this time. The County believes that such disallowance, if any, would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Mental Health Department Medicare and Medi-Cal Revenues

The County receives Medicare and Medi-Cal payments for certain Mental Health services that are provided directly by the County as well as by contracted providers. Revenues received under these programs are subject to periodic review by Medicare, Medi-Cal and their agents. Periodically, as a result of these outside reviews, revisions to claimed costs and services may be required. As a result of these revisions, the County can be required to return a portion of the revenue received from Medicare and/or Medi-Cal. The timing of such reviews and the amounts of potential repayments are not known, but such potential repayments are not considered material to these financial statements.

Contingent Property Tax Liability

At June 30, 2025, assessment appeals are pending before the County Assessment Appeals Board (AAB). The following is a summary of the estimated contingent tax liability as of June 30, 2025:

	Principal	Interest	Impounds	Net Contingent Liability
Contingent tax liability:	$ 292,450	$ 7,151	$ (96,688)	$ 202,913

The County’s share of the estimated contingent tax liability is $87,569. The County and other agencies accumulate and maintain tax impound reserves for disputed property taxes. As of June 30, 2025, the County had a total of $8,820 accumulated in its tax reserve in the General Fund. The result is a net contingent tax liability of $41,035 for the General Fund and $37,715 for the Structural Fire fund.

The disputed assessments involved numerous individual cases. A significant portion of assessment appeals are attributable to oil and gas activity. If all cases were settled at one point in time against the County, the County would fund the $78,749 liability through a combination of future reserves and the abatement of property tax revenue. The effect on the County would be a reduction in appropriations.

Other Litigation

There are various lawsuits and claims against the County, which in the opinion of the County Counsel will be resolved with no material adverse effect upon the County's financial position.

Outstanding Encumbrances

Outstanding encumbrances can carryover. As of June 30, 2025, the County reported significant encumbrances of $193,742. These encumbrances included $109,066 of funds that are already restricted and $66,662 of funds that are assigned. The remaining $18,014 are part of the unrestricted balance of the enterprise funds statement. The following is a list of significant encumbrances by fund:

	General Fund	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Roads	Airports	Solid Waste	Total
Restricted	$ -	$ 51,726	$ 57,340	$ -	$ -	$ 109,066
Assigned	$ 66,662	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 66,662
Unrestricted (deficit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 5,627	$ 12,387	$ 18,014

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14 - LANDFILLS

Prior to fiscal year 1988-1989, Kern County Solid Waste Enterprise Fund was funded entirely by the County General Fund. In fiscal year 1988-1989 the Board approved a solid waste management program land use fee on all parcels of real property, but land use fee revenue continued to be supplemented by a contribution from the General Fund. In fiscal year 1992-1993, the County General Fund contribution to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund was eliminated and the department became entirely fee supported. The Board eliminated the land use fee for non-residential property and approved a tipping fee for non-residential waste beginning in fiscal year 1993-1994. All revenues are placed in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund exclusively for waste management.

State Financial Assurance Mechanism regulations require landfill operators to set aside funds, or provide alternative funding mechanisms, to fund the closure expense and post closure maintenance of landfills. In response, the County established a designated reserve account to fund closure expense and a pledge of future revenue to fund post closure maintenance. As of June 30, 2025, the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund had designations of $36,851 for closure expenses. Estimated closure and post closure maintenance costs are based on the most recent preliminary closure and post closure plans approved by the State. State regulations require the County to prepare detailed preliminary closure and post closure plans for each landfill. For closure expense, the engineer's cost estimate includes closure design, construction of final cover, construction of monitoring systems and other related activities. For post closure maintenance expense, the engineer's cost estimate includes monitoring and erosion control. If, at some future date, these closure and post closure plans and cost estimates change (due to changes in inflation, deflation, technology, regulations, etc.), the County is required to make corresponding changes in the estimated total closure costs and post closure maintenance costs. The liabilities for closure and post closure maintenance are recognized based on the percent of the landfill capacity used to date.

The County currently operates seven Class III landfills, three large volume transfer stations, and six small volume transfer stations. All are strategically located throughout the County. These facilities serve the solid waste disposal needs of the County's eleven incorporated cities as well as unincorporated areas.

Estimated closure and post closure liabilities as of June 30, 2025, are $68,061 and $36,851, respectively. The County's landfills are listed on the following page, along with their estimated remaining useful lives, total capacity and percentage of capacity used:

Facility Name	Remaining Useful Lives	Capacity in Cubic Yards	Percent Incurred
Arvin[1]	-	-	100%
Bena I[1]	-	-	100%
Bena II A	22	39,202,594	39%
Boron	31	1,057,000	85%
Buttonwillow[1]	-	-	100%
China Grade[1]	-	-	100%
Glennville[1]	-	-	100%
Kern Valley[1]	-	-	100%
Lebec[1]	-	-	100%
Lost Hills[1]	-	-	100%
McFarland/Delano[1]	-	-	100%
Mojave/Rosamond	3	2,569,533	89%
Ridgecrest	35	10,344,165	67%
Shafter/Wasco	20	22,439,263	46%
Taft	46	10,224,114	35%
Tehachapi	1	3,732,287	99%
Total		$ 89,568,956	

[1]Site is closed.

Under Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, landfill owners/operators are required to obtain and maintain assurances of financial responsibility to initiate and complete corrective action for all known and reasonably foreseeable releases (RFRs). These requirements first came into effect when California Code of Regulations Article 5 (Title 23, Chapter 15) was revised in 1991. The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund has established a groundwater corrective action designated reserve to fund capital costs for each landfill where it is appropriate. In addition, the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund has established a pledge of revenue to cover ongoing maintenance and operation of any capital improvements that are constructed.

The current designated reserve account of $2,000 is expected to satisfy all capital expenditures to implement corrective action at the 16 landfill sites.

Each year a portion of the landfill's estimated closure and post closure liabilities are recognized as an expense and liability based on the capacity used to date. As of June 30, 2025, the landfill closure liability is $ 36,851 and the post closure liability is $ 21,084 as recorded in the liabilities of the Solid Waste Management Enterprise Fund. These represent the cumulative liabilities to date. The remaining $29,999 and $8,902 anticipated closure and post closure liabilities, respectively, will be recognized in future years.

15 - POLLUTION REMEDIATION

The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund has the following pollution remediation liability for the remediation of 25 burn dumps that were either owned or operated by the County prior to 1971. The County intends to follow the guidelines set forth by the California Integrated Waste Management Board's Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Advisory #56, dated November 4, 1998, to remediate each burn dump. Site Characterization and Environmental Assessments have been conducted for 23 of the 25 burn dumps. Based on the Site Characterization and Environmental Assessments, a remediation plan has been developed for each burn dump. Costs are based on the remediation plan for each site and on our experience with similar sites, which the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund has previously remediated. The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund does not anticipate any recoveries regarding these burn dumps. The amount accrued at June 30, 2025 was $8,347.

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16 - DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES/ADVANCES FROM OTHERS

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues not considered available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. These unavailable revenues are made up of delinquent property taxes, tobacco settlement revenues, housing loan payments, reimbursements, and other long-term receivables. Governmental and enterprise funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

The government-wide and proprietary statements of net position also include deferred outflows of resources relating to the unamortized losses on refunding of debt. This deferred charge on refunding resulted from the difference in the carrying value of the refunding debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the remaining life of the new debt.

For information about the deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to deferred pensions and other post-employment benefits, see Note 10 and Note 11, respectively.

The various components of deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and advances from grantors and third parties reported at June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Advances From Grantors and Third Parties
Governmental Funds Activities:		
Deferred housing loan payments		
Community Development	$ 74,999	$ -
Non-major Governmental Fund	19,764	-
Deferred lease revenue		
General Fund	862	-
Delinquent property taxes receivable		
General Fund	18,283	-
Structural Fire	3,036	-
Non-major Governmental Fund	903	-
Reimbursements		
Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	31,614	-
Other long-term receivables		
General Fund	6,471	-
Human Services	4,024	-
Structural Fire	2,384	-
Non-major Governmental	53	-
Total governmental funds	$ 162,393	$ -

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Government-Wide Activities	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Governmental Activities:		
Deferred OPEB	$ 21,827	$ 36,517
Deferred pensions	513,241	37,330
Deferred charge on refunding		
2014 Tobacco Refunding	724	-
2016 Advanced Refunding COP	4,492	-
2020 Kern Public Services	15	-
Deferred housing loan payments	-	456
Deferred lease revenue	-	862
Total governmental activities	$ 540,299	$ 75,165
Business-Type Activities:		
Deferred OPEB		
Airports	$ 54	$ 91
Solid waste	262	438
Non-major Enterprise Funds	45	75
Deferred pensions		
Airports	963	69
Solid waste	8,328	594
Non-major Enterprise Funds	1,655	130
Deferred lease proceeds		
Airports	-	12,287
Solid waste	-	6
Non-major enterprise funds	-	765
Deferred charge on refunding		
Airports	17	-
Total business-type activities	$ 11,324	$ 14,455

17 - FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION

A. FUND BALANCE

Fund balances are presented in the following categories: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned (see Note 1.H. for a description of these categories). Fund balances for all the major and non-major governmental funds as of June 30, 2025, were distributed as follows:

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	General Fund	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Community Development	Coronavirus Relief	County Local Revenue Fund	Department of Human Services	Kern County Tobacco Funding Corp.	Structural Fire	All other governmental funds	Total
Nonspendable:										
Receivables/advances	$ 4,704	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 4,704
Inventory	1,514	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,764	6,604	9,882
Total nonspendable	6,218	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,764	6,604	14,586
Restricted for:										
1% Teeter (Fund 00264)	10,464	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,464
Gasb 84 Reclassed Funds	10,502	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,502
Mental Health Programs	-	228,524	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228,524
Community Development	-	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	153
Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	7,801	-	-	-	-	-	7,801
Realignment	-	-	-	-	174,214	-	-	-	-	174,214
Human Services	-	-	-	-	-	47,175	-	-	-	47,175
Structural Fire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,165	-	56,165
Vehicle/Apparatus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,872	-	9,872
Fireworks Violations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8
Industrial Firefighting Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10
Fire Dept Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	243	-	243
State Fire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,033	-	2,033
Fire Hazard Reduction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,437	-	1,437
Flood Disaster	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154	-	154
Child Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	109
CSAs - Health & Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,422	2,422
CSAs - Public Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	501	501
CSAs - Public Ways	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,677	5,677
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,775	2,775
County Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	926	926
Detention & Correction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,204	31,204
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	455	455
Enviromental & Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,386	3,386
Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,921	85,921
Hospital Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,963	5,963
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,669	42,669
Other Public Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,921	5,921
Plant Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,546	1,546
Police Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,925	8,925
Public Assistance Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,166	12,166
Public Ways	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,850	9,850
Recorder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,494	4,494
Recreation facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,790	1,790
Roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,312	69,312
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,537	-	3,504	12,041
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,548	35,548
Total restricted	20,966	228,524	153	7,801	174,214	47,175	8,537	69,922	335,064	892,356
Committed to:										
Tax and Resources Loss	33,955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,955
Other Public Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,173	20,173
Plant Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,878	5,878
Aging & Adult	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,486	1,486
Police Protection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	88
Property Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,216	3,216
Total committed	33,955	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,841	64,796

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	General Fund	Behavioral Health & Recovery Services	Community Development	Coronavirus Relief	County Local Revenue Fund	Department of Human Services	Kern County Tobacco Funding Corp.	Structural Fire	All other governmental funds	Total
Assigned to:										
Encumbrances	66,661	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,661
Budget Stabilization	9,314	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,314
CWCAP Stabilization	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Tax Litigation	8,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,820
Human Services	29,453	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,453
Safety	2,327	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,327
Salary & Benifts Adj.	1,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,150
Retirement	68,529	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,529
Parks Improvements	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500
Park Maintenance	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500
Fire Station Replacement	355	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355
PILT/TARP	3,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,800
Tax Litigation Reserve	2,185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,185
Strategic WorkFRC Plan	1,941	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,941
KMC Working Capital	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,000
Info technology Projects	8,178	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,178
Sheriffs Aircraft	1,698	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,698
Employee Retention	16,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,829
F/B health Benefit	2,456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,456
WESTARZ	2,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,152
Jail Operations	2,963	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,963
Capital Projects	28,808	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164,380	193,188
Property Room	3,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,200
Infrastructure replacement	48,784	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,784
Fire-Helicopter Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,787	-	1,787
Mobile Fire Kitchen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	114
Property Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,947	2,947
Fiscal Stability	36,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,090
Total assigned:	364,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,790	167,441	533,924
Unassigned:										
General reserve	240,401	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240,401
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,685)	(1,685)
Total unassigned:	240,401	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,685)	238,716
Total fund balance	$ 666,233	$ 228,524	$ 153	$ 7,801	$ 174,214	$ 47,175	$ 8,537	$ 73,476	$ 538,265	$ 1,744,378

B. RESTRICTED RESOURCES

Restricted resources represent restrictions imposed on the use of the County's resources by parties outside of the government and by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The debt service restriction is imposed by the creditors for debt payments. The deposit with others represents required cash reserves as determined by the County's health insurance administrators. The restricted amount in the Internal Service Funds was included with the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

18 - OTHER INFORMATION

A. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The County has made available two deferred compensation plans to its eligible employees under the terms of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Of the two deferred compensation plans, one covers full-time employees (Plan I) and the other covers part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees (Plan II). The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. Amounts accumulated under the plan have been invested in several investment options at the direction of the employees.

Plan I participants specify the dollar amount of percentage of compensation to be deferred each pay period. The deferred amount per pay period may not exceed the lesser of a dollar amount limit adjusted in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457(e)(15) providing for cost-of-living adjustments or 100% of the participants compensation for that pay period. Additional contributions more than the amounts described above called "Limited Catch-Up" are allowed under Plan I for a participant's last three taxable years ending before the attainment of normal retirement age. Plan I provides an employer match equal to 100% of an employee's contribution per pay period, up to a maximum of 6% of an employee's compensation for the same bi-weekly pay period for certain eligible employees. Employer contributions for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the most recent year reported) were $10,835 for Plan I.

Plan II participants are required to defer 7.5% of their compensation each pay period. The employee may not defer more than the lesser of a dollar limit adjusted in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 457(e)(15) providing for cost-of-living adjustments, 100% of the participants income that pay period, or an amount equal to 7.5% of the base wage for Social Security during the year of the contribution. All employee contributions are invested in the Guaranteed Investment Contract. Plan II does not provide an employer match.

The Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 changed the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 to protect participant assets from the creditors of a bankrupt or financially troubled public jurisdiction. The County has complied with the provisions of this act.

B. JOINT VENTURES

In accordance with the Joint Exercise of Powers agreement between the County’s blended component unit Ford City – Taft Heights Sanitation District (the District) and the City of Taft (the City) dated May 29, 1950, and amended March 7, 1966, April 24, 1972, and August 20, 1991, the City acts on its own behalf and on behalf of the District to operate and maintain a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Costs to operate and maintain the facility are apportioned 52% to the City and 48% to the District. The District’s investment in the Wastewater Treatment Plant increased by $65 from $3,040 to $3,274 as of their most recent financial statements issued.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility and the result of its operations are reported as a component unit of the City. Audited financial statements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the City and Ford City-Taft Heights Sanitation District may be obtained through the City located at 209 East Kern Street, Taft, California 93268.

C. SECURITIZATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUES

In November 1998, the Attorneys General of 46 states and the four largest U.S. tobacco manufacturers (the OPM) entered into a Master Settlement Agreement (the MSA) in resolution of cigarette smoking-related litigation between the Settling States and the OPMs. On August 5, 1998, the counsel representing the state, various cities and counties in California, and certain other parties entered into a MOU pursuant to which each participant’s jurisdiction is entitled to receive a portion of the payments to be made to the State pursuant to the MSA. The members are allowed to sell or otherwise exchange their rights to receive payments under the MSA and the MOU for a cash payment, thereby self-insuring, hedging against or otherwise managing the risk associated with the receipt of such revenue, and assuring the availability of monies to fund the social needs of its population.

The County elected to participate in a Joint Powers Agreement made in accordance with Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title I of the Government Code of the State of California dated as of November 15, 2000, by and among the County of Stanislaus, the County of Merced, and the County of Sonoma to form the Agency. Since then, the County of Marin, the County of Placer, and the County of Fresno were added on May 31, 2002, and the County of Alameda and the County of Los Angeles were added on August 15, 2002 and January 24, 2006, respectively. The Agency is an entity that is separate from each of the member Counties. The debts, liabilities, and obligations of the Agency, including any bonds, do not constitute debts, liabilities or obligation of any of the member Counties.

The Agency has the power to issue bonds secured by the MSA payment of one or more members, the proceeds of which will be used directly or indirectly to purchase all or a portion of the MSA payments.

In furtherance of its objective to ensure and otherwise protect against the risk of a substantial decline in Tobacco Revenue and to assure a source of funds for County programs, the County formed the Corporation. The Agency loaned the Corporation proceeds from bonds it had issued on behalf of the County. The County sold to the Corporation all rights, title and interest of the County's Tobacco Revenue pursuant to the terms of an Installment Sale, Self-Insurance and Risk Transfer Agreement between the County and the Corporation. The Corporation has been included as a blended component unit of the County.

The bonds are limited obligations of the Agency payable solely from loan payments made by the Corporation. The Corporation funds the loan payments with the tobacco settlement payment purchased from the County. For the year ended June 30, 2025, $7,504 of tobacco settlement payments was recorded as Other Revenues in the Kern County Tobacco Funding Corporation debt service fund. The bonds do not constitute a charge against the general credit of the Agency or the County and neither the Agency (except from loan payments by the Corporation) nor the County will be obligated to pay the interest on or principal of these bonds. These bonds do not constitute a legal debt, liability or obligation of the County.

D. Tax Abatements

The County provides property tax abatements through the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, commonly referred to as the Williamson Act, which includes the Farmland Security Zone (FSZ) program. Under the Williamson Act, the County's Planning and Natural Resources Department enrolls land in Williamson Act and/or FSZ contracts to restrict the uses of agricultural and open space lands to farming and ranching uses in exchange for reduced property tax assessments. The contracts for the Williamson Act and FSZ are for a minimum of 10 years and 20 years, respectively.

Under the provisions of these contracts, land parcels and living improvements are assessed based on the capitalization of income method of the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 423. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the reductions in property tax assessments equaled approximately $29,629 of property tax revenues under the Williamson Act. Of this total, $22,914 was attributable to the General Fund and $6,714 to Structural Fire.

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19 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES

Changes in Accounting Principle

As a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, the County revised its methodology for recognizing and measuring liabilities for compensated absences. This statement establishes a unified model that requires recognition of liabilities for leave that has been earned and are more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled, as well as leave that has been used but not yet paid.

As a result of the implementation of this standard, the compensated absences liabilities as of July 1, 2024 for the County's proprietary funds, governmental activities, and business-type activities, were understated by the amounts shown as changes in accounting principle, respectively, in the table below which shows the effects of the implementation on beginning net positions.

	Enterprise Funds			
	Airports	Waste	Non-Major Enterprise	Internal Service Funds
June 30, 2024, As previously reported	$ 113,931	$ 120,888	$ 84,486	$ 24,742
Changes in Accounting Principle	(52)	(313)	(29)	(5)
June 30, 2024, As restated	$ 113,879	$ 120,575	$ 84,457	$ 24,737

	Government Wide	
	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities
June 30, 2024, As previously reported	$ 2,203,617	$ 295,251
Changes in Accounting Principle	(12,405)	(394)
June 30, 2024, As restated	$ 2,191,212	$ 294,857

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

KERN COUNTY

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COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 494,309	$ 525,145	$ 550,964	$ 25,819
Licenses, permits, and franchises	13,648	13,648	23,146	9,498
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	13,088	13,313	15,022	1,709
Revenue from use of money and property	13,990	13,990	49,268	35,278
Aid from other governmental agencies	263,089	278,565	255,338	(23,227)
Charges for current services	117,957	121,464	120,303	(1,161)
Other revenues	7,358	7,782	9,520	1,738
Total revenues	923,439	973,907	1,023,561	49,654
Expenditures:				
General government	264,640	346,687	245,580	101,107
Public protection	601,517	622,596	603,974	18,622
Health and sanitation	101,795	107,484	105,658	1,826
Public assistance	22,065	22,141	19,917	2,224
Education	12,719	12,914	12,631	283
Debt service	19,787	19,796	19,780	16
Contingencies and reserves	29,766	21,545	-	21,545
Total expenditures	1,052,289	1,153,163	1,007,540	145,623
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(128,850)	(179,256)	16,021	195,277
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	286,386	295,877	244,726	(51,151)
Transfers out	(259,881)	(275,683)	(245,524)	30,159
Total other financing sources (uses)	26,505	20,194	(798)	(20,992)
Net change in fund balances	(102,345)	(159,062)	15,236	174,298
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	598,115	598,115	598,115	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 495,770	$ 439,053	$ 613,338	$ 174,285

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:

Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 1,007,540
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(52,897)
Capital outlay for leases and SBITAs issued are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources	25,836
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(16,558)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	963,921
Actual other financing sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	(798)
Inception of leases issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	2,847
Inception of SBITAs issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	22,989
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(16,558)
Total other financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 8,480

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 3,404	$ 3,404	$ 10,080	$ 6,676
Aid from other governmental agencies	171,923	188,945	170,445	(18,500)
Charges for current services	139,572	139,572	109,600	(29,972)
Other revenues	1,250	2,266	1,371	(895)
Total revenues	316,149	334,187	291,496	(42,691)
Expenditures:				
Health and sanitation	413,810	444,211	410,381	33,830
Debt service	3,754	3,754	3,754	-
Contingencies and reserves	1,019	1,019	-	1,019
Total expenditures	418,583	448,984	414,135	34,849
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(102,434)	(114,797)	(122,639)	(7,842)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	184,193	184,193	113,485	(70,708)
Transfers out	(84,663)	(85,633)	(1,006)	84,627
Total other financing sources (uses)	99,530	98,560	112,479	13,919
Net change in fund balances	(2,904)	(16,237)	(10,160)	6,077
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	187,971	187,971	187,971	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 185,067	$ 171,734	$ 177,811	$ 6,077

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 414,135
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(50,713)
Capital outlay for leases and SBITAs issued are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources	1,242
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial purposes	(1,549)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	363,115
Actual other financing sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	112,479
Inception of leases issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	1,218
Inception of leases issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	24
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial purposes	(1,549)
Total financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	$ 112,172

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ -	$ -	$ 25	$ 25
Aid from other governmental agencies	32,523	32,523	7,879	(24,644)
Total revenues	32,523	32,523	7,904	(24,619)
Expenditures:				
Public assistance	30,085	30,070	8,520	21,550
Total expenditures	30,085	30,070	8,520	21,550
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	2,438	2,453	(616)	(3,069)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(2,437)	(2,466)	(2,241)	225
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,437)	(2,466)	(2,241)	225
Net change in fund balances	1	(13)	(2,857)	(2,844)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	561	561	561	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 562	$ 548	$ (2,296)	$ (2,844)

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 8,520
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(2,449)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 6,071

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 761	$ 761	$ 5,513	$ 4,752
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	6,800	6,800
Total revenues	761	761	12,313	11,552
Expenditures:				
Public assistance	46,239	47,805	20,529	27,276
Total expenditures	46,239	47,805	20,529	27,276
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(45,478)	(47,044)	(8,216)	38,828
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(52,455)	(52,458)	-	52,458
Total other financing sources (uses)	(52,455)	(52,458)	-	52,458
Net change in fund balances	(97,933)	(99,502)	(8,216)	91,286
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	5,178	5,178	5,178	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ (92,755)	$ (94,324)	$ (3,038)	$ 91,286

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 20,529
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(10,839)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 9,690

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
COUNTY LOCAL REVENUE FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ -	$ -	$ 3,261	$ 3,261
Aid from other governmental agencies	270,831	277,214	283,777	6,563
Total revenues	270,831	277,214	287,038	9,824
Expenditures:				
Public protection	1,809	3,575	3,573	2
Total expenditures	1,809	3,575	3,573	2
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	269,022	273,639	283,465	9,826
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(295,884)	(301,880)	(302,435)	(555)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(295,884)	(301,880)	(302,435)	(555)
Net change in fund balances	(26,862)	(28,241)	(18,970)	9,271
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	193,184	193,184	193,184	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 166,322	$ 164,943	$ 174,214	$ 9,271

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 200	$ 200	$ 1,158	$ 958
Aid from other governmental agencies	434,051	439,051	380,448	(58,603)
Charges for current services	411	411	620	209
Other revenues	2,893	2,893	2,823	(70)
Total revenues	437,555	442,555	385,049	(57,506)
Expenditures:				
Public assistance	669,433	676,210	663,102	13,108
Debt service	7,262	7,262	7,080	182
Total expenditures	676,695	683,472	670,182	13,290
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(239,140)	(240,917)	(285,133)	(44,216)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	239,141	239,141	254,125	14,984
Transfers out	-	(700)	(408)	292
Total other financing sources (uses)	239,141	238,441	253,717	15,276
Net change in fund balances	1	(2,476)	(31,416)	(28,940)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	66,124	66,124	66,124	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 66,125	$ 63,648	$ 34,708	$ (28,940)

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 670,182
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(12,466)
Capital outlay for inceptions of Leases and SBITAs are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources	1,140
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(3,494)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 655,362
Actual other financing sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	253,717
Inception of leases issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	1,094
Inception of SBITAs issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	46
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(3,494)
Total financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 251,363

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
STRUCTURAL FIRE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 123,101	$ 123,101	$ 129,110	$ 6,009
Licenses, permits, and franchises	2,500	2,500	3,530	1,030
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	55	55	129	74
Revenue from use of money and property	541	541	3,918	3,377
Aid from other governmental agencies	3,681	3,791	6,210	2,419
Charges for current services	51,401	69,401	75,769	6,368
Other revenues	376	376	6,440	6,064
Total revenues	181,655	199,765	225,106	25,341
Expenditures:				
Public protection	222,588	286,270	261,762	24,508
Debt service	682	682	682	-
Total expenditures	223,270	286,952	262,444	24,508
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(41,615)	(87,187)	(37,338)	49,849
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	38,946	38,946	35,503	(3,443)
Transfers out	(1,600)	(1,600)	-	1,600
Total other financing sources (uses)	37,346	37,346	35,503	(1,843)
Net change in fund balances	(4,269)	(49,841)	(1,835)	48,006
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	75,101	75,101	75,101	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 70,832	$ 25,260	$ 73,266	$ 48,006

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 262,444
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrance for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(210)
Capital outlay for Inception of Leases are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources	1,075
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(4,696)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	258,613
Actual Other Financing Sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	35,503
Inception of SBITAs issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	45
Inception of Leases issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	1,030
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(4,696)
Total Financing Sources (Uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 31,882

I. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

A. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 29000 through 29144 of the California Government Code and other statutory provisions, commonly known as the County Budget Act, the County prepares and legally adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds, except that such budgets integrate the County's encumbrance system, and, accordingly, they differ from budgets prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in this regard. In addition, capital leases are budgeted for the current annual portion, and, under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the full amount of the lease asset purchased is required to be recorded as an expenditure in the year purchased.

The major funds for which annual budgets are adopted are presented in the budgetary comparison schedules and include the General Fund, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Community Development, Coronavirus Relief, County Local Revenue Fund, Department of Human Services, Roads, and Structural Fire. The County also budgets for the following non-major funds: Aging & Adult Services, Alcohol Abuse, Alcohol Program, Asset Forfeiture 15% Probation, Automated Co. Warrant System, Automated Fingerprint, Board of Trade Advertising, Building Inspection, CCP Community Recidivism, Child Restraint Loaner, Child Support Services, Code Compliance, Community Correction Performance Incentive, County Clerk, County Service Areas, Criminal Justice Facility, Criminalistics Laboratories, DA Court Ordered Penalties, DA/Sheriff/Probation DNA Fund, DA Equipment Automation, DA Federal Forfeitures, DA Local Forfeitures, Development Services, DHS Wraparound Savings, Disaster Assistance, DIVCA LCL Franchise Fee, Domestic Violence, Drug Program, Emergency Medical Payments, Employers' Training Resource, Environmental Health Services, Health-MAA TCM, IHSS Public Authority, Juvenile Inmate Welfare, Kern County Children's Fund, KNET Asset Forfeitures, Library Books, Local Public Safety, Micrographics, NSP Grant, Off Hwy. Motor Vehicle License, Oil & Gas Program, Parcel Map In-Lieu Fees, Parks & Recreation Donation Fund, Planned Local Drainage, Planned Sewer, Planning Admin. Surcharge, Probation Asset Forfeiture, Probation DJJ Realignment, Probation Federal Asset Forfeiture, Probation Training, Project Impact Mitigation Fund, Public Health Misc., Range Improvement, Real Estate Fraud, Recorder, Recorder's Electronic Recording, Recorder Modernization, Recorder SSN Truncation, Redemption Systems, RMA-Hazardous Waste Settlements, Rural Crimes Environmental Impact Fee, Shelter Care, Sheriff Cal I.D., Sheriff Civil Automated, Sheriff Civil Subpoena, Sheriff Controlled Substance, Sheriff Drug Abuse Gang Diversion, Sheriff Drug Awareness Program, Sheriff Electronic Monitoring, Sheriff Facility Training, Sheriff Inmate Welfare, Sheriff Judgment Debtor Fee, Sheriff Rural Crime, Sheriff Sidearm Conversion, Sheriff State Asset Forfeitures, Sheriff Training Fund, Sheriff's Volunteer Service Group, Sheriff Work Release, Sterilization, Strong Motion Instrumentation, Timber Harvest, Tobacco Education Control, Veterans Grant Fund, Vital Health Statistics County Clerk, Vital Health Statistics, Vital Health Statistics Recorder, Wildlife Resources, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fire, Accumulative Capital Outlay General, and Tobacco Securitization Proceeds.

The County controls expenditures from non-budgeted funds primarily by monitoring cash balances throughout its integrated accounting and warrant writing system. Non-budgeted debt service payments are determined by the terms of bond indentures.

The aggregated County budget is an accumulation of current operating budgets within the budgeted funds operations. The County prepares annual budgets for its Enterprise and Internal Service Fund activities; however, such budgets are not presented since such comparison would make evaluation of the accrual basis of accounting funds unduly complex. All budgetary transactions must be approved by a four-fifths (4/5) vote from the Board.

The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is at the fund, department, and major object level, with more stringent control over capital assets and expenditure transfers and reimbursements for all budgeted funds. The dollar amount limitation effectively lowers the legal level of budgetary control to the object level. Presentation of the Budgetary Comparison Schedules at the legal level is not feasible due to excessive length; therefore, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules have been aggregated by function and presented by activity for non-major special revenue funds. The County also prepares a separate Final Budget document at the object level, which is available to the public on the Auditor-Controller-County Clerk's website at https://www.auditor.co.kern.ca.us/cafr/

There were no material excess expenditures over the related appropriations in any object level within any fund. Final budget amounts, as reported, represent adjusted figures at year-end. The Board must approve transfers of appropriations between departments. The Board must also approve supplemental appropriations necessary and normally financed by unanticipated revenue during the year. Unanticipated revenues of $48,385 were added to appropriations in the General Fund during the fiscal year.

The Board must approve transfers of appropriations between objects of expenditures within the same budget unit. Final budget amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as amended. Any excess of budgetary expenditures and other financing uses over revenues and other financing sources is financed by beginning available fund balances as provided for in the County Budget Act.

Encumbrances, which are commitments related to executory purchases for goods or services, are recorded for budgetary control purposes in the budgeted funds. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to assure effective budgetary control and accountability. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end represent the estimated amount of expenditures ultimately to result if the purchases in process at year-end are completed. Outstanding encumbrances related to purchase orders are allowed to carryover each year and are reported as reservations of fund balance for subsequent year expenditures. Unused or unencumbered appropriations at year-end close to fund balance.

COUNTY OF KERN
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Last 10 Fiscal Years

Reporting Fiscal Years	Measurement Date	Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	Covered Payroll	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
6/30/2016	6/30/2015	91.290%	$ 2,011,197	$ 405,150	496.41%	62.36%
6/30/2017	6/30/2016	90.800%	2,191,581	395,299	554.41%	59.82%
6/30/2018	6/30/2017	77.683%	1,836,402	401,455	457.44%	62.97%
6/30/2019	6/30/2018	76.586%	1,785,079	407,334	438.23%	64.67%
6/30/2020	6/30/2018	75.842%	1,806,945	422,275	427.91%	65.04%
6/30/2021	6/30/2020	74.671%	1,987,666	418,437	475.02%	63.13%
6/30/2022	6/30/2021	74.316%	1,404,104	433,696	323.75%	74.66%
6/30/2023	6/30/2022	74.612%	1,775,600	429,104	413.79%	68.84%
6/30/2024	6/30/2023	75.718%	1,902,291	484,327	392.77%	69.31%
6/30/2025	6/30/2024	72.030%	1,834,197	574,573	319.23%	71.03%

Notes to Schedule:

The information presented relates solely to the County and not Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA) as a whole. This information is intended to provide the reader with the status of the County's participation in KCERA. Additional information is provided in the notes section of this report.

SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Last 10 Fiscal Years

Reporting Fiscal Years	Actuarially Determined Contribution	County's Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
6/30/2016	$ 198,049	$ 198,049	$ -	$ 395,299	50.10%
6/30/2017	174,267	174,267	-	401,455	43.41%
6/30/2018	188,408	188,408	-	407,334	46.25%
6/30/2019	198,221	198,221	-	422,275	46.94%
6/30/2020	206,270	206,270	-	418,437	49.30%
6/30/2021	211,831	211,831	-	433,696	48.84%
6/30/2022	233,481	233,481	-	429,104	54.41%
6/30/2023	256,579	256,579	-	484,327	52.98%
6/30/2024	282,706	282,706	-	574,573	49.20%
6/30/2025‡	314,088	314,088	-	600,236	52.33%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date:	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.
Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:	
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Remaining amortization period	10.5 years as of June 30, 2025
Amortization method	Level percent of payroll (3.00% payroll growth assumed in the June 30, 2023 valuation)
Inflation	2.50%
Projected salary increase	General: 3.75% to 8.00% and Safety: 4.00% to 10.00%, varying by service, including cost of living adjustments limited to 2.50%.
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Retirement age	General Age Non-Reciprocal: 56, General Age Reciprocal: 60, Safety Age: 51

†*As of the June 30, 2018 actuarial report, the Hospital Authority was no longer included in the County's portion of pension values.*

‡*Current year County values based on a calculation of the most recent proportionate share of net pension liability by the plan's contribution totals.*

COUNTY OF KERN
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY

Last 8 Fiscal Years*

Reporting Fiscal Years	Measurement Date	Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	Covered Payroll†	Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability (Asset)
6/30/2018	6/30/2018	92.763%	55,195	356,748	15.47%	56.56%
6/30/2019	6/30/2019	92.493%	46,482	369,234	12.59%	62.67%
6/30/2020	6/30/2020	91.917%	42,679	221,937	19.23%	66.03%
6/30/2021	6/30/2021	91.754%	18,400	215,167	8.55%	84.90%
6/30/2022	6/30/2022	90.219%	66,567	203,766	32.67%	57.54%
6/30/2023	6/30/2023	89.962%	63,409	203,846	31.11%	60.54%
6/30/2024	6/30/2024	94.737%	(26,148)	194,338	(13.45)%	128.92%
6/30/2025	6/30/2025	94.810%	(39,693)	198,067	(20.04)%	143.31%

†Based on the total covered employee payroll for employees classified as County in the census data.

SCHEDULE OF OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS

Last 8 Fiscal Years*

Reporting Fiscal Years	Actuarially Determined Contribution	County's Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
6/30/2018	$ 11,921	9,725	2,196	$ 404,925	2.40%
6/30/2019	9,838	10,078	(240)	$ 419,097	2.40%
6/30/2020	8,853	10,748	(1,895)	249,328	4.31%
6/30/2021	9,801	9,193	608	241,340	3.81%
6/30/2022	-	9,242	(9,242)	227,687	4.06%
6/30/2023	N/A	8,921	N/A	203,846	4.38%
6/30/2024	N/A	9,989	N/A	194,338	5.14%
6/30/2025	N/A	10,010	N/A	198,067	5.05%

Notes to schedule:

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Valuation date:	June 30, 2024
Actuarial cost method:	Entry Age Normal, level percentage of compensation
Asset valuation method:	Market value basis
Discount rate:	6.50% based on asset allocation in PARS OPEB Trust and County contributions of $70 per pay period per eligible employee and the eligible employees contributing 2.12% of payroll for the Supplement
Payroll growth:	Inflation of 2.50% per year plus "across the board" real salary increases of .50% per year.
Projected salary increase;	General: 0.70% to 5.25% and Safety: 1.00% to 8.00%, varying by service, including inflation (actual increases contingent upon CPI increases with a 2.50 % maximum)
Trend rates:	
Supplement	Bargaining Units 7,F,O,Q,T,V,Y: 7.50% to 2024/25 grading down by 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.50%. Supplement is fixed for all other bargaining units.
Mortality rate	Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables
Benefit changes:	None

Notes to schedule continued:

Changes of assumptions:	The future trend rates on valuation-year per capita health care costs were updated. This change increased the TOL.

**GASB Statement No. 75 was implemented as of June 30, 2018. Additional years will be presented as they are available*

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

NON-MAJOR
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 321,460	$ 164,364	$ 3,046	$ 488,870
Revolving fund cash	25	-	-	25
Cash and investments deposited with trustee	-	35,225	501	35,726
Interest receivable	123	103	2	228
Taxes receivable	423	-	-	423
Accounts receivable, net	739	-	-	739
Accrued revenue	44,327	244	-	44,571
Due from other funds	18,852	1,529	-	20,381
Due from other agencies	785	-	-	785
Housing loans receivable	15,574	-	-	15,574
Housing loans interest receivable	4,190	-	-	4,190
Inventory - materials and supplies	6,604	-	-	6,604
Total assets	$ 413,102	$ 201,465	$ 3,549	$ 618,116
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 18,670	$ 3,221	$ 45	$ 21,936
Salaries and employee benefits payable	2,350	-	-	2,350
Due to other funds	33,988	-	-	33,988
Unearned revenue	176	-	-	176
Due to other agencies	680	-	-	680
Total liabilities	55,864	3,221	45	59,130
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred housing loan payments	19,764	-	-	19,764
Unavailable revenue - property tax	903	-	-	903
Unavailable revenue - other	53	-	-	53
Total deferred inflows of resources	20,720	-	-	20,720
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	6,604	-	-	6,604
Restricted	296,012	35,549	3,504	335,065
Committed	30,841	-	-	30,841
Assigned	3,061	164,380	-	167,441
Unassigned	-	(1,685)	-	(1,685)
Total fund balances	336,518	198,244	3,504	538,266
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 413,102	$ 201,465	$ 3,549	$ 618,116

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 4,290	$ -	$ -	$ 4,290
Licenses, permits, and franchises	16,916	-	-	16,916
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	5,389	-	-	5,389
Revenue from use of money and property	12,448	9,654	1,189	23,291
Aid from other governmental agencies	275,505	13,456	-	288,961
Charges for current services	21,588	-	-	21,588
Other revenues	23,937	-	1,500	25,437
Total revenues	360,073	23,110	2,689	385,872
Expenditures:				
General government	6,091	-	788	6,879
Public protection	48,033	-	-	48,033
Public ways and facilities	46,801	-	-	46,801
Health and sanitation	17,971	-	-	17,971
Public assistance	53,279	-	-	53,279
Culture and recreation	42	-	-	42
Capital outlay	35,498	18,347	-	53,845
Debt service:				
Principal	1,863	-	13,047	14,910
Interest	115	-	22,877	22,992
Total expenditures	209,693	18,347	36,712	264,752
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	150,380	4,763	(34,023)	121,120
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	43,536	17,413	34,493	95,442
Transfers out	(166,552)	-	-	(166,552)
Leases Issued	259	-	-	259
SBITAS Issued	1	-	-	1
Total other financing sources (uses)	(122,756)	17,413	34,493	(70,850)
Net change in fund balances	27,624	22,176	470	50,270
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	308,894	176,068	3,034	487,996
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 336,518	$ 198,244	$ 3,504	$ 538,266

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Special revenue funds are revenues derived from specific taxes or other designated revenue sources. Primary revenue sources include taxes; fines, forfeitures and penalties; use of money and property; aid from other governmental agencies; charges for current services; and other revenues. Expenditures are for specific activities that are legally authorized to be financed from the individual funds. These special revenue funds are described below:

Aging and Adult Services – This fund accounts for the development and maintenance of Countywide programs to provide social, nutritional, and protective services to seniors and other adults.

Child Support Services – This fund accounts for the initial court actions necessary to establish financial responsibility for the support of minors, and for the enforcement and collection of child support payments from absent parents under the Social Security Act.

County Clerk – This fund is responsible for issuing marriage licenses and fictitious business names, and accepting filings of notary public bonds, environmental impact reports, County loyalty oaths, and other miscellaneous filings.

Detention and Corrections:

Asset Forfeiture 15% Probation – This fund was established to account for the County's allocation of asset forfeitures to be used to combat drug abuse and divert gang activity.

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Community Recidivism – This fund accounts for 2011 realignment allocation for community-based organizations as approved by the Community Correction Partnership.

Criminal Justice Facility – This fund accounts for surcharges upon fines, forfeitures and penalties to assist in the construction and maintenance of County criminal justice and court facilities.

Juvenile Inmate Welfare – This fund accounts for revenues generated at Juvenile facilities and are used for enhancing programs within the Juvenile Institutions.

Juvenile Justice Facility – This fund accounts for a surcharge imposed on fines and forfeitures to assist in financing the construction and rehabilitation of the County's juvenile facility.

Probation Asset Forfeiture – This fund was established to account for the County's allocation of asset forfeitures.

Probation DJJ Realignment – This fund accounts for services given to juveniles that prior to realignment received services from the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

Probation Federal Asset Forfeiture –This fund was established to account for the County's allocation of Federal asset forfeitures.

Probation Training – This fund accounts for state money received for the development of training, program evaluation, and the research study on validated standards.

Education:

Library Books – This fund holds donations received by the Library for the sole purpose of purchasing materials (books, audiovisual materials, subscriptions, etc.).

Environmental Health Services – This fund provides State mandated regulatory oversight, compliance assistance, and enforcement actions relating to health and safety standards for community businesses and activities.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

Finance:

Redemption Systems – This fund accounts for the requirement under the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4710.

Health:

Alcohol Abuse – This fund accounts for assessments and is used to fund alcohol abuse education and prevention programs in schools and communities throughout the County.

Alcohol Program – This fund accounts for DUI violation fines and is used to fund alcohol programs and services as well as to upgrade facilities to comply with State and Federal regulations regarding accessibility for handicapped persons.

Child Restraint Loaner – This fund accounts for fines imposed on violators of the Child Passenger Restraint Systems Law and provides a low-cost child passenger restraint purchase and/or loaner program.

County Service Areas – This fund accounts for a broad range of services to remote geographical areas as well as rapidly growing communities. These funds are financed principally from property taxes.

Drug Program – This fund accounts for fines, penalties and forfeitures and is used to develop, implement, and operate alcohol and drug assessment programs.

Health-MAA TCM – This fund accounts for the reimbursement of case management services known as Targeted Case Management (TCM) and for administration of the Medi-Cal program known as Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA).

Health Services – This fund accounts for different types of services, advances from the state for certain Medi-Cal administration cost of the welfare department, also accounts for fees for issuance of a permit for disposition of human remains to fund peace office training.

Health 1991 Realignment – This fund accounts for revenues forthcoming from the state pursuant to Chapter 89 of 1991 and the State Controller’s guidelines for Health and Welfare Realignment.

Oil & Gas Mitigation – This fund accounts for the collection of mitigation fees collected for Oil & Gas activity to fund different types of impact topic like Valley Fever, Bio Habitat, Paleo, Road Maintenance, and Drinking Water.

Opioid Settlement Fund - This fund accounts for monies received from the settlement of the litigation of Opioid's. Funds are limited for the specific uses of creating new or expanded SUD treatment, and interventions to prevent drug addiction in vulnerable youth.

Public Health Miscellaneous – This fund accounts for various private donations.

RMA-Hazardous Waste Settlements – This fund accounts for monies to be used only for the enforcement of laws pertaining to Hazardous Waste Control.

Tobacco Education Control – This fund accounts for deposits of prospective payments toward the Tobacco Education Program per State AB99.

Tobacco Control Grant Funding – This Fund accounts for grant monies related to the California Department of Public Health for the acceptance of Proposition 56. The agreement requires to set up separate interest-bearing trust funds.

Vital Health Statistics County Clerk – This fund collects a $1 fee for each certified copy of a birth, death, or marriage certificate, and reimburses the County Clerk for allowable budget expenditures.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

Vital Health Statistics – This fund collects a $1 fee for each certified copy of a birth, death, or marriage certificate, and reimburses the Health Department for allowable budget expenditures.

Vital Health Statistics Recorder – This fund collects a $1 fee for each certified copy of a birth, death, or marriage certificate and reimburses the Recorder for allowable budget expenditures.

Vital & Health Stat-Co. Clerk - To retain 50% of the $2 VRIP surcharge (SB 1535 Chapter 1594, Statutes of 1988) collected by the County of Kern to be used for local automation for reimbursement to the County Clerk for allowable expenditures.

Hospital Care:

Emergency Medical Payments – This fund provides for the coordination of all participants in the emergency medical services system in the County, as authorized under the Health and Safety Code.

Judicial:

Automated County Warrant System – This fund accounts for fines imposed on driving offenses and is used for the development and operation of the automated County warrant system.

Criminalistics Laboratories – This fund uses revenues received from a $50 fine on each conviction for controlled substance offense to defray costs of providing controlled substances analysis in the County.

District Attorney Court Ordered Penalties – This fund accounts for court-ordered penalties occurring within the County and are for the exclusive use by the District Attorney for the enforcement of consumer protection laws.

District Attorney/Sheriff/Probation DNA Fund – This fund accounts for penalty assessments associated with DNA testing.

District Attorney Equipment Automation – This fund accounts for special grants for the acquisition of equipment for automation of the District Attorney, and specialized equipment for the Crime Laboratory.

District Attorney Federal Forfeitures – This fund accounts for asset forfeiture distributions received through the equitable sharing program with the U.S. Department of Justice when the County's District Attorney's Office either prosecutes a related state criminal action or is responsible for the prosecution of the federal, judicial forfeiture.

District Attorney Local Forfeitures – This fund was established to account for the County's allocation of civil judgments and asset forfeitures.

Domestic Violence – This fund accounts for a surcharge on marriage licenses and is used to finance domestic violence programs.

Local Public Safety – This fund is used to separately account for proceeds from a half-cent sales tax enacted through the passage of Proposition 172 in November 1993. Proceeds are allocated from this fund to the District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Probation and Fire.

Real Estate Fraud – This fund accounts for recording of real estate instrument fees to fund the deterrence, investigation, and prosecution of real estate fraud crimes.

Victim Services – This fund accounts for the collection of unclaimed restitution funds and Ordinance G-8535 fees for use within Victim Services Unite and Family Justice Center activities.

Other Public Protection:

Building Inspection – This fund provides for enforcement of State and local regulations governing construction through the issuance of building permits and inspection of new construction in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Code Compliance – This fund accounts for the public nuisance abatement work done by the Code Compliance division.

County Service Areas – This fund accounts for a broad range of services to remote geographical areas as well as rapidly growing communities. These funds are financed principally from property taxes.

Oil and Gas Program – This fund accounts for fees from permits issued for the drilling and production of oil and gas.

Planning Administration Surcharge – This fund collects specified building permit fees applied to new developments to offset costs related to the administration and update of the General Plan and Specific Plans affecting Kern County's growth and development.

Project Impact Mitigation Fund – This fund accounts for monies received from project impact mitigation measures that must be used to satisfy the required mitigation.

Range Improvement – This fund accounts for grazing fees used to support range improvement costs.

Recorder's Electronic Recording – This fund accounts for recording fees used to maintain the County's system of recorded documents.

Recorder Modernization – This fund accounts for monies collected through a $1 fee added per recorded document to pay for the County's electronic recording delivery system.

Recorder SSN Truncation – This fund accounts for recording fees used to protect social security numbers on public records.

Sterilization – This fund holds 10% of all natural and altered dog license fees collected annually to be utilized to fund the Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program.

Strong Motion Instrumentation – This fund receives revenue through fees charged for permits and is used for the purpose of promoting seismic education and awareness as part of a State mandate.

Wildlife Resources – This fund accounts for funds received from the State to fund projects recommended by the Parks and Recreations Commission.

Plant Acquisition:

Planned Local Drainage – This fund accounts for Planned Drainage Areas established in 1976 to finance the construction of storm drain facilities.

Planned Sewer – This fund accounts for sewer facility impact fees charged to building permit applicants to defray the costs of constructing planned drainage and sewer facilities.

Police Protection:

Automated Fingerprint – This fund accounts for an assessment on every fine, forfeiture, or penalty collected for criminal offenses and is to be used for maintaining the Cal-ID/Ran system.

KNET Asset Forfeitures – The fund accounts for funds received for asset forfeitures from the Kern Narcotics Enforcement Team (KNET).

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

Rural Crimes Environmental Impact Fee – This fund accounts for fees collected from permits to be used to supplement general funds allocated to staffing the Rural Crimes Unit, for the prevention and investigation of rural crimes.

Sheriff Cal I.D. – This fund accounts for monies collected through a $1 fee added to all vehicle registrations to the County with the cost of purchase and replacement of automated fingerprint equipment.

Sheriff Civil Automated – This fund allocates a portion of fees obtained from the service of Civil Process for the exclusive use of the Sheriff's Civil Division for implementation, maintenance, and purchase of auxiliary equipment for automated systems.

Sheriff Civil Subpoena – This fund is used to account for funds that cover the expense of County employees obligated by subpoena to attend civil action. Funding is provided by parties requesting subpoenas.

Sheriff Controlled Substance – This fund holds monies forfeited to the Sheriff to reimburse the Sheriff's department for expenditures made or incurred in connection with forfeiture proceedings and criminal convictions.

Sheriff Drug Abuse Gang Diversion – This fund is used to support programs designed to combat drug abuse and divert gang activity.

Sheriff Drug Awareness Program – This fund accounts for donations received for the sole purpose of benefiting the drug awareness efforts of the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Electronic Monitoring – This fund is used to collect administrative and registration fees in accordance with Penal Code section 1208.2(b)(1). The fees collected would be used for the Electronic Monitoring Program.

Sheriff Facility Training – This fund accounts for the training and recruitment of Sheriff personnel in order to adhere to the California Penal Code.

Sheriff Inmate Welfare – This fund accounts for monies derived from the commissary sales and telephone charges at the County Jail. Funds are used for the welfare and benefit of inmates housed in the County Jail.

Sheriff Judgment Debtor Fee – This fund collects processing fees for disbursements of certain monies to supplement the cost of purchase and maintenance of the Sheriff's vehicles and equipment.

Sheriff Rural Crime – This fund holds grant money to be used by the rural crime investigation program to reduce losses caused by criminal activity in the agricultural, oil, and livestock industries.

Sheriff Sidearm Conversion – This fund accounts for the deposit of monies generated from the sale of firearms to fund departmental transition to a standardized departmental sidearm.

Sheriff State Asset Forfeitures – This fund holds revenues received from assets seized during arrests.

Sheriff Training Fund – This fund accounts for the deposit of monies generated from a contract with Cerro Coso Community College for Law Enforcement training.

Sheriff's Volunteer Service Group – This fund accounts for donations received for the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Search and Rescue Team.

Sheriff Work Release – This fund collects the revenues from the Work Release Program, which promotes successful reintegration of law violators into society and reduce jail overcrowding.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

BSCC - Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant - This fund accounts for monies received for the Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant Program, established in the 2022 Budget Act (Assembly Bill 178, Ch. 45, Statutes of 2022). This will provide $50 million for City and County law enforcement agencies for the purpose of improving officer wellness and expanding mental health resources.

Promotion:

Board of Trade Advertising – This fund holds monies received from the sale of advertising by the Board of Trade and is used to pay for related advertising expenses.

Property Management:

Development Services – This fund, a division of the Public Works Department, is responsible for reviewing and processing tract and parcel maps, reviewing construction and grading plans for code and regulation compliance, and oversees drainage, floodplain, and geologic activities related to land-development permits.

DIVCA LCL Franchise Fee – This fund accounts for a surcharge on cable providers' franchise fees to be used for audio/visual infrastructure capital equipment purchases.

Public Assistance Administration:

Department of Human Services (DHS) Wraparound Savings – This fund accounts for the placement and holding of savings of Wraparound monies used to provide specialized intensive "wraparound" services to youth in an effort to achieve positive outcomes.

Disaster Assistance – This fund accounts for funding received from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the purchase of temporary modular housing units for families affected by the Erskine Fire.

Employers' Training Resource (ETR) – This fund administers the Federal Workforce Investment Act and Welfare-to-Work funds received through the Department of Labor, State Employment Development Department, and the Kern County Department of Human Services. ETR accounts for job training and support services for workers of all economic classes.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority – This fund accounts for supportive services given to aged, blind, or disabled persons, who are unable to perform the services themselves and who cannot safely remain in their homes or abodes of their own choosing unless these services are provided.

Kern County Children's Fund – This fund accounts for fees from birth certificate requests with the monies used in funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs.

NSP Grant – This fund accounts for grant funds from the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, which are restricted for use in addressing the effects of abandoned and foreclosed properties in Kern County.

Shelter Care – This fund accounts for donations received for the purchase of emergency items, arts and crafts supplies, and entertainment and recreation for the benefit of the children at the Jamison Center.

Veterans Grant Fund – This fund is used to account for grant and donation revenue received by the Veterans Department.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

CD-NSP 3 Grant - This fund accounts for grant funds awarded to mitigate the negative impact of the nation's economic decline and housing market collapse. Funds are restricted and regulated to help stabilize and revitalize communities hit the hardest as a result of abandoned and foreclosed residential properties. Half of funds are to be expended within two years; and all funds are to be expended within three years.

Public Ways:

County Service Areas – This fund accounts for a broad range of services to remote geographical areas as well as rapidly growing communities. These funds are financed principally from property taxes.

Off Highway Motor Vehicle License – This fund supports Off Highway Projects.

Parcel Map In-lieu Fees – This fund accounts for providing park or recreational facilities and improvement of Parks.

Recorder – This fund accounts for recording fees used for the operations of the Recorder's office.

Recreation Facilities:

Parks and Recreation Donation Fund – This fund holds donations received to be used for park improvement projects.

Timber Harvest – This fund accounts for payments received to harvest timber to be used for improvement projects in County parks.

Roads – This fund accounts for planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining public roads, bridges, streets, and traffic control devices in the unincorporated areas of the County, except for State-maintained highways and bridges. This special revenue fund is funded through various revenues including gas tax, impact fee permits, federal and state aid for construction, charges for services, and County contributions.

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	AGING & ADULT SERVICES	CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES	COUNTY CLERK	DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 532	$ 2,025	$ 948	$ 29,511
Revolving fund cash	5	2	3	-
Interest receivable	-	2	1	4
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-	-
Accrued revenue	6,571	17	-	-
Due from other funds	363	-	-	1,582
Due from other agencies	-	-	-	236
Housing loans receivable	-	-	-	-
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	-	-
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 7,471	$ 2,046	$ 952	$ 31,333
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 946	$ 165	$ -	$ 129
Salaries and employee benefits payable	852	1,092	26	-
Due to other funds	4,187	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Due to other agencies	-	680	-	-
Total liabilities	5,985	1,937	26	129
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - property tax	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - other	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	109	926	31,204
Committed	1,486	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	1,486	109	926	31,204
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 7,471	$ 2,046	$ 952	$ 31,333

	EDUCATION	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	FINANCE	HEALTH
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 455	$ 3,747	$ 2,775	$ 88,335
Revolving fund cash	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	-	6	-	21
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	290
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-	-
Accrued revenue	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	13,342
Due from other agencies	-	-	-	17
Housing loans receivable	-	-	-	-
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	-	-
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 455	$ 3,753	$ 2,775	$ 102,005
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 62	$ -	$ 24
Salaries and employee benefits payable	-	305	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	13,358
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	367	-	13,382
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - property tax	-	-	-	280
Unavailable revenue - other	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	280
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	455	3,386	2,775	88,343
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	455	3,386	2,775	88,343
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 455	$ 3,753	$ 2,775	$ 102,005

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	HOSPITAL CARE	JUDICIAL	OTHER PUBLIC PROTECTION	PLANT ACQUISITION
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 5,810	$ 34,882	$ 26,377	$ 7,420
Revolving fund cash	-	-	11	-
Interest receivable	4	1	15	4
Taxes receivable	-	-	8	-
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	691	-
Accrued revenue	-	20,353	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	7	-
Due from other agencies	265	43	201	-
Housing loans receivable	-	-	-	-
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	-	-
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 6,079	$ 55,279	$ 27,310	$ 7,424
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 116	$ 327	$ 123	$ -
Salaries and employee benefits payable	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	12,107	74	-
Unearned revenue	-	176	-	-
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	116	12,610	197	-
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - property tax	-	-	518	-
Unavailable revenue - other	-	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	518	-
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	5,963	42,669	6,422	1,546
Committed	-	-	20,173	5,878
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	5,963	42,669	26,595	7,424
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 6,079	$ 55,279	$ 27,310	$ 7,424

	POLICE PROTECTION	PROMOTION	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 9,271	$ 114	$ 6,111	$ 15,985
Revolving fund cash	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	5	-	4	5
Taxes receivable	-	-	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	10	-
Accrued revenue	-	-	-	4,145
Due from other funds	-	-	107	156
Due from other agencies	23	-	-	-
Housing loans receivable	-	-	-	15,574
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	-	4,190
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	-
Total assets	$ 9,299	$ 114	$ 6,232	$ 40,055
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 286	$ -	$ 40	$ 4,288
Salaries and employee benefits payable	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	20	3,837
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	286	-	60	8,125
Deferred inflows of resources				
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	-	19,764
Unavailable revenue - property tax	-	-	-	-
Unavailable revenue - other	-	-	9	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	9	19,764
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	8,925	-	-	12,166
Committed	88	-	3,216	-
Assigned	-	114	2,947	-
Total fund balances	9,013	114	6,163	12,166
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 9,299	$ 114	$ 6,232	$ 40,055

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NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PUBLIC WAYS	RECORDER	RECREATION FACILITIES	ROADS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Assets:					
Pooled cash and investments	$ 15,666	$ 4,596	$ 1,832	$ 65,068	$ 321,460
Revolving fund cash	-	4	-	-	25
Interest receivable	5	3	-	43	123
Taxes receivable	125	-	-	-	423
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-	38	739
Accrued revenue	-	9	-	13,232	44,327
Due from other funds	2	-	-	3,293	18,852
Due from other agencies	-	-	-	-	785
Housing loans receivable	-	-	-	-	15,574
Housing loans interest receivable	-	-	-	-	4,190
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	6,604	6,604
Total assets	$ 15,798	$ 4,612	$ 1,832	$ 88,278	$ 413,102
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	$ 33	$ 34	$ 42	$ 12,055	$ 18,670
Salaries and employee benefits payable	-	75	-	-	2,350
Due to other funds	133	-	-	272	33,988
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	176
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	-	680
Total liabilities	166	109	42	12,327	55,864
Deferred inflows of resources					
Deferred housing loan payments	-	-	-	-	19,764
Unavailable revenue - property tax	105	-	-	-	903
Unavailable revenue - other	-	9	-	35	53
Total deferred inflows of resources	105	9	-	35	20,720
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	6,604	6,604
Restricted	15,527	4,494	1,790	69,312	296,012
Committed	-	-	-	-	30,841
Assigned	-	-	-	-	3,061
Total fund balances	15,527	4,494	1,790	75,916	336,518
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 15,798	$ 4,612	$ 1,832	$ 88,278	$ 413,102

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	AGING & ADULT SERVICES	CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES	COUNTY CLERK	DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Licenses, permits, and franchises	-	-	318	-
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	-	-	-	1,083
Revenue from use of money and property	12	102	47	786
Aid from other governmental agencies	24,812	30,307	-	10,947
Charges for current services	2,742	-	384	-
Other revenues	351	22	3	-
Total revenues	27,917	30,431	752	12,816
Expenditures:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Public protection	-	28,246	733	2,621
Public ways and facilities	-	-	-	-
Health and sanitation	-	-	-	-
Public assistance	30,541	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	1	63	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	560	1,022	-	-
Interest	30	57	-	-
Total expenditures	31,132	29,388	733	2,621
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(3,215)	1,043	19	10,195
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	3,608	25	3	10,272
Transfers out	(275)	(801)	(8)	(15,058)
Leases Issued	-	54	-	-
SBITAS Issued	1	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	3,334	(722)	(5)	(4,786)
Net change in fund balances	119	321	14	5,409
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	1,367	(212)	912	25,795
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 1,486	$ 109	$ 926	$ 31,204

	EDUCATION	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	FINANCE	HEALTH
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 863
Licenses, permits, and franchises	-	5,326	-	-
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	-	220	249	146
Revenue from use of money and property	30	329	54	2,277
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	4	-	396
Charges for current services	-	4,223	-	242
Other revenues	116	22	-	21,142
Total revenues	146	10,124	303	25,066
Expenditures:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Public protection	-	-	-	-
Public ways and facilities	-	-	-	-
Health and sanitation	-	10,182	-	6,764
Public assistance	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	174	-	-
Interest	-	22	-	-
Total expenditures	-	10,378	-	6,764
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	146	(254)	303	18,302
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	120	-	33
Transfers out	(170)	(159)	(60)	(3,353)
Leases Issued	-	-	-	-
SBITAS Issued	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(170)	(39)	(60)	(3,320)
Net change in fund balances	(24)	(293)	243	14,982
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	479	3,679	2,532	73,361
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 455	$ 3,386	$ 2,775	$ 88,343

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	HOSPITAL CARE	JUDICIAL	OTHER PUBLIC PROTECTION	PLANT ACQUISITION
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 502	$ -
Licenses, permits, and franchises	-	107	9,096	33
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	1,260	540	152	-
Revenue from use of money and property	311	691	1,327	408
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	122,655	6	-
Charges for current services	-	671	1,364	46
Other revenues	-	32	46	-
Total revenues	1,571	124,696	12,493	487
Expenditures:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Public protection	-	4,027	11,998	-
Public ways and facilities	-	-	-	-
Health and sanitation	1,025	-	-	-
Public assistance	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	752	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	66	-
Interest	-	-	2	-
Total expenditures	1,025	4,027	12,818	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	546	120,669	(325)	487
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	-	2,350	-
Transfers out	(147)	(113,685)	(1,948)	-
Leases Issued	-	-	205	-
SBITAS Issued	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(147)	(113,685)	607	-
Net change in fund balances	399	6,984	282	487
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	5,564	35,685	26,313	6,937
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 5,963	$ 42,669	$ 26,595	$ 7,424

	POLICE PROTECTION	PROMOTION	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Licenses, permits, and franchises	-	-	284	-
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	1,726	-	-	-
Revenue from use of money and property	541	8	296	693
Aid from other governmental agencies	166	-	-	17,095
Charges for current services	406	-	1,181	5,568
Other revenues	1,962	-	9	15
Total revenues	4,801	8	1,770	23,371
Expenditures:				
General government	-	-	1,855	-
Public protection	408	-	-	-
Public ways and facilities	-	-	-	-
Health and sanitation	-	-	-	-
Public assistance	-	-	-	22,738
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	42	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	18	-
Interest	-	-	4	-
Total expenditures	408	-	1,919	22,738
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	4,393	8	(149)	633
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	-	1,475	13,622
Transfers out	(5,403)	(30)	(240)	(24,514)
Leases Issued	-	-	-	-
SBITAS Issued	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(5,403)	(30)	1,235	(10,892)
Net change in fund balances	(1,010)	(22)	1,086	(10,259)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	10,023	136	5,077	22,425
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 9,013	$ 114	$ 6,163	$ 12,166

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PUBLIC WAYS	RECORDER	RECREATION FACILITIES	ROADS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
Revenues:					
Taxes	$ 2,908	$ -	$ -	$ 17	$ 4,290
Licenses, permits, and franchises	192	4	-	1,556	16,916
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	13	-	-	-	5,389
Revenue from use of money and property	718	276	45	3,497	12,448
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	115	69,002	275,505
Charges for current services	2	2,377	175	2,207	21,588
Other revenues	3	6	1	207	23,937
Total revenues	3,836	2,663	336	76,486	360,073
Expenditures:					
General government	-	4,236	-	-	6,091
Public protection	-	-	-	-	48,033
Public ways and facilities	3,074	-	-	43,727	46,801
Health and sanitation	-	-	-	-	17,971
Public assistance	-	-	-	-	53,279
Culture and recreation	-	-	42	-	42
Capital outlay	2	-	-	34,638	35,498
Debt service:					
Principal	-	-	-	23	1,863
Interest	-	-	-	-	115
Total expenditures	3,076	4,236	42	78,388	209,693
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	760	(1,573)	294	(1,902)	150,380
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	53	1,586	-	10,389	43,536
Transfers out	-	(107)	(50)	(544)	(166,552)
Leases Issued	-	-	-	-	259
SBITAS Issued	-	-	-	-	1
Total other financing sources (uses)	53	1,479	(50)	9,845	(122,756)
Net change in fund balances	813	(94)	244	7,943	27,624
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	14,714	4,588	1,546	67,973	308,894
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 15,527	$ 4,494	$ 1,790	$ 75,916	$ 336,518

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
AGING & ADULT SERVICES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 3	$ 3	$ 12	$ 9
Aid from other governmental agencies	26,188	26,188	24,812	(1,376)
Charges for current services	3,556	3,556	2,742	(814)
Other revenues	414	414	351	(63)
Total revenues	30,161	30,161	27,917	(2,244)
Expenditures:				
Public assistance	33,223	33,676	31,770	1,906
Debt service	590	590	590	-
Total expenditures	33,813	34,266	32,360	1,906
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(3,652)	(4,105)	(4,443)	(338)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	3,652	3,652	3,608	(44)
Total other financing sources (uses)	3,652	3,652	3,608	(44)
Net change in fund balances	-	(453)	(835)	(382)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	1,367	1,367	1,367	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 1,367	$ 914	$ 532	$ (382)

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 32,360
Differences - budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(954)
Capital outlay for leases and SBITAs are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources	1
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(275)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	31,132
Actual other financing sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	3,608
Inception of SBITAs issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	1
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(275)
Total other financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 3,334

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 62	$ 62	$ 102	$ 40
Aid from other governmental agencies	34,144	34,144	30,307	(3,837)
Other revenues	1	1	22	21
Total revenues	34,207	34,207	30,431	(3,776)
Expenditures:				
Public protection	33,105	33,155	29,276	3,879
Debt service	1,079	1,079	1,079	-
Total expenditures	34,184	34,234	30,355	3,879
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	23	(27)	76	103
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	26	26	25	(1)
Total other financing sources (uses)	26	26	25	(1)
Net change in fund balances	49	(1)	101	102
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	(212)	(212)	(212)	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ (163)	$ (213)	$ (111)	$ 102

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 30,355
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(220)
Capital Outlay for leases and SBITAs issued are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources	54
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(801)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	29,388
Actual Other Financing Sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	25
Inception of leases issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	54
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(801)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ (722)

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
COUNTY CLERK
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	$ 300	$ 300	$ 318	$ 18
Revenue from use of money and property	4	4	47	43
Charges for current services	401	401	384	(17)
Other revenues	-	-	3	3
Total revenues	705	705	752	47
Expenditures:				
Public protection	945	945	741	204
Total expenditures	945	945	741	204
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(240)	(240)	11	251
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	3	3	3	-
Total other financing sources (uses):	3	3	3	-
Net change in fund balances	(237)	(237)	14	251
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	912	912	912	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 675	$ 675	$ 926	$ 251

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:

Actual expenditure amount on budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 741
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(8)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	733
Actual Other Financing Sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	3
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(8)
Total other financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ (5)

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	$ 1,436	$ 1,436	$ 1,083	$ (353)
Revenue from use of money and property	122	122	786	664
Aid from other governmental agencies	9,997	10,112	10,947	835
Total revenues	11,555	11,670	12,816	1,146
Expenditures:				
Public protection	7,409	7,571	2,913	4,658
Total expenditures	7,409	7,571	2,913	4,658
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	4,146	4,099	9,903	5,804
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	9,278	9,278	10,272	994
Transfers out	(17,537)	(17,652)	(15,058)	2,594
Total other financing sources (uses)	(8,259)	(8,374)	(4,786)	3,588
Net change in fund balances	(4,113)	(4,275)	5,117	9,392
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	25,795	25,795	25,795	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 21,682	$ 21,520	$ 30,912	$ 9,392

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 2,913
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(292)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 2,621

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
EDUCATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 8	$ 8	$ 30	$ 22
Other revenues	120	120	116	(4)
Total revenues	128	128	146	18
Expenditures:				
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	128	128	146	18
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(170)	(170)	(170)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(170)	(170)	(170)	-
Net change in fund balances	(42)	(42)	(24)	18
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	479	479	479	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 437	$ 437	$ 455	$ 18

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	$ 4,970	$ 4,970	$ 5,326	$ 356
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	110	110	220	110
Revenue from use of money and property	60	60	329	269
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	4	4
Charges for current services	4,255	4,255	4,223	(32)
Other revenues	5	5	22	17
Total revenues	9,400	9,400	10,124	724
Expenditures:				
Health and sanitation	11,392	11,394	10,405	989
Debt service	196	196	196	-
Total expenditures	11,588	11,590	10,601	989
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(2,188)	(2,190)	(477)	1,713
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	606	606	120	(486)
Total other financing sources (uses)	606	606	120	(486)
Net change in fund balances	(1,582)	(1,584)	(357)	1,227
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	3,679	3,679	3,679	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 2,097	$ 2,095	$ 3,322	$ 1,227

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 10,601
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(64)
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(159)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	10,378
Actual other financing sources amount on budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	120
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(159)
Total other financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ (39)

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
FINANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	$ 200	$ 200	$ 249	$ 49
Revenue from use of money and property	-	-	54	54
Total revenues	200	200	303	103
Expenditures:				
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	200	200	303	103
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(678)	(678)	(60)	618
Total other financing sources (uses)	(678)	(678)	(60)	618
Net change in fund balances	(478)	(478)	243	721
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	2,532	2,532	2,532	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 2,054	$ 2,054	$ 2,775	$ 721

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
HEALTH
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 927	$ 927	$ 863	$ (64)
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	166	166	146	(20)
Revenue from use of money and property	324	324	2,277	1,953
Aid from other governmental agencies	692	692	396	(296)
Charges for current services	219	219	242	23
Other revenues	3,707	3,707	21,142	17,435
Total revenues	6,035	6,035	25,066	19,031
Expenditures:				
Health and sanitation	856	878	6,764	(5,886)
Total expenditures	856	878	6,764	(5,886)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	5,179	5,157	18,302	13,145
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	33	33	-
Transfers out	(2,242)	(4,102)	(3,353)	749
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,242)	(4,069)	(3,320)	749
Net change in fund balances	2,937	1,088	14,982	13,894
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	73,361	73,361	73,361	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 76,298	$ 74,449	$ 88,343	$ 13,894

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
HOSPITAL CARE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	$ 1,600	$ 1,600	$ 1,260	$ (340)
Revenue from use of money and property	40	40	311	271
Total revenues	1,640	1,640	1,571	(69)
Expenditures:				
Health and sanitation	1,439	1,439	1,025	414
Total expenditures	1,439	1,439	1,025	414
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	201	201	546	345
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(300)	(300)	(147)	153
Total other financing sources (uses)	(300)	(300)	(147)	153
Net change in fund balances	(99)	(99)	399	498
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	5,564	5,564	5,564	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 5,465	$ 5,465	$ 5,963	$ 498

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
JUDICIAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	$ 75	$ 75	$ 107	$ 32
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	349	349	540	191
Revenue from use of money and property	59	59	691	632
Aid from other governmental agencies	113,579	113,579	122,655	9,076
Charges for current services	624	624	671	47
Other revenues	-	-	32	32
Total revenues	114,686	114,686	124,696	10,010
Expenditures:				
Public protection	-	-	4,027	(4,027)
Total expenditures	-	-	4,027	(4,027)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	114,686	114,686	120,669	5,983
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(114,992)	(114,992)	(113,685)	1,307
Total other financing sources (uses)	(114,992)	(114,992)	(113,685)	1,307
Net change in fund balances	(306)	(306)	6,984	7,290
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	35,685	35,685	35,685	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 35,379	$ 35,379	$ 42,669	$ 7,290

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
OTHER PUBLIC PROTECTION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 372	$ 372	$ 502	$ 130
Licenses, permits, and franchises	8,440	8,440	9,096	656
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	95	95	152	57
Revenue from use of money and property	400	400	1,327	927
Aid from other governmental agencies	407	407	6	(401)
Charges for current services	1,744	1,744	1,364	(380)
Other revenues	9	9	46	37
Total revenues	11,467	11,467	12,493	1,026
Expenditures:				
Public protection	16,428	17,495	13,348	4,147
Debt service payments	68	68	68	-
Total expenditures	16,496	17,563	13,416	4,147
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(5,029)	(6,096)	(923)	5,173
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	1,750	2,350	2,350	-
Transfers out	(4,451)	(4,451)	(1,830)	2,621
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,701)	(2,101)	520	2,621
Net change in fund balances	(7,730)	(8,197)	(403)	7,794
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	26,313	26,313	26,313	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 18,583	$ 18,116	$ 25,910	$ 7,794

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 13,416
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(685)
Capital outlay for leases and SBITAs issued are expenditures for financial reporting purposes but are not outflows of budgetary resources.	205
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(118)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	12,818
Actual Other Financing Sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	520
Inception of lease issued are financing sources for financial reporting purposes but not inflows of budgetary resources	205
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(118)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 607

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PLANT ACQUISITION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	$ -	$ -	$ 33	$ 33
Revenue from use of money and property	-	-	408	408
Charges for current services	-	-	46	46
Total revenues	-	-	487	487
Expenditures:				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	-	-	487	487
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	6,937	6,937	6,937	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 6,937	$ 6,937	$ 7,424	$ 487

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
POLICE PROTECTION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	$ 1,820	$ 1,820	$ 1,726	$ (94)
Revenue from use of money and property	154	154	541	387
Aid from other governmental agencies	100	100	166	66
Charges for current services	390	390	406	16
Other revenues	1,954	1,954	1,962	8
Total revenues	4,418	4,418	4,801	383
Expenditures:				
Public protection	-	-	408	(408)
Total expenditures	-	-	408	(408)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	4,418	4,418	4,393	(25)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(5,981)	(5,981)	(5,403)	578
Total other financing sources (uses)	(5,981)	(5,981)	(5,403)	578
Net change in fund balances	(1,563)	(1,563)	(1,010)	553
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	10,023	10,023	10,023	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 8,460	$ 8,460	$ 9,013	$ 553

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PROMOTION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 2	$ 2	$ 8	$ 6
Total revenues	2	2	8	6
Expenditures:				
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	2	2	8	6
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(30)	(30)	(30)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(30)	(30)	(30)	-
Net change in fund balances	(28)	(28)	(22)	6
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	136	136	136	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 108	$ 108	$ 114	$ 6

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	$ 380	$ 380	$ 284	$ (96)
Revenue from use of money and property	113	113	296	183
Charges for current services	636	636	1,181	545
Other revenues	-	-	9	9
Total revenues	1,129	1,129	1,770	641
Expenditures:				
General government	2,841	2,881	1,897	984
Debt service payments	22	22	22	-
Total expenditures	2,863	2,903	1,919	984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(1,734)	(1,774)	(149)	1,625
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	1,475	1,475	1,475	-
Transfers out	(150)	(330)	(240)	90
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,325	1,145	1,235	90
Net change in fund balances	(409)	(629)	1,086	1,715
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	5,077	5,077	5,077	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 4,668	$ 4,448	$ 6,163	$ 1,715

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 88	$ 88	$ 693	$ 605
Aid from other governmental agencies	25,693	25,693	17,095	(8,598)
Charges for current services	3,989	3,989	5,568	1,579
Other revenues	51	319	15	(304)
Total revenues	29,821	30,089	23,371	(6,718)
Expenditures:				
Public assistance	26,786	28,409	25,703	2,706
Total expenditures	26,786	28,409	25,703	2,706
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	3,035	1,680	(2,332)	(4,012)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	15,388	15,604	13,622	(1,982)
Transfers out	(27,755)	(28,223)	(24,514)	3,709
Total other financing sources (uses)	(12,367)	(12,619)	(10,892)	1,727
Net change in fund balances	(9,332)	(10,939)	(13,224)	(2,285)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	22,425	22,425	22,425	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 13,093	$ 11,486	$ 9,201	$ (2,285)

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 25,703
Differences - budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(2,965)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 22,738

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PUBLIC WAYS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ 3,091	$ 3,091	$ 2,908	$ (183)
Licenses, permits, and franchises	-	-	192	192
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	14	14	13	(1)
Revenue from use of money and property	141	141	718	577
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	115	-	(115)
Charges for current services	(5)	(5)	2	7
Other revenues	-	-	3	3
Total revenues	3,241	3,356	3,836	480
Expenditures:				
Public ways and facilities	3,554	3,770	3,079	691
Total expenditures	3,554	3,770	3,079	691
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(313)	(414)	757	1,171
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	1	54	53	(1)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1	54	53	(1)
Net change in fund balances	(312)	(360)	810	1,170
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	14,714	14,714	14,714	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 14,402	$ 14,354	$ 15,524	$ 1,170

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 3,079
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(3)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 3,076

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
RECORDER
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	$ 4	$ 4	$ 4	$ -
Revenue from use of money and property	35	35	276	241
Charges for current services	1,974	1,974	2,377	403
Other revenues	2	2	6	4
Total revenues	2,015	2,015	2,663	648
Expenditures:				
General government	7,323	7,417	4,323	3,094
Total expenditures	7,323	7,417	4,323	3,094
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(5,308)	(5,402)	(1,660)	3,742
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	2,507	2,507	1,586	(921)
Transfers out	(130)	(130)	(66)	64
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,377	2,377	1,520	(857)
Net change in fund balances	(2,931)	(3,025)	(140)	2,885
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	4,588	4,588	4,588	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 1,657	$ 1,563	$ 4,448	$ 2,885

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount on budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 4,323
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(46)
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(41)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 4,236
Actual other financing sources amount on budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	1,520
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(41)
Total other financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in fund Balances	$ 1,479

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
RECREATION FACILITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 3	$ 3	$ 45	$ 42
Aid from other governmental agencies	110	110	115	5
Charges for current services	10	10	175	165
Other revenues	1	1	1	-
Total revenues	124	124	336	212
Expenditures:				
Culture and recreation	43	43	42	1
Total expenditures	43	43	42	1
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	81	81	294	213
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	(100)	(100)	(50)	50
Total other financing sources (uses):	(100)	(100)	(50)	50
Net change in fund balances	(19)	(19)	244	263
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	1,546	1,546	1,546	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 1,527	$ 1,527	$ 1,790	$ 263

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ROADS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 17	$ 17
Licenses, permits, and franchises	3,000	3,000	1,556	(1,444)
Revenue from use of money and property	930	930	3,497	2,567
Aid from other governmental agencies	115,971	115,971	69,002	(46,969)
Charges for current services	1,273	1,273	2,207	934
Other revenues	554	554	207	(347)
Total revenues	121,728	121,728	76,486	(45,242)
Expenditures:				
Public ways and facilities	168,546	189,262	130,675	58,587
Debt service payments	23	23	23	-
Total expenditures	168,569	189,285	130,698	58,587
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(46,841)	(67,557)	(54,212)	13,345
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	47,916	47,916	10,389	(37,527)
Transfers out	(7,000)	(7,000)	-	7,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	40,916	40,916	10,389	(30,527)
Net change in fund balances	(5,925)	(26,641)	(43,823)	(17,182)
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	67,973	67,973	67,973	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 62,048	$ 41,332	$ 24,150	$ (17,182)

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 130,698
Differences - budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(51,766)
Debt Service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(544)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	78,388
Actual other financing sources amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	10,389
Debt service payments for pension obligation bonds are transfers out for financial reporting purposes	(544)
Total other financing sources (uses) as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 9,845

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS DESCRIPTIONS

The capital projects funds serve as depositories for revenues received from the sale of real property and such other revenue as designated by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors generally appropriates these funds for capital outlay.

Accumulated Capital Outlay – General and Accumulated Capital Outlay – Fire – These funds provide the funding of lease payments, consisting of both interest and principal, on the Certificates of Participation issued by the County to finance the construction of various County facilities. These funds have been re-classed as Capital Projects funds as they are no longer making debt service payments.

ARPA Projects – This fund accounts for various infrastructure construction projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Psychiatric Health Facilities – This fund accounts for the construction of two Psychiatric Health Facilities managed by the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Department. The construction is funded by the issuance of the 2021 private placement loan.

Tobacco Securitization Proceeds – This fund accounts for the sale of rights to future tobacco settlement payments. The proceeds from the sale have been used to finance certain capital projects and to set up an endowment fund.

South Shafter Sewer Phase 1 & 2 – This fund accounts for the construction of the South Shafter Sewer to be funded by the California State Water Resources Control Board with a construction grant.

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY - FIRE	ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY - GENERAL	ARPA PROJECT FUNDS	PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
ASSETS				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 10,035	$ 154,242	$ 7	$ -
Cash and investments deposited with trustee	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	7	96	-	-
Accrued revenue	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	1,529	-
Total assets	10,042	154,338	1,536	-
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	-	-	3,221	-
Total liabilities	-	-	3,221	-
Fund balances:				
Restricted	-	-	-	-
Assigned	10,042	154,338	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	(1,685)	-
Total fund balances	10,042	154,338	(1,685)	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 10,042	$ 154,338	$ 1,536	$ -

	TOBACCO SECURIZATION PROCEEDS	SO. SHAFTER SEWER PHASE 1 & 2	TOTAL NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
ASSETS			
Assets:			
Pooled cash and investments	$ 32	$ 48	$ 164,364
Cash and investments deposited with trustee	35,225	-	35,225
Interest receivable	-	-	103
Accrued revenue	-	244	244
Due from other funds	-	-	1,529
Total assets	35,257	292	201,465
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	-	-	3,221
Total liabilities	-	-	3,221
Fund balances:			
Restricted	35,257	292	35,549
Assigned	-	-	164,380
Unassigned	-	-	(1,685)
Total fund balances	35,257	292	198,244
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 35,257	$ 292	$ 201,465

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY - FIRE	ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY - GENERAL	ARPA PROJECT FUNDS	PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 582	$ 7,912	$ 2	$ 25
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	13,164	-
Total revenues	582	7,912	13,166	25
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	85	3,606	14,656	-
Total expenditures	85	3,606	14,656	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	497	4,306	(1,490)	25
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	17,328	-	85
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	17,328	-	85
Net change in fund balances	497	21,634	(1,490)	110
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	9,545	132,704	(195)	(110)
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 10,042	$ 154,338	$ (1,685)	$ -

	TOBACCO SECURIZATION PROCEEDS	SO. SHAFTER SEWER PHASE 1 & 2	TOTAL NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
Revenues:			
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 1,133	$ -	$ 9,654
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	292	13,456
Total revenues	1,133	292	23,110
Expenditures:			
Capital outlay	-	-	18,347
Total expenditures	-	-	18,347
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,133	292	4,763
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	-	-	17,413
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	17,413
Net change in fund balances	1,133	292	22,176
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	34,124	-	176,068
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 35,257	$ 292	$ 198,244

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY - FIRE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 100	$ 100	$ 582	$ 482
Total revenues	100	100	582	482
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	-	9,500	272	9,228
Total expenditures	-	9,500	272	9,228
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	100	(9,400)	310	9,710
Net change in fund balances	100	(9,400)	310	9,710
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	9,545	9,545	9,545	-
Fund balances, July 30, 2025	$ 9,645	$ 145	$ 9,855	$ 9,710

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:

Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 272
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(187)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 85

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ACCUMULATED CAPITAL OUTLAY - GENERAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 7,912	$ 6,912
Total revenues	1,000	1,000	7,912	6,912
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	19,395	158,958	117,422	41,536
Total expenditures	19,395	158,958	117,422	41,536
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(18,395)	(157,958)	(109,510)	48,448
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	17,329	17,329	17,328	(1)
Total other financing sources (uses)	17,329	17,329	17,328	(1)
Net change in fund balances	(1,066)	(140,629)	(92,182)	48,447
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	132,704	132,704	132,704	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 131,638	$ (7,925)	$ 40,522	$ 48,447

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:

Actual expenditure amount on budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 117,422
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(113,816)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 3,606

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ARPA PROJECT FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ -	$ -	$ 2	$ 2
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	13,164	13,164
Total revenues	-	-	13,166	13,166
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	7,885	30,729	24,854	5,875
Total expenditures	7,885	30,729	24,854	5,875
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(7,885)	(30,729)	(11,688)	19,041
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	7,885	13,485	-	(13,485)
Total other financing sources (uses)	7,885	13,485	-	(13,485)
Net change in fund balances	-	(17,244)	(11,688)	5,556
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	(195)	(195)	(195)	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ (195)	$ (17,439)	$ (11,883)	$ 5,556

Explanation of differences between budgetary expenditures and GAAP expenditures:	
Actual expenditure amount budgetary basis from the budgetary comparison schedule	$ 24,854
Differences - Budget to GAAP	
Encumbrances for goods and/or services ordered but not received within the recognition period	(10,198)
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	$ 14,656

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ -	$ -	$ 25	$ 25
Total revenues	-	-	25	25
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	-	31,142	-	31,142
Total expenditures	-	31,142	-	31,142
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	-	(31,142)	25	31,167
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	2,620	85	(2,535)
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	27,612	-	(27,612)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	30,232	85	(30,147)
Net change in fund balances	-	(910)	110	1,020
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	(110)	(110)	(110)	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ (110)	$ (1,020)	$ -	$ 1,020

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
TOBACCO SECURIZATION PROCEEDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ -	$ -	$ 1,133	$ 1,133
Total revenues	-	-	1,133	1,133
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	-	-	1,133	1,133
Net change in fund balances	-	-	1,133	1,133
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	34,124	34,124	34,124	-
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ 34,124	$ 34,124	$ 35,257	$ 1,133

COUNTY OF KERN
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
SO. SHAFTER SEWER PHASE 1 & 2
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			
	ORIGINAL	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGETARY BASIS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
Revenues:				
Aid from other governmental agencies	$ -	$ -	$ 292	$ 292
Total revenues	-	-	292	292
Expenditures:				
Debt service				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	-	-	292	292
Net change in fund balances	-	-	292	292
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, June 30,2025	$ -	$ -	$ 292	$ 292

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS DESCRIPTIONS

Debt service funds account for the accumulation of resources for the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Kern Asset Leasing Corporation – This is a nonprofit entity that holds the capital assets constructed through the Certificates of Participation Program. Equipment and construction costs related to proprietary funds are recorded within each appropriate enterprise fund, and any cash related to the Certificates of Participation is designated as deposits with trustee.

Pension Obligation Bond Trustee – This fund administers the debt service payments related to the County's Pension Obligation Bonds.

Public Services Financing Authority – This fund administers the debt service payments related to the Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds.

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	KERN ASSET LEASING CORPORATION	PENSION OBLIGATION BOND TRUSTEE	PUBLIC SERVICES FINANCING AUTHORITY	TOTAL NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ -	$ -	$ 3,046	$ 3,046
Cash and investments deposited with trustee	-	501	-	501
Interest receivable	-	-	2	2
Total assets	-	501	3,048	3,549
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	-	-	45	45
Total liabilities	-	-	45	45
Fund balances:				
Restricted	-	501	3,003	3,504
Total fund balances	-	501	3,003	3,504
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ -	$ 501	$ 3,048	$ 3,549

COUNTY OF KERN
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	KERN ASSET LEASING CORPORATION	PENSION OBLIGATION BOND TRUSTEE	PUBLIC SERVICES FINANCING AUTHORITY	TOTAL NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
Revenues:				
Revenue from use of money and property	$ -	$ 203	$ 986	$ 1,189
Other revenues	-	720	780	1,500
Total revenues	-	923	1,766	2,689
Expenditures:				
General government	-	-	788	788
Debt service:				
Principal	4,160	8,322	565	13,047
Interest	2,092	20,692	93	22,877
Total expenditures	6,252	29,014	1,446	36,712
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(6,252)	(28,091)	320	(34,023)
Other financing sources (uses) :				
Transfers in	6,252	28,241	-	34,493
Total other financing sources (uses)	6,252	28,241	-	34,493
Net change in fund balances	-	150	320	470
Fund balances, July 1, 2024	-	351	2,683	3,034
Fund balances, June 30, 2025	$ -	$ 501	$ 3,003	$ 3,504

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NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

FUNDS DESCRIPTIONS

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations: (a) that are financed and operated in a similar manner to a private business (where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges) or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

County Sanitation Districts - These funds consist of two sanitation districts, Kern Sanitation Authority and Ford City-Taft Heights Sanitation District. These funds are administered by the Public Works Department, which is responsible for the planning, design, construction, operations, and maintenance of the County's sanitation districts.

Golf Courses - This fund is used to finance new capital improvements and replace existing capital improvements as necessary. Revenues are generated primarily from a percentage of user fees collected by the lessee.

Public Transportation - This fund is administered by the Public Works Department and provides for the planning, development and management of public transportation for intercity routes and unincorporated areas of Kern County.

Universal Collection - This fund is administered by the Public Works Department and segregates the revenues and expenses related to hauling of residential waste from the universal collection area that encompasses the more densely populated unincorporated areas of metropolitan Bakersfield, South Taft, Lost Hills, Rosamond and South Shafter.

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS	GOLF COURSE	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	UNIVERSAL COLLECTION	TOTAL NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Pooled cash and investments	$ 30,307	$ 1,352	$ 16,199	$ 4,050	$ 51,908
Interest receivable	19	3	7	-	29
Accounts receivable, net	120	-	93	-	213
Accrued revenue	16	-	5,690	-	5,706
Lease receivables	139	-	56	-	195
Due from other funds	869	-	2	-	871
Total current assets	31,470	1,355	22,047	4,050	58,922
Noncurrent assets:					
Taxes receivable	790	-	-	3,238	4,028
Investment in joint ventures	3,275	-	-	-	3,275
Lease receivables	563	-	-	-	563
Net OPEB asset	48	-	32	-	80
Capital Assets:					
Non-depreciable					
Land	603	65	187	-	855
Construction in progress	10,842	-	2,249	-	13,091
Depreciable					
Structures and improvements	9,163	6,909	2,323	-	18,395
Equipment	2,273	-	24,058	-	26,331
Intangible	36	-	248	-	284
Infrastructure	25,029	-	-	-	25,029
Subscription Assets	52	-	151	-	203
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(17,755)	(4,944)	(13,601)	-	(36,300)
Total noncurrent assets	34,919	2,030	15,647	3,238	55,834
Total assets	66,389	3,385	37,694	7,288	114,756
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred pensions	948	-	707	-	1,655
Deferred OPEB	27	-	18	-	45
Total deferred outflows of resources	975	-	725	-	1,700

LIABILITIES	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS	GOLF COURSE	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	UNIVERSAL COLLECTION	TOTAL NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	2,863	-	629	1,761	5,253
Deposits from Others	147	-	-	-	147
Due to other funds	71	-	77	-	148
Current portion of long-term debt	16	-	5	-	21
SBITA liability	26	-	38	-	64
Interest payable - current	14	-	4	-	18
Current portion of compensated absences	213	-	124	-	337
Unearned revenue	30	-	1,072	-	1,102
Total current liabilities	3,380	-	1,949	1,761	7,090
Non current liabilities:					
Compensated absences payable	105	-	61	-	166
Long-term debt - pension obligation bonds	94	-	28	-	122
Long-term - interest payable	114	-	34	-	148
Net pension liabilities	3,002	-	3,076	-	6,078
Total non current liabilities	3,315	-	3,199	-	6,514
Total liabilities	6,695	-	5,148	1,761	13,604
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred lease proceeds	709	-	56	-	765
Deferred pensions	64	-	66	-	130
Deferred OPEB	45	-	30	-	75
Total deferred inflows of resources	818	-	152	-	970
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	28,813	2,031	15,528	-	46,372
Restricted					
Investment in joint ventures	3,040	-	-	-	3,040
OPEB Asset	48	-	32	-	80
Other Restricted	6,198	-	-	-	6,198
Unrestricted (deficit)	21,752	1,354	17,559	5,527	46,192
Total net position	$ 59,851	$ 3,385	$ 33,119	$ 5,527	$ 101,882

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS	GOLF COURSE	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	UNIVERSAL COLLECTION	TOTAL NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
Operating Revenues:					
Charges for current services	$ 8,240	$ 396	$ 766	$ 28,062	$ 37,464
Revenue from use of money and property	145	-	59	-	204
Other revenues	-	-	1,440	-	1,440
Miscellaneous	-	30	-	-	30
Total operating revenues	8,385	426	2,265	28,062	39,138
Operating expenses:					
Services and supplies	2,687	162	13,314	26,563	42,726
Other charges	5	-	11	24	40
Depreciation and amortization	785	148	1,431	-	2,364
Total operating expenses	3,477	310	14,756	26,587	45,130
Operating income (loss)	4,908	116	(12,491)	1,475	(5,992)
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses):					
Taxes and assessments	-	-	10,549	-	10,549
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	118	-	-	239	357
Licenses, permits and franchises	47	-	-	-	47
Interest on bank deposits and investments	1,520	62	833	180	2,595
Aid from other governmental agencies	1,452	-	8,564	-	10,016
Interest expense	(39)	-	(14)	-	(53)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(10)	-	(123)	-	(133)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	3,088	62	19,809	419	23,378
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	7,996	178	7,318	1,894	17,386
Capital contribution	-	39	-	-	39
Change in Net Position	7,996	217	7,318	1,894	17,425
Net position, as previously reported July 1, 2024	51,885	3,168	25,800	3,633	84,486
Change in accounting principle - Note 19	(30)	-	1	-	(29)
Net position, July 1, 2024, as restated - Note 19	51,855	3,168	25,801	3,633	84,457
Net position, June 30, 2025	$ 59,851	$ 3,385	$ 33,119	$ 5,527	$ 101,882

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS	GOLF COURSE	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	UNIVERSAL COLLECTION	TOTAL NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Cash received for current services	$ 7,474	$ 396	$ 756	$ 26,360	$ 34,986
Cash received for use of property	144	-	59	-	203
Cash received for other operations	-	30	-	-	30
Cash paid for services and supplies	(3,517)	(164)	(12,402)	(26,456)	(42,539)
Cash paid for other charges	(3)	-	(10)	(24)	(37)
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	(30)	-	-	-	(30)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	4,068	262	(11,597)	(120)	(7,387)
CASH FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Cash received from licenses and permits	46	-	-	-	46
Cash received from taxes and special assessments	-	-	10,549	-	10,549
Aid from other governmental agencies	1,461	-	8,364	-	9,825
Fines, forfeitures and penalties	118	-	-	239	357
Principal paid on pension obligation bonds	(16)	-	(5)	-	(21)
Interest paid on pension obligation bonds	(34)	-	(13)	-	(47)
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	1,575	-	18,895	239	20,709
CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Acquisition or construction of capital assets	(1,878)	-	(7,970)	-	(9,848)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(1,878)	-	(7,970)	-	(9,848)
CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Interest on bank deposits and investments	1,725	72	963	206	2,966
Investment in joint venture	(235)	-	-	-	(235)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,490	72	963	206	2,731
Net cash increase (decreases) in cash and cash equivalents	5,255	334	291	325	6,205
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	25,052	1,018	15,908	3,725	45,703
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	30,307	1,352	16,199	4,050	51,908

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS	GOLF COURSE	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	UNIVERSAL COLLECTION	TOTAL NON-MAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Operating Income (Loss)	4,908	116	(12,491)	1,475	(5,992)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:					
Depreciation and Amortization	785	148	1,431	-	2,364
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(67)	-	(66)	-	(133)
(Increase) decrease in special assessment receivable	(59)	-	-	(1,702)	(1,761)
(Increase) decrease in accrued revenue	(16)	-	(3,545)	-	(3,561)
(Increase) decrease in lease receivables	(625)	-	56	-	(569)
(Increase) decrease in due from others	(840)	-	(2)	-	(842)
(Increase) decrease in net OPEB asset	(17)	-	-	-	(17)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	301	-	4,418	-	4,719
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	990	(2)	36	107	1,131
Increase (decrease) in salaries & benefits payable	(30)	-	-	-	(30)
Increase (decrease) in due to others	47	-	(6)	-	41
Increase (decrease) in subscription liability	26	-	(37)	-	(11)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	498	-	(170)	-	328
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	101	-	(38)	-	63
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(1,934)	-	(1,183)	-	(3,117)
Total adjustments	(840)	146	894	(1,595)	(1,395)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	$ 4,068	$ 262	$ (11,597)	$ (120)	$ (7,387)

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS DESCRIPTIONS

Internal service funds account for services furnished to other County departments and are financed primarily by charges for such services. Because the internal service funds are separated from the regular County operations, they are free to employ commercial accounting techniques and are often used in situations where a more accurate determination of costs is desired.

General Liability - This fund provides for the funding, administration, and operation of a self-insured system to meet the County's legal liability for damages to persons and/or property arising out of the County's general and automotive activities.

General Services - Garage - This fund provides funding for the purchase and maintenance service for vehicles assigned operationally to County departments, excluding those departments that maintain and operate their own vehicle fleets (Parks, Fire, Roads, Airports, and Sheriffs Lerdo Facility).

Group Health - This fund provides for the funding, administration, and operation of the County employees' health and dental insurance plans. This fund is administered by the County Administrative Office and is financed through charges to the operating departments and special districts enrolled in the program.

Public Works – This fund provides for the administrative activities for the Roads, Public Transit, Solid Waste, Engineering, Surveying and Permit Services, Code Compliance, and Building Inspection budget units.

Retiree Group Health - This fund provides for the County's contributions to the Retired Employees Health Insurance and the Retiree Premium Support Program.

Unemployment Compensation - This fund provides for the funding, administration, and operation of the Unemployment Compensation Program to meet the County's obligation of providing unemployment benefits to former employees eligible under State law.

Workers' Compensation - This fund provides for the funding, administration, and operation of the self-insured system to meet the County's statutory obligation to compensate its employees for work related injuries and illnesses.

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL LIABILITY	GENERAL SERVICES - GARAGE	GROUP HEALTH	PUBLIC WORKS
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 18,429	$ 11,248	$ 64,052	$ 10,119
Revolving fund cash	-	-	-	1
Interest receivable	12	8	50	9
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-	56
Due from other funds	-	-	-	776
Prepaid items and other assets	-	-	-	-
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	73	-	490
Total current assets	18,441	11,329	64,102	11,451
Noncurrent assets:				
Deposits with others	-	-	1,519	-
Net OPEB asset	-	48	-	-
Capital assets:				
Non-depreciable				
Construction in progress	-	-	-	255
Depreciable				
Equipment	-	6,600	11	1,835
Intangible	-	37	1,752	18
Subscription Assets	-	-	-	188
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(4,730)	(1,113)	(592)
Total noncurrent assets	-	1,955	2,169	1,704
Total assets	18,441	13,284	66,271	13,155
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred pensions	-	284	-	-
Deferred OPEB	-	27	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	$ -	$ 311	$ -	$ -

	GENERAL LIABILITY	GENERAL SERVICES - GARAGE	GROUP HEALTH	PUBLIC WORKS
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 547	$ 13	$ 3,371	$ 740
Salaries and employee benefits payable	-	26	-	3,013
Due to other funds	-	-	-	55
Current portion of long-term debt	-	7	-	-
Interest payable - current	-	7	-	-
Current portion of compensated absences	-	28	-	-
Current portion of liability for self-insurance	115	-	13,579	-
Due to other agencies	-	-	332	-
Total current liabilities	662	81	17,282	3,808
Non current liabilities:				
Compensated absences payable	-	14	-	-
Long-term liability for self insurance	30,126	-	-	-
Long-term debt - pension obligation bonds	-	42	-	-
Long-term - interest payable	-	51	-	-
Net pension liabilities	-	1,076	-	-
Total non current liabilities	30,126	1,183	-	-
Total liabilities	30,788	1,264	17,282	3,808
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred pensions	-	23	-	-
Deferred OPEB	-	45	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	68	-	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	-	1,907	650	1,549
Restricted				
Deposits - ISF	-	-	1,519	-
OPEB asset	-	48	-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(12,347)	10,308	46,820	7,798
Total net position	$ (12,347)	$ 12,263	$ 48,989	$ 9,347

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)
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	RETIREE GROUP HEALTH	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	WORKERS COMPENSATION	TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Pooled cash and investments	$ 2,873	$ 4,403	$ 14,857	$ 125,981
Revolving fund cash	-	-	-	1
Interest receivable	1	4	7	91
Accounts receivable, net	-	-	-	56
Due from other funds	-	-	-	776
Prepaid items and other assets	-	-	675	675
Inventory - materials and supplies	-	-	-	563
Total current assets	2,874	4,407	15,539	128,143
Noncurrent assets:				
Deposits with others	-	-	385	1,904
Net OPEB asset	-	-	-	48
Capital assets:				
Non-depreciable				
Construction in progress	-	-	-	255
Depreciable				
Equipment	-	-	-	8,446
Intangible	-	-	-	1,807
Subscription Assets	-	-	-	188
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	(6,435)
Total noncurrent assets	-	-	385	6,213
Total assets	2,874	4,407	15,924	134,356
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred pensions	-	-	-	284
Deferred OPEB	-	-	-	27
Total deferred outflows of resources	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 311

	RETIREE GROUP HEALTH	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	WORKERS COMPENSATION	TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -	$ 836	$ 5,507
Salaries and employee benefits payable	-	-	-	3,039
Due to other funds	-	-	-	55
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	-	7
Interest payable - current	-	-	-	7
Current portion of compensated absences	-	-	-	28
Current portion of liability for self-insurance	-	726	17,875	32,295
Due to other agencies	-	-	-	332
Total current liabilities	-	726	18,711	41,270
Non current liabilities:				
Compensated absences payable	-	-	-	14
Long-term liability for self insurance	-	-	62,068	92,194
Long-term debt - pension obligation bonds	-	-	-	42
Long-term - interest payable	-	-	-	51
Net pension liabilities	-	-	-	1,076
Total non current liabilities	-	-	62,068	93,377
Total liabilities	-	726	80,779	134,647
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred pensions	-	-	-	23
Deferred OPEB	-	-	-	45
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	68
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	-	-	-	4,106
Restricted				
Deposits - ISF	-	-	-	1,519
OPEB asset	-	-	-	48
Unrestricted (deficit)	2,874	3,681	(64,855)	(5,721)
Total net position	$ 2,874	$ 3,681	$ (64,855)	$ (48)

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL LIABILITY	GENERAL SERVICES - GARAGE	GROUP HEALTH	PUBLIC WORKS
Operating Revenues:				
Charges for current services	$ 12,594	$ 3,000	$ 157,136	$ 74,261
Other revenues	1	-	-	1
Total operating revenues	12,595	3,000	157,136	74,262
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	-	653	-	67,740
Services and supplies	12,563	1,444	9,652	12,548
Claims Incurred	(3,998)	-	168,136	-
Other charges	7,831	289	659	657
Depreciation and amortization	-	446	119	204
Total operating expenses	16,396	2,832	178,566	81,149
Operating income (loss)	(3,801)	168	(21,430)	(6,887)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenditures):				
Interest on bank deposits and investments	1,269	615	4,237	806
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	251	677
Other revenues	-	116	-	-
Interest expense	-	(18)	-	(1)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	-	(50)	-	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenditures)	1,269	663	4,488	1,482
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	(2,532)	831	(16,942)	(5,405)
Capital contributions	-	21	-	-
Transfers in	-	47	-	9,721
Transfers out	-	(24)	-	(9,421)
Change in Net Position	(2,532)	875	(16,942)	(5,105)
Net position, as previously reported July 1, 2024	(9,815)	11,393	65,931	14,452
Change in accounting principle - Note 19	-	(5)	-	-
Net position, July 1, 2024, as restated - Note 19	(9,815)	11,388	65,931	14,452
Net position, June 30, 2025	$ (12,347)	$ 12,263	$ 48,989	$ 9,347

	RETIREE GROUP HEALTH	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	WORKERS COMPENSATION	TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
Operating Revenues:				
Charges for current services	$ 7,146	$ 889	$ 26,185	$ 281,211
Other revenues	-	-	781	783
Total operating revenues	7,146	889	26,966	281,994
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	7,523	-	-	75,916
Services and supplies	213	23	7,670	44,113
Claims Incurred	-	1,325	19,659	185,122
Other charges	40	1	786	10,263
Depreciation and amortization	-	-	-	769
Total operating expenses	7,776	1,349	28,115	316,183
Operating income (loss)	(630)	(460)	(1,149)	(34,189)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenditures):				
Interest on bank deposits and investments	181	282	695	8,085
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	-	928
Other revenues	-	-	-	116
Interest expense	-	-	-	(19)
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	(50)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenditures)	181	282	695	9,060
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	(449)	(178)	(454)	(25,129)
Capital contributions	-	-	-	21
Transfers in	-	-	-	9,768
Transfers out	-	-	-	(9,445)
Change in Net Position	(449)	(178)	(454)	(24,785)
Net position, as previously reported July 1, 2024	3,323	3,859	(64,401)	24,742
Change in accounting principle - Note 19	-	-	-	(5)
Net position, July 1, 2024, as restated - Note 19	3,323	3,859	(64,401)	24,737
Net position, June 30, 2025	$ 2,874	$ 3,681	$ (64,855)	$ (48)

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL LIABILITY	GENERAL SERVICES - GARAGE	GROUP HEALTH	PUBLIC WORKS
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Cash received for current services	$ 12,594	$ 3,043	$ 157,842	$ 73,951
Cash received for other operations	1	-	-	2
Cash paid for services and supplies	(12,059)	(1,423)	(9,398)	(12,268)
Cash paid for other charges	(7,831)	(287)	(658)	(656)
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	-	(803)	-	(67,300)
Cash paid for reported claims	-	-	(165,255)	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(7,295)	530	(17,469)	(6,271)
CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Net cash received from (paid to) other funds	-	23	-	300
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	116	251	676
Principal paid on pension obligation bonds	-	(7)	-	-
Interest paid on pension obligation bonds	-	(15)	-	(1)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	-	117	251	975
CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Acquisition or construction of capital assets	-	(531)	-	(977)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	-	(531)	-	(977)
CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Interest on bank deposits and investments	1,484	698	4,883	866
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	1,484	698	4,883	866
Net cash increase (decreases) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,811)	814	(12,335)	(5,407)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	24,240	10,434	76,387	15,528
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	18,429	11,248	64,052	10,121

	RETIREE GROUP HEALTH	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	WORKERS COMPENSATION	TOTAL
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Cash received for current services	$ 7,146	$ 890	$ 26,800	$ 282,266
Cash received for other operations	-	-	786	789
Cash paid for services and supplies	(212)	(422)	(8,311)	(44,093)
Cash paid for other charges	(40)	-	(787)	(10,259)
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	(7,523)	-	-	(75,626)
Cash paid for reported claims	-	(1,287)	(16,092)	(182,634)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(629)	(819)	2,396	(29,557)
CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Net cash received from (paid to) other funds	-	-	-	323
Aid from other governmental agencies	-	-	-	1,043
Principal paid on pension obligation bonds	-	-	-	(7)
Interest paid on pension obligation bonds	-	-	-	(16)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	-	-	-	1,343
CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Acquisition or construction of capital assets	-	-	-	(1,508)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	-	-	-	(1,508)
CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Interest on bank deposits and investments	204	329	834	9,298
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	204	329	834	9,298
Net cash increase (decreases) in cash and cash equivalents	(425)	(490)	3,230	(20,424)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,298	4,893	11,627	146,407
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,873	4,403	14,857	125,983

COUNTY OF KERN
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

	GENERAL LIABILITY	GENERAL SERVICES - GARAGE	GROUP HEALTH	PUBLIC WORKS
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating Income (Loss)	(3,801)	169	(21,429)	(6,887)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation and Amortization	-	446	119	204
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	-	43	-	(34)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	-	13	-	28
(Increase) decrease in accrued revenue	-	-	767	136
(Increase) decrease in due from others	-	-	-	(410)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	-	107	-	-
(Increase) decrease in deposits with others	-	-	(65)	-
Increase (decrease) accounts payable	504	10	(77)	276
Increase (decrease) in salaries & benefits payable	-	(16)	-	438
Increase (decrease) in due to others	-	-	334	(8)
Increase (decrease) in subscription liability	-	-	-	(14)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	-	(25)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in provision for liability claims	(3,998)	-	2,882	-
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB liability	-	1	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	-	(159)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	-	(59)	-	-
Total adjustments	(3,494)	361	3,960	616
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	(7,295)	530	(17,469)	(6,271)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	18,429	11,248	64,052	10,119
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	-	1
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 18,429	$ 11,248	$ 64,052	$ 10,120

	RETIREE GROUP HEALTH	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	WORKERS COMPENSATION	TOTAL
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Operating Income (Loss)	(630)	(460)	(1,149)	(34,187)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation and Amortization	-	-	-	769
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	-	-	-	9
(Increase) decrease in inventory	-	-	-	41
(Increase) decrease in accrued revenue	-	-	621	1,524
(Increase) decrease in due from others	-	-	-	(410)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	107
(Increase) decrease in deposits with others	-	-	-	(65)
Increase (decrease) accounts payable	1	(398)	(643)	(327)
Increase (decrease) in salaries & benefits payable	-	-	-	422
Increase (decrease) in due to others	-	-	-	326
Increase (decrease) in subscription liability	-	-	-	(14)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable	-	-	-	(25)
Increase (decrease) in provision for liability claims	-	39	3,567	2,490
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB liability	-	-	-	1
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	-	-	-	(159)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	-	-	-	(59)
Total adjustments	1	(359)	3,545	4,630
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	(629)	(819)	2,396	(29,557)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS				
Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,873	4,403	14,857	125,981
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	-	1
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 2,873	$ 4,403	$ 14,857	$ 125,982

STATISTICAL SECTION

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Financial Trends

The financial trend schedules contain trend information to assist the reader in understanding how the County's financial performance and well-being have changed over time and to help the reader follow the direction the County's economic condition is heading. These schedules also provide information to assist the user in comprehending how spending priorities and funding sources have changed from year to year.

Revenue Capacity

The revenue capacity schedules contain information to help the reader assess the factors affecting the County's ability to generate its most significant revenue source, property taxes. The schedules have information to help the user assess the tax burden on the taxpayers. Information is provided to help the user evaluate whether the County is disproportionately dependent on a single taxpayer.

Debt Capacity

The debt capacity schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the County's current levels of outstanding debt and the County's ability to issue additional debt in the future. Information is provided to give users an idea of the burden of debt on the taxpayers, both the direct burden and the portion of debt issued by other governmental entities for which the County's taxpayers are responsible.

Demographic and Economic Information

The demographic and economic information schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the County's financial activities take place and to help make comparisons over time and with other governments.

Operating Information

The operating information schedules contain information about the County's operations and resources to help the reader understand how the County's financial information relates to the services the County provides and the activities it performs. The schedules provide information to give the user a sense of the size of the County, the types of services it provides, the volume of these services and the non-financial resources used to provide those services.

Source: Unless otherwise noted, the information in the statistical schedules is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR) for the relevant years.

COUNTY OF KERN
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEAR (IN THOUSANDS)(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Net investment in capital assets	$ 1,770,797	$ 1,840,822	$ 1,875,532	$ 1,852,704	$ 1,849,934
Restricted	381,142	397,190	405,102	443,866	(1,244,015)
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,708,445)	(1,713,301)	(1,689,857)	(1,586,845)	100,505
Total governmental activities net position	$ 443,494	$ 524,711	$ 590,777	$ 709,725	$ 706,424
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES					
Net investment in capital assets	$ 204,567	$ 184,012	$ 192,196	$ 208,752	$ 525,117
Restricted	8,567	-	2,402	2,274	8,424
Unrestricted (deficit)	(405,360)	(27,323)	(16,973)	(23,184)	912
Total business-type activities net position	(192,226)	156,689	177,625	187,842	534,453
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
Net investment in capital assets	$ 1,975,364	$ 2,024,834	$ 2,067,728	$ 2,061,456	$ 2,375,051
Restricted	389,709	397,190	407,504	446,140	(1,235,591)
Unrestricted (deficit)	(2,113,805)	(1,740,624)	(1,706,830)	(1,610,029)	101,417
Total primary government net position	$ 251,268	$ 681,400	$ 768,402	$ 897,567	$ 1,240,877

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Net investment in capital assets	$ 1,919,459	$ 1,954,070	$ 1,976,880	$ 2,049,326	$ 2,128,013
Restricted	651,515	811,872	825,363	870,823	1,079,217
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,500,323)	(1,306,381)	(994,266)	(716,532)	(701,010)
Total governmental activities net position	$ 1,070,651	$ 1,459,561	$ 1,807,977	$ 2,203,617	$ 2,506,220
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES					
Net investment in capital assets	$ 233,771	$ 242,888	$ 248,035	$ 258,003	$ 287,806
Restricted	2,787	2,870	2,870	3,368	3,686
Unrestricted (deficit)	(27,404)	(22,811)	4,623	33,880	56,064
Total business-type activities net position	209,154	222,947	255,528	295,251	347,556
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
Net investment in capital assets	$ 2,153,230	$ 2,196,958	$ 2,224,915	$ 2,307,329	$ 2,415,819
Restricted	654,302	814,742	828,233	874,191	1,082,903
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,527,727)	(1,329,192)	(989,643)	(682,652)	(644,946)
Total primary government net position	$ 1,279,805	$ 1,682,508	$ 2,063,505	$ 2,498,868	$ 2,853,776

COUNTY OF KERN
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
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	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
EXPENSES					
Governmental activities:					
General government	$ 86,975	$ 108,559	$ 97,224	$ 117,969	$ 125,107
Public protection	631,913	597,476	564,490	583,013	623,722
Public ways and facilities	48,945	60,666	51,826	53,158	69,698
Health and sanitation	165,023	206,660	240,493	268,994	364,610
Public assistance	466,599	466,736	471,462	482,731	539,287
Education	8,874	8,403	7,789	6,335	7,379
Culture and recreation services	11,586	777	920	902	988
Interest on short and long-term debt	46,805	35,566	28,423	24,839	23,794
Total governmental activities	1,466,720	1,484,843	1,462,627	1,537,941	1,754,585
Business-type activities:					
Airport	8,255	7,040	7,320	8,630	8,198
County sanitation districts	3,807	4,156	4,255	4,772	5,074
Golf courses	509	216	217	331	312
Kern medical	281,624	311,695	-	-	-
Public transportation	9,099	10,101	10,621	10,362	10,660
Universal collection	12,862	13,132	13,305	16,026	16,218
Solid waste	33,352	32,138	37,626	33,265	52,539
Total business-type activities	349,508	378,478	73,344	73,386	93,001
Total primary government	$ 1,816,228	$ 1,863,321	$ 1,535,971	$ 1,611,327	$ 1,847,586
PROGRAM REVENUES					
Governmental activities:					
Charges for services:					
General government	$ 63,550	$ 65,439	$ 64,126	$ 70,009	$ 69,266
Public protection	99,788	104,186	107,854	110,116	114,449
Health and sanitation	67,699	78,007	78,668	72,788	107,855
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Operating grants and contributions	53,269	87,051	37,551	18,290	29,778
Capital grants and contributions -	762,670	814,087	831,071	864,539	923,221
Total governmental activities	1,046,976	1,148,770	1,119,270	1,135,742	1,244,569
Business-type activities:					
Charges for services:					
Airport	4,066	4,027	4,198	4,225	4,555
County sanitation districts	4,368	4,827	5,330	7,515	7,763
Golf course	282	199	190	200	188
Public transportation	6,929	6,779	7,453	7,696	8,109
Universal collection	12,963	13,291	13,341	15,706	16,783
Solid waste	40,661	40,568	42,710	42,941	46,015
Operating grants and contributions	83,151	135,960	2,974	3,387	3,067
Capital grants and contributions	8,120	5,720	25,291	10,344	8,331
Total business-type activities	160,540	211,371	101,487	92,014	94,811
Total primary government program revenues	1,207,516	1,360,141	1,220,757	1,227,756	1,339,380
NET (EXPENSE)/REVENUE					
Governmental activities	$ (419,744)	$ (336,073)	$ (343,357)	$ (402,199)	$ (510,016)
Business-type activities	(188,968)	(167,107)	28,143	18,628	1,810
Total primary government net expenses	$ (608,712)	$ (503,180)	$ (315,214)	$ (383,571)	$ (508,206)

Notes:
\# Due to a change in the State's method of dicstribution, beginning in fiscal year 04-05, vehicle license fees are reported separately as vehicle license taxes. In prior years, they were reported under operating grants and contributions.

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EXPENSES					
Governmental activities:					
General government	$ 125,627	$ 110,550	$ 156,043	$ 163,753	$ 183,744
Public protection	578,401	539,067	679,141	754,825	850,367
Public ways and facilities	65,488	74,937	87,595	43,994	70,227
Health and sanitation	389,283	368,134	328,314	422,214	487,139
Public assistance	514,074	535,065	655,991	703,461	739,718
Education	6,543	8,364	8,933	10,808	13,924
Culture and recreation services	913	766	947	887	1,398
Interest on short and long-term debt	18,935	27,759	18,461	27,069	31,293
Total governmental activities	1,699,264	1,664,642	1,935,425	2,127,011	2,377,810
Business-type activities:					
Airport	10,244	9,768	10,203	10,388	12,277
County sanitation districts	4,445	5,825	4,805	4,604	3,813
Golf courses	642	572	458	400	312
Kern medical	-	-	-	-	-
Public transportation	10,956	10,527	12,753	7,078	15,279
Universal collection	17,756	19,111	20,192	24,732	26,590
Solid waste	46,123	50,161	58,731	65,926	71,166
Total business-type activities	90,166	95,964	107,142	113,128	129,437
Total primary government	$ 1,789,430	$ 1,760,606	$ 2,042,567	$ 2,240,139	$ 2,507,247
PROGRAM REVENUES					
Governmental activities:					
Charges for services:					
General government	$ 82,636	$ 74,485	$ 88,309	$ 98,713	$ 114,041
Public protection	142,003	133,124	136,150	134,102	152,958
Health and sanitation	119,760	130,086	134,103	118,324	134,895
Other	-	24,742	22,534	12,891	17,559
Operating grants and contributions	9,423	1,217,227	1,288,670	1,405,102	1,414,648
Capital grants and contributions -	1,151,366	10,472	9,125	14,807	21,294
Total governmental activities	1,505,188	1,590,136	1,678,891	1,783,939	1,855,395
Business-type activities:					
Charges for services:					
Airport	5,063	6,353	6,954	7,195	8,135
County sanitation districts	7,918	7,659	7,874	8,346	8,553
Golf course	332	348	316	288	396
Public transportation	9,654	10,356	10,330	11,890	12,814
Universal collection	17,910	19,269	21,909	23,324	28,315
Solid waste	47,888	57,205	80,631	86,602	91,485
Operating grants and contributions	12,625	3,804	7,358	7,689	11,611
Capital grants and contributions	2,956	82	2,399	1,713	11,177
Total business-type activities	104,346	105,076	137,771	147,047	172,486
Total primary government program revenues	1,609,534	1,695,212	1,816,662	1,930,986	2,027,881
NET (EXPENSE)/REVENUE					
Governmental activities	$ (194,076)	$ (74,506)	$ (256,534)	$ (343,072)	$ (522,415)
Business-type activities	14,180	9,112	30,629	33,919	43,049
Total primary government net expenses	$ (179,896)	$ (65,394)	$ (225,905)	$ (309,153)	$ (479,366)

COUNTY OF KERN
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
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	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
GENERAL REVENUES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET POSITION					
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	$ 265,638	$ 248,903	$ 256,436	$ 264,690	$ 267,250
Property taxes in lieu of motor vehicle taxes	96,965	93,082	98,609	102,935	107,421
Aircraft taxes	256	271	195	155	176
Sales and uses taxes	45,554	44,699	41,872	53,153	44,914
Transient occupancy taxes	2,437	2,403	2,700	2,901	2,492
Special assessment	3,022	3,265	3,780	3,828	-
Transfer taxes	3,888	3,607	4,489	4,606	4,110
Other taxes	1,444	1,544	1,673	1,770	1,237
Other governmental revenue					
Unrestricted investment earnings	29,511	10,514	5,659	29,608	31,946
Miscellaneous	9,372	8,519	6,190	6,073	12,492
Gain from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(33,407)	(328)	(305)	(396)	(436)
Total governmental activities	$ 424,680	$ 416,479	$ 421,298	$ 469,323	$ 471,602
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Property taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other governmental revenue					
Unrestricted investment earnings	634	1,401	432	716	4,114
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	3,897
Gain from sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	634	1,401	432	716	8,011
Transfers	42,916	33,407	328	305	396
Total primary government	43,550	34,808	760	1,021	8,407
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					
Governmental activities	4,936	80,406	77,941	67,124	(38,414)
Business-type activities	(188,334)	(165,706)	28,575	19,344	9,821
Total primary government	$ (183,398)	$ (85,300)	$ 106,516	$ 86,468	$ (28,593)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
GENERAL REVENUES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET POSITION					
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	$ 293,159	$ 298,507	$ 328,211	$ 339,900	$ 356,335
Property taxes in lieu of motor vehicle taxes	110,505	111,532	124,330	133,097	135,933
Aircraft taxes	162	180	95	176	162
Sales and uses taxes	50,028	66,214	99,019	174,571	193,093
Transient occupancy taxes	3,117	4,067	3,455	3,704	3,864
Special assessment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer taxes	4,961	7,658	4,775	4,306	5,813
Other taxes	1,050	989	1,280	1,145	1,250
Other governmental revenue					
Unrestricted investment earnings	5,495	(40,939)	27,455	64,061	104,137
Miscellaneous	-	16,403	15,871	8,077	37,693
Gain from sale of capital assets	-	-	1,132	430	-
Transfers	(815)	(7,603)	(696)	(782)	(859)
Total governmental activities	$ 467,662	$ 457,008	$ 604,927	$ 728,685	$ 837,421
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Property taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 2	$ -	$ 1
Other governmental revenue					
Unrestricted investment earnings	60	(4,082)	1,250	5,019	8,760
Miscellaneous	7	-	-	-	30
Gain from sale of capital assets	-	-	5	-	-
Total business-type activities	67	(4,082)	1,257	5,019	8,791
Transfers	815	7,603	696	782	859
Total primary government	882	3,521	1,953	5,801	9,650
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					
Governmental activities	273,586	382,502	348,393	385,613	315,006
Business-type activities	14,247	5,030	31,886	38,938	52,699
Total primary government	$ 287,833	$ 387,532	$ 380,279	$ 424,551	$ 367,705

COUNTY OF KERN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
GENERAL FUND BALANCES:					
Nonspendable	$ 22,035	$ 22,370	$ 17,924	$ 17,995	$ 18,416
Restricted	11,471	11,915	9,753	10,650	100,505
Committed	37,301	44,488	35,528	47,316	494,775
Assigned	147,459	118,153	140,264	153,451	70,945
Unassigned	74,508	91,217	80,804	88,191	349,545
Total general fund balances	$ 292,774	$ 288,143	$ 284,273	$ 317,603	$ 1,034,186
ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:					
Restricted	$ 2,511	$ 2,109	$ 2,535	$ 4,447	$ 15,040
Nonspendable	339,633	359,807	370,395	407,095	303,890
Revolving fund cash	27,981	26,728	25,242	25,787	(435,608)
Assigned	11,020	6,634	4,929	4,325	87,448
Unassigned	-	-	-	(4,786)	(241,193)
Total all other governmental funds	$ 381,145	$ 395,278	$ 403,101	$ 436,868	$ (270,423)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
GENERAL FUND BALANCES:					
Nonspendable	$ 16,734	$ 11,628	$ 10,045	$ 9,371	$ 6,218
Restricted	41,898	21,318	32,044	27,206	20,966
Committed	34,891	39,056	44,562	45,965	33,955
Assigned	191,965	243,190	254,817	298,224	364,693
Unassigned	124,182	126,651	105,252	217,349	240,401
Total general fund balances	$ 409,670	$ 441,843	$ 446,720	$ 598,115	$ 666,233
ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:					
Restricted	$ 5,800	$ 7,116	$ 1,940	$ 6,655	$ 8,368
Nonspendable	535,183	696,671	819,296	843,799	871,391
Revolving fund cash	27,326	26,863	25,298	29,147	30,841
Assigned	7,795	17,130	98,827	146,056	169,231
Unassigned	-	(4,808)	(2,355)	(517)	(1,685)
Total all other governmental funds	$ 576,104	$ 742,972	$ 943,006	$ 1,025,140	$ 1,078,146

COUNTY OF KERN
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Revenues:					
Taxes	$ 418,682	$ 397,468	$ 409,734	$ 431,070	$ 433,790
Licenses, permits, and franchises	26,807	25,168	27,474	31,385	30,771
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	21,211	21,826	21,823	21,785	19,302
Revenue from use of money and property	28,876	10,314	5,230	25,562	27,517
Aid from other governmental agencies	807,542	885,447	865,206	867,411	963,401
Charges for current services	188,698	204,358	205,172	207,675	229,664
Other revenues	69,955	75,554	79,089	29,594	44,367
Total revenues	1,561,771	1,620,135	1,613,728	1,614,482	1,748,812
Expenditures:					
General government	119,021	127,674	123,469	111,433	123,795
Public protection	597,620	591,876	612,013	572,965	577,006
Public ways and facilities	45,376	23	5	-	72,058
Health and sanitation	164,076	51,775	62,177	41,559	329,133
Public assistance	466,352	212,621	231,172	265,540	556,213
Education	8,034	473,512	485,450	490,272	6,964
Culture and recreation	11,852	7,945	7,585	6,965	-
Capital outlay	31,266	74,887	22,523	17,822	4,760
Debt service:					
Principal	24,546	26,289	29,367	33,367	36,242
Interest	52,725	49,058	41,616	43,117	44,605
Bond issuance cost	-	2,139	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,520,868	1,617,799	1,615,377	1,583,040	1,750,776
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	40,903	2,336	(1,649)	31,442	(1,964)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	-	424,776	463,434	531,413	565,056
Transfers out	-	(426,368)	(463,739)	(531,002)	(566,616)
Settlement	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	6,885
Leases Issued	106	7,338	6,300	11,690	4,635
SBITAS Issued	-	-	-	-	-
Finance Purchase Issued	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	106	5,746	5,995	12,101	9,960
Net changes in fund balances (deficits)	$ 41,009	$ 8,082	$ 4,346	$ 43,543	$ 7,996
Debt services as a percentage of non-capital expenditures	5.32 %	5.00 %	4.63 %	4.93 %	4.73 %

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenues:					
Taxes	$ 461,808	$ 488,290	$ 558,805	$ 658,502	$ 684,364
Licenses, permits, and franchises	100,505	34,077	42,673	40,048	43,592
Fines, forfeitures, and penalties	494,775	24,191	23,859	23,487	20,540
Revenue from use of money and property	70,945	(36,763)	25,430	59,265	96,937
Aid from other governmental agencies	349,545	1,225,912	1,267,427	1,432,098	1,399,858
Charges for current services	269,134	275,374	282,222	282,655	327,880
Other revenues	53,500	37,869	43,457	36,111	53,096
Total revenues	1,800,212	2,048,950	2,243,873	2,532,166	2,626,267
Expenditures:					
General government	119,424	140,705	140,608	163,697	185,868
Public protection	596,568	636,022	674,445	750,270	840,048
Public ways and facilities	77,325	60,813	45,264	20,636	46,801
Health and sanitation	318,514	329,256	339,009	436,593	468,519
Public assistance	591,195	594,015	662,311	711,866	733,473
Education	6,331	8,212	8,124	10,514	12,024
Culture and recreation	2	1	46	-	42
Capital outlay	9,000	148,292	148,476	145,366	169,648
Debt service:					
Principal	41,094	56,510	62,527	54,042	48,291
Interest	45,743	32,501	11,346	20,583	28,800
Bond issuance cost	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,805,196	2,006,327	2,092,156	2,313,567	2,533,514
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(4,984)	42,623	151,717	218,599	92,753
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in	586,893	579,765	714,515	696,884	743,281
Transfers out	(587,804)	(580,635)	(715,761)	(697,835)	(744,463)
Settlement	-	-	1,600	-	-
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	27,612	-	-	-
Leases Issued	9,000	146,782	11,975	4,610	6,448
SBITAS Issued	-	-	34,458	1,248	23,105
Finance Purchase Issued	-	-	6,400	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	8,089	173,524	53,187	4,907	28,371
Net changes in fund balances (deficits)	$ 3,105	$ 216,147	$ 204,904	$ 223,506	$ 121,124
Debt services as a percentage of non-capital expenditures	4.92 %	4.96 %	3.80 %	3.47 %	3.28 %

COUNTY OF KERN
PROPERTY TAX RATES - DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEAR
(RATE PER $1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
COUNTY OF KERN					
Total County Rate	1.00000%	1.00000%	1.00000%	1.00000%	1.00000%
RANGE OF OVERLAPPING RATES					
Total City Rate					
City of Bakersfield	-	-	-	-	-
Total School District Rate	0% to .065744%	0% to .068085%	0% to .069500%	0% to .073749%	0% to .065541%
Total Special District Rate	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%

Source: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, County of Kern

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
COUNTY OF KERN					
Total County Rate	1.00000%	1.00000%	1.00000%	1.00000%	1.00000%
RANGE OF OVERLAPPING RATES					
Total City Rate					
City of Bakersfield	-	-	-	-	-
Total School District Rate	0% to .065541%	0% to .075513%	0% to .060019%	0% to .060019%	0% to .060019%
Total Special District Rate	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%	0% to .070490%

COUNTY OF KERN
ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY AND ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS)

FISCAL YEAR	SECURED[a]	UNSECURED[b]	UNITARY[c]	EXEMPT[d]	TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE[e]	TOTAL DIRECT TAX RATE
2015 - 16	$ 84,427,685	$ 3,495,892	$ 2,068,574	$ (748,489)	$ 89,243,662	1.00000
2016 - 17	80,574,940	3,356,283	2,235,440	(735,112)	85,431,551	1.00000
2017 - 18	85,722,602	3,173,638	2,584,612	(725,054)	90,755,798	1.00000
2018 - 19	88,994,738	3,762,481	2,634,392	(716,358)	94,675,253	1.00000
2019 - 20	92,826,332	3,939,290	2,693,033	(707,238)	98,751,417	1.00000
2020 - 21	95,765,618	3,896,525	2,915,611	(699,437)	101,878,317	1.00000
2021 - 22	96,807,316	3,355,625	3,498,002	(674,437)	102,986,506	1.00000
2022 - 23	107,924,173	4,065,388	3,498,002	(674,613)	114,812,950	1.00000
2023 - 24	115,702,106	4,161,067	3,890,858	(666,685)	123,087,346	1.00000
2024 - 25	$ 118,350,710	$ 4,015,855	$ 4,199,003	$ (660,557)	$ 125,905,011	1.00000

Notes:

[a] Secured property is generally real property, defined as land, mines, minerals, timber and improvements such as buildings, structures, crops, trees, and vines.

[b] Unsecured property is generally personal property including machinery, equipment, office tools and supplies.

[c] Unitary properties are railroads and utilities crossing the county and are assessed by the State Board of Equalization.

[d] Exempt properties include numerous full and partial exclusions/exceptions provided by the State Constitution and the legislature that relieve certain taxpayers from the burden of paying property taxes.

[e] Due to 1978 passage of the property tax initiative Proposition 13 (Prop 13), the County does not track the estimated actual value of all County properties. Under Prop 13, property is assessed at the 1978 market value with an annual increases limited to the lesser of 2% or the Consumer Price Index on properties not involved in change of ownership or properties that did not undergo new construction. Newly acquired property is assessed at its new market value (usually the purchase price) and the value of any new construction is added to the existing base value of a parcel. As a result, similar properties can have substantially different assessed values based on the date of purchase. Additionally, Prop 13 limits the property tax rate to 1% of assessed value plus the rate necessary to fund local voter-approved bonds and special assessments.

Source: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, County of Kern

COUNTY OF KERN
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO (IN THOUSANDS)

	2025				2016			
TAX PAYER	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION	RANK	TOTAL TAX	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION	TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION	RANK	TOTAL TAX	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION
*California Resources Elk Hills LLC	3,889,494	1	43,816	3.09	-		-	
Chevron USA Inc	3,676,379	2	41,727	2.92	5,749,864	1	62,420	6.44
Pacific Gas & Electric Co	1,665,887	3	28,848	1.32	901,925	5	12,610	1.01
Southern California Edison Co	1,633,226	4	28,286	1.30	757,923	7	10,596	0.85
Aera Energy LLC	2,362,070	5	25,218	1.88	2,939,429	3	30,800	3.29
Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds LLC	1,268,915	6	14,996	1.01	-		-	
Berry Petroleum Company LLC	1,229,829	7	13,439	0.98	1,401,992	4	15,231	1.57
US Borax Inc	1,047,903	8	13,028	0.83	-		-	
Southern California Gas Co	630,478	9	10,919	0.50	-		-	
Sentinel Peak Resources Cal LLC	1,013,098	10	10,776	0.80	-		-	
Occidental of Elk Hills Inc	-		-		4,771,385	2	52,206	5.35
Freeport Mcmoran Oil & Gas LLC	-		-		1,184,726	6	12,300	1.33
Vintage Production Cal LLC	-		-		950,341	8	10,556	1.06
Linn Energy Holdings LLC	-		-		565,317	9	5,847	0.63
Paramount Farms International LLC	-		-		505,304	10	5,406	0.57
Total	18,417,279		231,053	11.54	19,728,206		217,972	22.10

*Formerly Occidental of Elk Hills Inc

Source: The principal property taxpayers for June 30, 2016 were obtained from the 15/16 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations Report. The 2025 information was obtained from the "2024-2025 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations Report."

COUNTY OF KERN
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEAR (IN THOUSANDS)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016[a]	2017[a]	2018[a]	2019[a]	2020[a]
Original Levy	$ 1,232,638	$ 1,230,570	$ 1,309,211	$ 1,363,339	$ 1,428,289
Adjustments to Original Levy	1,695	2,844	(3,523)	2,701	(437)
Taxes Levied	1,234,333	1,233,414	1,305,688	1,366,040	1,427,852
Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy:b					
Amount	$ 1,206,061	$ 1,202,759	$ 1,277,247	$ 1,334,142	$ 1,359,412
Percentage of Adjusted Levy	97.71 %	97.51 %	97.82 %	97.66 %	95.21 %
Collections in subsequent years	19,418	18,050	19,823	16,901	20,969
Total Collections to Date:					
Amount	$ 1,225,479	$ 1,220,809	$ 1,297,070	$ 1,351,043	$ 1,380,381
Percentage of Adjusted Levy	99.28 %	98.98 %	99.34 %	98.90 %	96.68 %

Notes:

[a] Denotes Secured, Unsecured and Supplemental Property Taxes.

[b] The above amounts do not include any penalties collected or any penalties due with delinquency amount.

Source: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, County of Kern

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021[a]	2022[a]	2023[a]	2024[a]	2025[a]
Original Levy	$ 1,479,020	$ 1,515,796	$ 1,671,773	$ 1,782,645	$ 1,813,387
Adjustments to Original Levy	36,490	9,621	1,432	6,186	9,973
Taxes Levied	1,515,510	1,525,417	1,673,205	1,788,832	1,823,360
Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy:b					
Amount	$ 1,472,898	$ 1,478,747	$ 1,626,554	$ 1,738,588	$ 1,764,518
Percentage of Adjusted Levy	97.19 %	96.94 %	97.21 %	97.19 %	96.77 %
Collections in subsequent years	26,809	27,680	26,715	31,663	29,683
Total Collections to Date:					
Amount	$ 1,499,707	$ 1,506,428	$ 1,653,270	$ 1,770,252	$ 1,794,201
Percentage of Adjusted Levy	98.96 %	98.76 %	98.81 %	98.96 %	98.40 %

COUNTY OF KERN
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER CAPITA)

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Finance Purchase	$ 5,005	$ 8,400	$ 11,340	$ 20,091	$ 21,079
Certificates of Participation	89,732	86,188	82,542	78,724	74,721
Bonds Payable	108,986	104,403	98,185	92,017	100,505
Loans Payable	4,568	4,205	3,832	3,450	494,775
Pension Obligation Bonds(1)	231,266	213,851	194,902	174,260	70,945
Lease Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Subscription Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	439,557	417,047	390,801	368,542	762,025
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Finance Purchased	2,453	-	-	-	-
Loans Payable	6,126	5,302	5,250	4,667	4,072
Certificates of Participation	6,339	-	-	-	-
Pension Obligation Bonds	34,682	3,473	3,162	2,823	2,455
Lease Liability	-	-	-	-	-
SBITA Liability	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	49,600	8,775	8,412	7,490	6,527
Total primary government	$ 489,157	$ 425,822	$ 399,213	$ 376,032	$ 768,552
Percentage of personal income[a]	1.5 %	1.3 %	1.2 %	1.1 %	0.9 %
Per Capita Outstanding Debt[b]	$ 551	$ 480	$ 446	$ 415	$ 389

Notes:

(1) Under the original bond official statements, Kern County's Pension Obligation Bonds do not qualify as General Obligation Bonds.

[a] Refer to the "Demographic and Economic Statistics" for the personal income figures.

[b] Refer to the "Demographic and Economic Statistics" for the population figures. This ratio is calculated using the population for the latest calendar year for each corresponding fiscal year.

[c] Refer to the "Assessed value of Taxable Property and Actual Value of Property" for taxable property used in this ratio.

Source: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, County of Kern

	FISCAL YEAR				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Finance Purchase	$ 24,424	$ 19,693	$ 21,841	$ 18,191	$ 14,960
Certificates of Participation	71,063	67,230	63,212	58,994	54,581
Bonds Payable	71,479	63,600	56,282	49,904	43,654
Loans Payable	8,519	35,187	33,131	31,023	28,867
Pension Obligation Bonds[(1)]	127,111	103,059	80,018	64,400	56,070
Lease Liability	-	130,896	129,150	123,832	116,023
Subscription Liability	-	1,444	26,953	20,892	33,734
Total governmental activities	302,596	421,109	410,587	367,236	347,889
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Finance Purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Loans Payable	3,529	2,974	2,406	1,825	1,230
Certificates of Participation	-	-	-	-	-
Pension Obligation Bonds	2,053	1,661	1,290	1,038	904
Lease Liability	-	280	50	9	36
SBITA Liability	-	-	-	169	136
Total business-type activities	5,582	4,915	3,746	3,041	2,306
Total primary government	$ 308,178	$ 426,024	$ 414,333	$ 370,277	$ 350,195
Percentage of personal income[a]	0.7 %	1.0 %	1.0 %	1.4 %	0.7 %
Per Capita Outstanding Debt[b]	$ 336	$ 466	$ 446	$ 407	$ 385

COUNTY OF KERN
ESTIMATED DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT
JUNE 30, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS)

20224- 2025 Assessed value (includes unitary utility valuation)	126,271,359	
	Debt 06/30/25	**Percentage Applicable[b]**
OVERLAPPING TAX AND ASSESSMENT DEBT		
Kern Community College Safety, Repair and Improvement District	$ 70,965	91.954
Kern Community College Safety, Repair and Improvement District No. 1	326,528	91.389
Antelope Valley Joint Community College District and West Kern Community College District	29,261	6.323
West Kern Community College District	20,254	100
Mojave Unified School District School Facilities Improvement Districts No. 1 and No. 2	20,991	100
Southern Kern Unified School District	73,656	100
Other Unified School Districts	126,165	92.921-100
Kern High School District	348,106	100
Other Union High School District	80,329	0.010-100
Bakersfield School District	120,947	100
Delano Union School District	31,621	100
Fruitvale School District	31,320	100
Norris School District	32,600	100
Panama-Buena Vista School District	141,680	100
Taft School District	27,676	100
Other School Districts	249,429	63.786-100
Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District	54,045	100
Bear Valley Community Services District, I.D. No. 2	241	100
Buttonwillow Recreation and Park District	3,242	100
Community Facilities Districts	247,168	100
1915 Act Bonds (Estimated)	35,779	100
Total overlapping tax and assessment debt	2,072,003	

	Debt 06/30/25	Percentage Applicable[b]
OVERLAPPING GENERAL FUND DEBT		
Kern County Board of Education Certificates of Participation	28,575	100
Community College District Certificates of Participation and Other Post-Employment Benefit Bonds	84,958	Various
Unified School District General Fund Obligations	29,983	Various
Wasco Union High School District General Fund Obligation	5,253	100
School District General Fund Obligations	90,466	100
City of Arvin General Fund Obligations	3,220	100
City of Delano Certificates of Participation	10,725	100
City of McFarland General Fund Obligations	4,639	100
City of Ridgecrest General Fund Obligations	26,820	100
Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park General Fund Obligations	566	100
Total overlapping general fund debt	285,205	
Total direct and overlapping debt	2,357,208	
DIRECT GENERAL FUND DEBT		
Kern County General Fund Obligations	291,819	
Kern County Pension Obligations	56,070	
Total direct general fund debt	347,889	
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT	2,705,097 [a]	
Ratios to 2022 - 2023 assessed valuation:		
Total overlapping tax and assessment debt	1.64 %	
Ratios to Adjusted Assessed Valuation:		
Combined direct debt ($367,236)	0.28 % -	
Combined Total Debt	2.14 % -	

Notes:

[a] Excludes tax and revenue anticipation notes, enterprise revenue, mortgage revenue and non-bonded capital lease obligations.

[b] Percentage of overlapping agency's assessed valuation located within the boundaries of the County.

Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

COUNTY OF KERN
COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Legislation does not mandate a debt limit for County of Kern.

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

FISCAL YEAR	POPULATION	PERSONAL INCOME	PER CAPITA INCOME	MEDIAN AGE	SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
2016	886,507	$ 33,368,619	$ 37,641	-	181,393	10.8%
2017	895,112	32,852,879	36,783	-	185,236	9.5%
2018	905,801	33,980,966	37,743	-	189,949	8.7%
2019	916,464	35,784,162	39,477	-	192,446	7.4%
2020	917,553	40,097,301	44,063	-	198,910	17.5%
2021	914,193	42,177,029	45,961	-	195,310	10.0%
2022	929,851	39,352,831	43,167	-	196,030	6.7%
2023	909,813	40,542,387	44,397	-	197,042	8.8%
2024	922,529	26,647,060	44,508	-	198,315	9.0%
2025	910,300	$ 46,079,333	$ 44,024	-	198,992	9.0%

COUNTY OF KERN
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

	JUNE 30, 2025			JUNE 30, 2016			
EMPLOYER	**EMPLOYEES**	**RANK**	**PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY TOTAL EMPLOYMENT**	**EMPLOYER**	**EMPLOYEES**	**RANK**	**PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL COUNTY EMPLOYMENT**
Government	73,000	1	17.65	China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station	9,700+	1	2.80
Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake	10,359	2	2.50	County of Kern	8872	2	2.49
Edwards Air Force Base	9,682	3	2.34	Grimmway Farms	5,000-9,999	3	1.40
Grimmway Farms	7,529	4	1.82	Naval Air Warfare Center	5,000-9,999	4	1.40
Amazon	5,574	5	1.35	US Navy Public Affairs Office	5,000-9,999	5	1.40
Dignity Health	3,826	6	0.93	WM Bolthouse Farms	1,700-4999	6	0.28
Adventist Health	3,784	7	0.91	Chevron	1,000-4,999	7	0.28
Wonderful Company	3,695	8	0.89	Kern County Superintendent of Schools	1,000-4,999	8	0.28
Kern Medical	2,400	9	0.58	State Farm	1,000-4,999	9	0.28
Bolthouse Farms	1,922	10	0.46	Dignity Health	1,000-4,999	10	0.28
			-	Edwards Air Force Base	1,000-4,999	10	0.28
Total	121,771		29.44	Total			11.18

Sources:

State of California - Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information

Data for 2016 was obtained from the June 30, 2016 CAFR

COUNTY OF KERN
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES AS OF JUNE 30,				
FUNCTION/PROGRAM	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
Assessor	98	95	86	81	76
Information Technology	45	42	55	68	77
County Counsel	47	42	43	45	44
Other[a]	337	373	378	376	394
PUBLIC PROTECTION:					
District Attorney	244	228	239	205	221
Public Defender	92	87	81	78	83
Sheriff - Coroner	1,173	1,141	1,177	1,155	1,125
Probation	559	528	526	518	531
Fire Department	599	589	592	600	554
Other[a]	329	323	328	397	393
PUBLIC WAYS & FACILITIES:					
HEALTH AND SANITATION:					
Public Health	175	180	183	180	185
Behavioral Health & Recovery	517	606	667	796	810
Other	126	95	96	78	76
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:					
Human Services	1,515	1,510	1,502	1,483	1,461
Other	190	194	200	218	238
EDUCATION:					
Library	50	46	40	42	38
Other	4	4	4	4	4
CULTURE & RECREATION SERVICES[c]	69	-	-	-	-
Airports	22	21	18	20	18
Kern Medical[b]	1,276	-	-	-	-
Public Works[a]	348	338	357	422	422
Total full-time employees	7,815	6,442	6,572	6,766	6,750

Note:

[a] In 2016, the Internal Service Fund - Public Works was created. The employees from Roads, Public Transportation, Solid Waste, Engineering, Surveying and Permit Services, Building Inspection, and Code Compliance departments were consolidated into this new fund.

[b] Kern Medical transferred operations on July 1, 2016 to a new special district (Hospital Authority)

[c] In Fiscal year 2016-17, the Parks and Recreation employees were moved to General Services located in General Government - Other.

Source: County Administrative Office - Human Resources Department

COUNTY OF KERN
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES AS OF JUNE 30,				
FUNCTION/PROGRAM	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
Assessor	77	76	76	77	73
Information Technology	69	73	82	88	92
County Counsel	44	47	46	44	45
Other[a]	379	383	387	423	427
PUBLIC PROTECTION:					
District Attorney	210	210	200	218	225
Public Defender	82	82	83	83	86
Sheriff - Coroner	1,102	1,032	1,116	1,245	1,290
Probation	538	530	543	565	586
Fire Department	573	641	636	711	695
Other[a]	377	372	378	413	413
PUBLIC WAYS & FACILITIES:					
HEALTH AND SANITATION:					
Public Health	172	178	201	215	216
Behavioral Health & Recovery	794	781	862	921	897
Other	69	76	92	92	85
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:					
Human Services	1,428	1,435	1,539	1,594	1,609
Other	238	251	272	270	266
EDUCATION:					
Library	35	44	53	76	81
Other	4	4	4	3	3
CULTURE & RECREATION SERVICES[c]	-	-	-	-	-
Airports	19	18	18	22	24
Kern Medical[b]	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works[a]	448	449	474	499	537
Total full-time employees	6,658	6,682	7,062	7,559	7,650

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR 2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Assessor - Recorder					
Recorded Documents	199,972	206,612	195,708	181,238	194,767
County Counsel					
Litigated & Administrative Hearings	7,882	8,585	8,654	8,713	9,578
Attorneys	30	26	25	27	26
Attorneys Per Capita	-	-	-	-	-
Human Resources					
Applications Received	38,118	29,935	36,922	38,216	31,904
County Clerk - Elections					
Marriage Licenses	4,792	4,940	4,705	4,420	2,045
Fictitious Business Names	6,511	6,630	6,609	6,613	5,396
PUBLIC PROTECTION					
District Attorney					
Misdemeanors Cases Filed	27,361	25,220	20,390	21,733	21,312
Felony Cases Filed	5,795	5,869	5,954	6,662	6,617
Felony Information Filed	1,819	1,726	1,420	N/A	N/A
Felony Cases with Juries	189	204	167	192	101
Public Defender					
Public Defense Cases Accepted/Received	46,853	39,479	32,773	35,354	35,709
Public Defense Cases Opened	20,530	21,102	18,558	19,083	16,941
Public Defense Case Closed	41,978	36,366	30,575	31,838	31,755
Public Defense Cases Closed Within 12 Months	41,978	36,366	30,575	31,838	31,755
Sheriff - Coroner:					
Dispatched Calls for Service	257,425	261,829	242,210	208,689	193,560
Violent Crimes::	1,858	1,731	1,734	4,404	5,821
Homicide	42	37	52	40	55
Forcible Rape	174	170	156	151	180
Robbery	405	422	472	428	530
Aggravated Assault	1,237	1,102	1,054	1,020	1,204
Property Crimes	6,628	6,636	6,307	2,579	6,566
Total Larceny - Theft	3,484	3,257	3,257	3,192	3,387
Bookings	14,749	16,372	15,765	17,843	13,576
Fingerprints	7,426	7,797	5,795	5,516	4,005
Fire Department:					
Total Incident Calls	48,585	50,262	52,922	53,722	54,639
Fire Calls	3,000	3,360	3,715	3,465	4,052
Overpressure, Ruptures, Explosion	119	58	92	238	155
Other Type of Incidents	751	1,401	1,592	1,930	1,825
EMS / Rescue Calls	26,317	26,033	27,935	29,082	29,732
Hazardous Condition Calls	1,678	1,486	1,503	1,380	1,485
Public Service Calls	2,692	2,849	2,895	2,857	3,175
False Calls	2,082	2,093	2,073	1,965	1,979

Source: Dpeartments of the County of Kern

Notes: N/A - Information not available.
* Information was updated from prior year report.

COUNTY OF KERN
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION / PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	FISCAL YEAR				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Assessor - Recorder					
Recorded Documents	277,578	250,055	177,770	168,012	174,244
County Counsel					
Litigated & Administrative Hearings	10,021	7,619	7,519	7,112	6,850
Attorneys	26	27	29	28	28
Attorneys Per Capita	-	-	-	-	-
Human Resources					
Applications Received	27,320	31,204	39,382	48,074	52,585
County Clerk - Elections					
Marriage Licenses	3,782	4,576	4,191	3,984	4,433
Fictitious Business Names	5,960	7,353	8,902	6,531	6,239
PUBLIC PROTECTION					
District Attorney					
Misdemeanors Cases Filed	20,456	18,257	19,682	17,507	13,099
Felony Cases Filed	7,155	6,954	6,751	6,123	7,673
Felony Information Filed	N/A	N/A	1,571	1,278	19,361
Felony Cases with Juries	104	124	113	116	77
Public Defender					
Public Defense Cases Accepted/Received	38,598	32,746	36,452	36,435	36,254
Public Defense Cases Opened	16,040	32,746	29,247	33,123	29,088
Public Defense Case Closed	32,485	25,980	20,713	27,122	26,610
Public Defense Cases Closed Within 12 Months	32,485	32,746	20,713	27,122	20,610
Sheriff - Coroner:					
Dispatched Calls for Service	171,326	155,331	145,903	150,006	159,629
Violent Crimes::	6,743	5,988	5,147	5,599	5,570
Homicide	67	54	48	25	40
Forcible Rape	187	127	133	170	178
Robbery	430	496	468	377	369
Aggravated Assault	1,556	5,311	2,580	2,618	2,686
Property Crimes	8,501	9,281	5,228	2,409	3,646
Total Larceny - Theft	2,872	3,663	3,164	3,143	2,908
Bookings	11,197	10,902	11,580	12,948	13,391
Fingerprints	3,662	2,584	2,826	3,408	2,916
Fire Department:					
Total Incident Calls	52,075	63,581	61,744	57,943	62,708
Fire Calls	5,007	4,760	4,689	5,334	5,134
Overpressure, Ruptures, Explosion	554	280	234	213	191
Other Type of Incidents	353	76	78	74	77
EMS / Rescue Calls	35,711	40,759	39,422	34,884	39,284
Hazardous Condition Calls	1,322	1,424	1,435	1,334	1,346
Public Service Calls	3,276	3,473	3,681	3,872	3,493
False Calls	1,520	1,489	1,583	1,550	1,634

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR 2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Building Inspection					
Building Permits Issued	9,172	9,028	7,791	8,818	8,903
Animal services					
Received Calls for Response	19,443	19,290	16,649	16,435	13,394
Animals Impounded	17,551	17,444	15,567	13,859	12,810
Animals Returned to Owner^	796	912	911	851	653
Animals Rescued+	-	-	-	2,360	2,213
Animals Adopted	5,097	5,394	5,813	5,316	3,793
Animals Euthanized	5,893	4,882	3,819	3,351	2,249
PUBLIC WAYS & FACILITIES					
Roads					
Maintained Road Lanes (in miles)	3,332	3,319	3,324	3,327	3,331
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Mental Health Services					
Unique Clients Served	27,729	28,356	30,540	32,227	31,554
Unique Clients Served with Outpatient Services*	27,652	28,356	-	55,283	62,264
Unique Clients Served with Intensive Services	1,537	1,393	2,595	2,735	3,072
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
Aging & Adult Services					
Senior Nutrition Participation::					
Congregate Senior Participants	3,010	2,767	2,522	2,108	1,671
Congregate Meals	141,851	134,465	129,694	115,083	73,221
Home Delivered Senior Participants	1,572	1,522	1,505	1,384	2,974
Home Delivered Meals	212,853	208,147	208,311	185,408	227,079
COVID19 Senior Participants	-	-	-	-	-
COVID19 Meals	-	-	-	-	-
Human Services					
Children Admitted to the Jamison Center:	1,839	1,687	1,577	1,433	1,340
Protective Custody/New Intakes	1,634	1,492	1,383	1,279	1,123
Change of Placement	205	195	194	154	217
Children released from the Jamison Center	807	1,492	1,399	1,556	1,372
Average day stay in the Jamison Center	5	3	4	3	3
Admissions - Breakdown by Age::					
Newborn - 5 years	719	657	581	529	510
6 - 12 years	475	436	424	399	403
13 - 18 years	440	399	378	351	427
CULTURE AND RECREATION SERVICES & EDUCATION					
Parks & Recreation					
Annual Boat Permits	1,591	2,699	2,870	2,711	3,235
Day Use Boat Fees	10,409	12,358	12,236	10,785	12,457
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Solid Waste					
Landfill capacity in cubic yards	88,288,861	88,288,861	88,288,940	88,309,205	88,872,485

Source: Department of the County of Kern

Notes:
N/A - Information not available.
*In 2018, information for this activity does not track "redeemed,"
They track "returned to owner," formally stated as redeemed.
+As of 2019, Animal Services is newly reporting "Animals rescued" as a new statistic.

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Building Inspection					
Building Permits Issued	10,331	9,755	11,150	8,962	8,530
Animal services					
Received Calls for Response	12,157	14,713	18,785	18,971	18,476
Animals Impounded	8,296	10,691	13,578	14,983	14,636
Animals Returned to Owner^	445	558	751	793	868
Animals Rescued+	1,418	1,280	2,350	2,897	3,791
Animals Adopted	2,408	3,665	5,011	4,970	4,963
Animals Euthanized	634	2,048	2,859	3,368	2,780
PUBLIC WAYS & FACILITIES					
Roads					
Maintained Road Lanes (in miles)	3,329	3,329	3,318	6,813	6,796
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Mental Health Services					
Unique Clients Served	32,317	33,168	35,843	33,597	30,907
Unique Clients Served with Outpatient Services*	61,388	63,762	35,818	33,122	30,854
Unique Clients Served with Intensive Services	3,202	3,033	2,292	3,759	1,623
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
Aging & Adult Services					
Senior Nutrition Participation::					
Congregate Senior Participants	240	1,267	1,991	1,820	2,165
Congregate Meals	4,756	54,112	107,095	86,022	125,413
Home Delivered Senior Participants	1,507	2,546	2,917	3,039	3,214
Home Delivered Meals	214,488	357,893	412,022	553,633	550,154
COVID19 Senior Participants	1,870	1,340	623	-	-
COVID19 Meals	270,566	144,191	2,838	-	-
Human Services					
Children Admitted to the Jamison Center:	1,472	1,538	1,566	1,407	1,565
Protective Custody/New Intakes	1,224	1,281	1,334	1,234	1,356
Change of Placement	248	257	232	173	209
Children released from the Jamison Center	1,443	1,550	1,339	1,254	1,356
Average day stay in the Jamison Center	4	5	4	3	4
Admissions - Breakdown by Age::					
Newborn - 5 years	628	587	519	474	490
6 - 12 years	445	511	394	359	433
13 - 18 years	399	440	416	401	433
CULTURE AND RECREATION SERVICES & EDUCATION					
Parks & Recreation					
Annual Boat Permits	2,613	1,882	3,736	3,413	3,383
Day Use Boat Fees	13,586	9,700	19,844	8,068	2,884
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Solid Waste					
Landfill capacity in cubic yards	89,024,872	89,024,872	88,762,230	96,324,525	47,515,226

COUNTY OF KERN
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	FISCAL YEAR				
FUNCTION/PROGRAM	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
EDUCATION					
Public Library					
Main Library	1	1	1	1	1
Branches	23	23	23	23	23
Law Library	1	1	1	1	1
PARKS AND LAND USE					
Number of Neighborhood Parks	40	40	40	43	43
Number of Regional Parks	8	8	7	8	8
County Golf Courses	3	3	3	3	3
PUBLIC WORKS					
Miles of County Roads	3,332	3,319	3,324	3,327	3,331
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Number of Sheriff Stations	15	14	14	15	15
Number of Fire Stations	47	47	47	47	47
AIRPORTS					
Number of Runways	8	8	8	8	7

Source: Departments of the County of Kern

	FISCAL YEAR				
FUNCTION/PROGRAM	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
EDUCATION					
Public Library					
Main Library	1	1	1	1	1
Branches	23	21	21	21	21
Law Library	1	1	1	1	1
PARKS AND LAND USE					
Number of Neighborhood Parks	40	40	40	38	36
Number of Regional Parks	8	8	8	9	9
County Golf Courses	3	3	3	3	3
PUBLIC WORKS					
Miles of County Roads	3,331	3,332	3,318	3,319	3,314
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Number of Sheriff Stations	12	12	12	12	12
Number of Fire Stations	47	47	47	47	47
AIRPORTS					
Number of Runways	7	7	7	7	7