

# **Goals**

Continue the high level of fair and impartial assessments and outstanding public service for which the office has maintained an excellent reputation.

Provide for adequate staff resources for adequate processing of sales and new construction as real estate market recovers.

Develop more efficient procedures for Proposition 8 reviews while ensuring properties receive a fair, impartial and quality appraisal.

Participate in the California Assessor's efforts to implement the electronic deployment of all Assessors' forms which will allow citizens to download, complete and fill any form required by an Assessor's office.

Hire Assistant Assessor and implement management restructure to prepare the Assessor for transition to a new property system. Work with the Auditor and Tax Collector in the selection and implementation of the new system.

#### **Accomplishments**

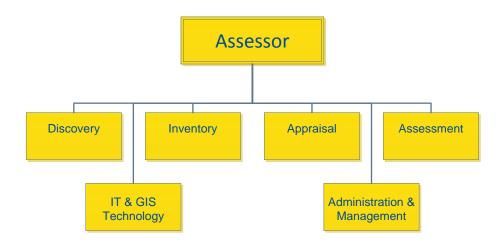
Developed and implemented paperless workflow process

Implemented on line electronic business statement process

Prerequisite steps in the development of a paperless property records

# Assessor

# **Organizational Chart**



# **Department Overview**

The Assessor is responsible for discovering, inventorying and valuing all taxable property in the County, including residential, commercial, industrial and undeveloped properties, as well as personal property used in the course of business, boats, airplanes, and mining claims. The Assessor prepares and submits the secured, unsecured, and supplemental assessment rolls for use in preparation of assessments for taxation by the various taxing agencies. The Assessor has the duty of local administration, preparation and maintenance of the master property file, ownership records of all assessable real and personal property, Assessor's Parcel Number's and accounts as well as the efficient and effective use of resources.

2015-16 Summary of Departme	ent Programs				
	Appropriation	Revenue	Net County Cost	Staffing	
Discovery	\$705,545	\$0	\$705,545	7.30	
Inventory	\$605,315	\$0	\$605,315	6.50	
Appraisal	\$1,422,902	\$0	\$1,422,902	12.70	
Assessment	\$595,361	\$474,400	\$120,961	5.45	
IT & GIS Technology	\$314,796	\$25,000	\$289,796	2.10	
Administration & Management	\$211,295	\$0	\$211,295	1.75	
TOTAL	\$3,855,214	\$499,400	\$3,355,814	35.80	

# **Recommended Budget Highlights for Assessor**

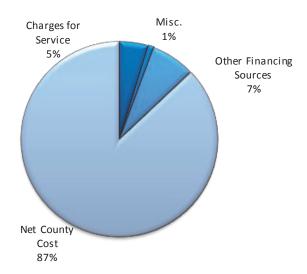
The Recommended Budget represents an overall increase of \$50,000 or 11% in revenues and an increase of \$292,758 or 8% in appropriations when compared to the FY 2014-15 approved budget. As a result, the Net County Cost has increased \$242,758 or 8%.

Revenues are increasing slightly over FY 14-15. The increase in appropriations is related to salaries and benefits. Funding is included to fill the vacant Assistant Assessor position that has remained vacant for four years. The Recommended Budget includes the deletion of 1.0 FTE Branch Supervising Appraiser and the addition of 1.0 FTE Supervising Appraiser to true up the department's personnel allocation for a previously authorized underfill at the Supervising Appraiser level.

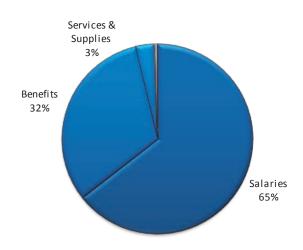
The Assessor indicates that the most important task facing his office with the greatest potential to impact County revenue is the annual review and adjustment of Proposition 8 property values. Sufficient resources in the Assessor's Office are needed to conduct those reviews and ensure that properties receive a fair, impartial and quality appraisal.

	12/13	13/14	14/15	14/15 15/16	
	Actual	Actual	Projected	Dept Req	CAO Rec
Charges for Service	128,065	238,534	135,000	180,000	180,000
Misc.	28,835	33,140	35,000	40,000	40,000
Other Financing Sources	245,462	261,967	279,400	279,400	279,400
Total Revenue	402,362	533,641	449,400	499,400	499,400
Salaries	1,957,949	2,102,126	2,262,349	2,482,144	2,482,144
Benefits	952,522	914,586	1,153,863	1,232,027	1,232,027
Services & Supplies	90,857	106,579	129,981	119,233	119,233
Other Charges	-	-	500	500	500
Fixed Assets	-	-	5,000	7,500	7,500
Intrafund Transfers	23,777	8,048	10,763	13,810	13,810
Total Appropriations	3,025,105	3,131,339	3,562,456	3,855,214	3,855,214
NCC	2,622,743	2,597,698	3,113,056	3,355,814	3,355,814
FTE's	36	36	36	36	36

#### Source of Funds



#### **Use of Funds**



# Source of Funds—Assessor

Charges for Services (\$180,000): The bulk of this revenue is in Assessment & Tax Collection (\$175,000): The department receives a share of the County's 5% administration fee for the supplemental roll. The revenue is shared among the property tax administration departments (Auditor-Controller, Treasurer-Tax Collector, and Assessor). The remainder of revenues in this character is derived from various services provided to the public and the development community and sales of roll data.

Miscellaneous (\$40,000): Revenue budgeted from Proposition 90 application fees is estimated at \$40,000, based on projected applications for the fiscal year.

Operating Transfers (\$279,400): The bulk of this revenue (\$259,970) is derived from the fees charged for the separate assessment of timeshare projects, as provided by County Ordinance. This revenue is shared among the property tax administration departments. A transfer from the department's automation special revenue fund of \$19,700 will fund replacements for obsolete computer equipment as well as software licenses.

Net County Cost (\$3,355,814): The department is primarily funded with discretionary General Fund tax dollars. These revenues are collected in Department 15 – General Fund Other Operations.

It should be noted that charges to special districts to cover the County's cost for administering the property tax system generate revenue which posts in Department 15 as general discretionary revenue. The charges are derived from the costs of the Assessor, the Auditor-Controller, and Treasurer-Tax Collector Departments. This revenue is budgeted at \$1,182,051.

#### Use of Funds—Assessor

Salaries & Benefits (\$3,714,171): Primarily comprised of permanent salaries (\$2,482,144), retirement (\$551,455), and health insurance (\$562,262).

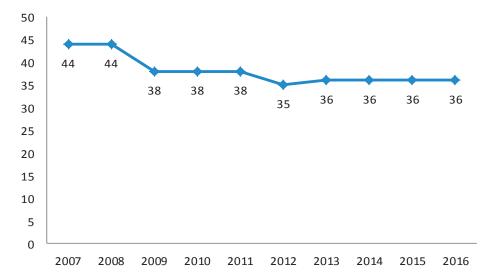
Services & Supplies (\$119,233): Major expenses include liability insurance (\$16,725), office expense (\$12,000), postage (\$22,000), subscriptions (\$13,022), equipment rental (\$9,895), and employee mileage reimbursement (\$8,000).

Other Charges (\$500) – Charges from other county departments for miscellaneous services.

Fixed Assets (\$7,500): Fixed asset appropriations are for a replacement scanner and a large screen monitor/projector for the Assessor conference room.

Intrafund Transfers (\$13,810): Intrafund transfers consist of charges from other departments for services such as IT programming support (\$2,500) mail services (\$10,485) and stores support (\$575).





Staffing for the Assessor over the past ten years has gone from 44 FTE in FY 2005-06 to 35.8 FTE. Reductions in FY 2008-09 were primarily from the loss of the State Property Tax Administration Program. Total allocations for FY 2015-16 remain the same at 35.8 consisting of 30.8 FTE'S on the West Slope and 5 FTE'S in South Lake Tahoe.

	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16	
Classification Title	Adjusted	Dept	CAO	Diff from
	Allocation	Request	Recm'd	Adjusted
Assessor	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Administrative Technician	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Appraiser I/II/Sr	11.00	11.00	11.00	-
Assessment Technician I/II/Sr	7.80	7.80	7.80	-
Assistant Assessor	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Auditor-Appraiser/Senior Auditor-Appraiser	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
Branch Supervising Appraiser	1.00	-	-	(1.00)
Cadastral Drafter	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
GIS Analyst I/II	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Information Technology Department Coord	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Property Transfer Specialist	4.00	4.00	4.00	-
Property Transfer Supervisor	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Supervising Appraiser	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Supervising Assessment Technician	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Supervising Auditor/Appraiser	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Department Total	35.80	35.80	35.80	-

# **Discovery Program**

#### **Program Summary:**

This function in the Assessors Office is responsible for locating and identifying potential changes in the ownership, character and configuration of all assessable property. Reviews recorded documents, recorded maps, unrecorded information from property owners, lessors, federal and state, county and city governments. Catalogs and determines appropriate processing to be applied to identified changes in ownership, new construction, partial interest transfers and business assets, possessory interests, mining claims, boats, aircraft and others. Initiates inquiry to clarify assessable nature of various transactions of indeterminate nature. Includes the position classes of Cadastral drafter, GIS analyst, Assessment Technician. Appraiser and Auditor/Appraiser.

#### **Inventory Program**

#### **Program Summary:**

This function is charged with the responsibility for analyzing and processing all changes to the master property inventory. Also processes parcel map changes and makes Jarvis/Gann reappraisability determinations. Responds to public inquiry about reassessability of proposed actions and initiates inquiry where clarification is required. Processes exemption applications from homeowners, veterans, disabled veterans and transactions qualifying for exclusion as parent/child or replacement residence transfers as well as organizations meeting the requirements for educational, welfare or religious or other organizational exemptions. Maintains inventory of more than 100,000 parcels, 30,000 timeshares, 4,500 businesses, 4,000 boats, mining claims, mutual water companies, apartments, possessory interests and other assessable personal property. Position classes include Assessment Technician, Property Transfer Specialist and Cadastral Drafter.

## **Appraisal Program**

# **Program Summary**:

This function is responsible for determining the fair market value of real property that has undergone a complete or partial change of ownership, new construction or other event which triggers a reappraisal under California Property Tax law. Conducts field appraisal work, enrolls unpermitted construction and performs special appraisals of Williamson Act and Timber Production Zone property. Real Property includes land, mines, quarries, timber, structures, buildings, fixtures, fences, fruit or nut bearing trees and vines not exempted. Also responsible for annual appraisal of business property and assessable personal property such as boats, airplanes, apartment/ hotel/motel furnishings and possessory interests. Under Prop 8, this function also determines the lower of factored base year value or market value. This function also includes the audit of reporting, appraisal and assessment of business property and determines the value of property acquired by public agencies when necessary or requested. Appraisers and Auditor/Appraisers also research, negotiate, prepare and defend values and represent the Assessor before the Assessment Appeals Board. All staff in this function making value determinations is required to maintain valid certification through the State Board of Equalization and meet State continuing education requirements. Major position classes include Appraiser, Auditor/Appraiser.

## **Assessment Program**

#### **Program Summary:**

Upon receipt of reappraised property value from the Appraisal function, this group is responsible for the accurate generation of appropriate assessments. This includes providing lawful notice to the property owner, record keeping and assessment transmission to the Auditor for tax calculation. Also responsible for processing all assessment roll corrections and escape assessments. Makes all changes to property characteristic data and other information in the property system. Revenues include the department's share of the County's 5% of supplemental taxes that is allocated among the three property tax administration departments and timeshare handling charges. Position classes include Appraiser Aide and Assessment Technician.

# **IT & GIS Technology Program**

#### **Program Summary**:

The Assessor's computerized property system consists of the mainframe computer property system and several substantial additional systems operating on the Intranet. A portion of this function is responsible for the operation, maintenance and enhancement of these systems. The GIS analyst position is responsible for all parcel map activity, as well as mapping related tasks unique to the Assessor such as Tax Rate Area changes, parcel renumber operations and the library of historical parcel maps. A small amount of revenue is derived from the sale of assessment data. Position classes include IT Departmental Coordinator and GIS Analyst.

## **Administration & Management Program**

#### **Program Summary:**

Provides leadership, oversight, direction and support for the department and is responsible for administrative and business support functions including budgeting, accounting, payroll, personnel, purchasing and contract coordination, computer services and support and clerical operations. Positions include Assessor, Assistant Assessor, and Administrative Technician.

State Controller Schedules El Dorado County Schedule 9 County Budget Act Detail of Financing Sources and Financing Uses January 2010 Edition, revision #1 Governmental Funds Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Unit 05 Assessor Function General Government Activity Finance 2013-14 2015-16 2015-16 2014-15 Detail by Revenue Category and Actual Department Actual CAO **Expenditure Object** Requested **V** Estimated Recommended 2 4 3 5 **Charges for Services** 1300 Assessment and Tax Collection Fees \$ 238,534 \$ 125,000 \$ 175,000 \$ 175,000 1740 Charges for Services 10,000 5,000 5,000 **Total Charges for Services** \$ 135,000 180,000 180,000 238,534 \$ \$ \$ Miscellaneous Revenues 1940 Miscellaneous Revenu 33,140 \$ 35,000 \$ 40,000 \$ 40,000 Total Miscellaneous Revenues \$ 35.000 40.000 \$ 40.000 33.140 \$ Other Financing Sources 2020 Operating Transfers In \$ 279,400 \$ 261,967 279,400 \$ 279,400 \$ **Total Other Financing Sources** \$ 261,967 \$ 279,400 \$ 279,400 \$ 279,400 533,641 449,400 \$ 499,400 499,400 Total Revenue \$ Salaries and Employee Benefits 3000 Permanent Employees / Elected Officials \$ 2,043,288 2,248,269 \$ 2,468,064 \$ 2,468,064 3001 Temporary Employees 38,808 3004 Other Compensation 5,900 3005 Tahoe Differential 12,045 12,000 12,000 12,000 2,080 3006 Bilingual Pay 2,085 2,080 2,080 3020 Employer Share - Employee Retirement 551,455 551,455 400,150 482,135 3022 Employer Share - Medi Care 28,982 33,172 35,396 35,396 3040 Employer Share - Health Insurance 437,042 561,953 562,262 562,262 3041 Employer Share - Unemployment Insurance 952 3042 Employer Share - Long Term Disab Insurance 3,466 5,866 6,245 6,245 3043 Employer Share - Deferred Compensation 3,566 6,171 6,856 6,856 3046 Retiree Health - Defined Contributions 34,038 34,972 36,775 36,775 3060 Employer Share - Workers' Compensation 6,110 17,594 21,038 21,038 3080 Flexible Benefits 12,000 12,000 280 12,000

#### Services ar

Total Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 3,016,712	\$ 3,416,212	\$ 3,714,171	\$ 3,714,171
and Supplies				
4041 Cnty Pass thru Telephone Chrges to Depts	\$ 870	\$ 1,086	\$ 1,086	\$ 1,086
4100 Insurance - Premium	8,253	16,195	16,725	16,725
4140 Maintenance - Equipment	-	650	650	650
4144 Maintenance - Computer System Supplies	1,252	-	-	-
4220 Memberships	245	435	435	435
4221 Memberships - Legislative Advocacy	520	520	520	520
4260 Office Expense	11,664	12,000	12,000	12,000
4261 Postage	34,532	22,000	22,000	22,000
4262 Software	-	7,500	2,500	2,500
4263 Subscription / Newspaper / Journals	9,995	19,300	13,022	13,022
4266 Printing / Duplicating	2,322	12,500	12,500	12,500
4300 Professional and Specialized Services	65	2,800	2,800	2,800
4337 Other Governmental Agencies	487	1,000	1,000	1,000
4420 Rents and Leases - Equipment	8,358	9,895	9,895	9,895
4440 Rent & Lease - Building/Improvements	500	-	-	-

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# El Dorado County Detail of Financing Sources and Financing Uses Governmental Funds

Fiscal Year 2015-16

Budget Unit 05 Assessor
Function General Government

Schedule 9

Activity Finance

		Ctivi	ly Finance			
Detail by Revenue Category and Expenditure Object	2013-14 Actual	l	2014-15 ctual  stimated	2015-16 Department Requested	Re	2015-16 CAO commended
1	2		3	4		5
4461 Minor Equipment	3,400		1,800	1,800		1,800
4462 Minor Computer Equipment	1,294		-	-		-
4500 Special Departmental Expense	190		-	-		-
4503 Staff Development	1,256		3,000	3,000		3,000
4529 Software License	540		1,300	1,300		1,300
4600 Transportation and Travel	2,295		2,000	2,000		2,000
4602 Employee - Private Auto Mileage	5,074		8,000	8,000		8,000
4605 Vehicle - Rent or Lease	5,154		3,000	3,000		3,000
4606 Fuel Purchases	4,139		2,500	2,500		2,500
4608 Hotel Accommodations	4,099		2,500	2,500		2,500
4620 Utilities	75		-	-		-
Total Services and Supplies	\$ 106,579	\$	129,981	\$ 119,233	\$	119,233
Other Charges						
5300 Interfund Expenditures	\$ -	\$	500	\$ 500	\$	500
Total Other Charges	\$ -	\$	500	\$ 500	\$	500
Fixed Assets						
6042 Fixed Assets - Computer Sys Equipment	\$ -	\$	5,000	\$ 7,500	\$_	7,500
Total Fixed Assets	\$ -	\$	5,000	\$ 7,500	\$	7,500
ntrafund Transfers						
7200 Intrafund Transfers	\$ 25	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
7223 Intrafnd: Mail Service	7,657		7,710	10,485		10,485
7224 Intrafnd: Stores Support	366		303	575		575
7231 Intrafnd: IS Programming Support	-		2,500	2,500		2,500
7232 Intrafnd: Maint Bldg & Improvmnts	-	_	250	250		250
Total Intrafund Transfers	\$ 8,048	\$	10,763	\$ 13,810	\$	13,810
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$ 3,131,339	\$	3,562,456	\$ 3,855,214	\$	3,855,214
Net Cost	\$ (2,597,698)	\$	(3,113,056)	\$ (3,355,814)	\$	(3,355,814)