



Core Services

California counties are the most unique and complex local government entities in our state.

As extensions of the State of California and responsible for operating ever-changing programs mandated by law, counties continually evolve and re-prioritize their service approach. Programs such as health and social services, behavioral health, probation, corrections, environmental health, elections, property assessments, tax collection, countywide fiscal management and auditing, and recording of legal documents are only a few that carry with them great responsibility and command a significant time commitment. Approximately 70% of services provided annually by County departments and staff are legally required by the State, with the remaining services not necessarily mandated but necessary to protect public safety and provide support for local initiatives. In total, funds in excess of a half billion dollars must be managed effectively to provide accountability for service delivery to local and state taxpayers.

In the development of El Dorado County’s 2024 Strategic Plan Update, we attempted to achieve a balance between mandated services and priorities that serve our population, while allowing for a “future-focused” approach that protects our landscape and people for future generations.

