



# Board Agenda Item 39

DATE: June 16, 2026  
TO: Board of Supervisors  
SUBMITTED BY: Oscar J. Garcia, CPA, Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector  
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Appropriation Limits

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Sitting as the Fresno County Board of Supervisors:**

- **Approve Resolution establishing the appropriations limit for the County of Fresno for Fiscal Year 2026-27 at \$939,559,715 which includes the appropriations limits for County Service Area Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, 14, 18, 19, 23, 30, 33, 43, and 44.**

**Sitting as the Board of Directors of Waterworks Districts Nos. 37, 38, 40, and 41:**

- **Approve Resolution establishing the appropriations limits for Fresno County Waterworks Districts Nos. 37, 38, 40, 41-water, and 41-sewer for Fiscal Year 2026-27, at \$25,367, \$94,726, \$163,383, \$708,500, and \$182,359, respectively.**

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

No other viable options exist.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with these actions. Spending by the County and the identified Fresno County Waterworks Districts may not exceed the limits established by the recommended resolutions.

DISCUSSION:

California voters passed Proposition 4 in November 1979. This legislation, which added Article XIII B to the State Constitution, restricts government spending by establishing limits on the annual appropriations of tax revenues of local governmental entities. The restriction is called an "appropriations limit". The appropriations limit must be established each year for the following fiscal year based on the previous year's limit, adjusted for the change in the cost of living and the change in population.

On June 5, 1990, California voters passed Proposition 111, which modified the manner in which the Proposition 4 appropriations limit is calculated. As a result of Proposition 111, the base year for the calculation has been changed from the Fiscal Year 1978-79 to the Fiscal Year 1986-87. This change also allowed the County to use the population and Consumer Price Index factors in establishing its annual appropriations limit.

Some of the County Service Areas, including County Service Areas Nos. 1, 2, 5, 7, 14, 18, 19, 23, 30, 33, 43, and 44, are required by law to have appropriations limits. The County is allowed to include those within its own appropriations limit. The appropriations limit established by the recommended action therefore includes the appropriations limits for those County Service Areas, as specified in the resolution.

County Waterworks Districts Nos. 37, 38, 40, and 41 are also required by law to have appropriations limits. Those are presented in a separate resolution because your Board must sit as the board of directors for those districts to adopt that resolution

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - GANN Limit  
On file with Clerk - County Resolution  
On file with Clerk - Waterworks District Resolution

CAO ANALYST:

Paige Benavides