RIVERSIDE LAFCO

Via Electronic Mail

June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Adopted LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

To Distribution:

The LAFCO Commission approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 on April 23, 2026, with no adjustments. On May 28, 2026, the Commission adopted the Final Budget for FY 2026-27 with no adjustments. Both budgets were approved at noticed public hearings. The Adopted Budget with this letter, is being distributed to local agencies and related bodies pursuant to Government Code Section 56381.

The Adopted Budget represents an increase of approximately 1.5 percent in appropriations over the current year budget, however, also includes an increase in projected revenues of 1.5 percent. In order to fulfill our statutory duty of conducting our Municipal Service Review program, absorbing some one-time costs, and some inflation related costs, and maintaining a balanced budget with no projected end of year surplus, the Adopted Budget calls for increasing the total Local Agency Share by approximately 6.7 percent for FY 2026-27. For more information on the Proposed and Adopted Budgets, please see the staff reports for each on our website at www.lafco.org.

The Auditor-Controller, pursuant to Section 56381, will apportion the Local Agency Share to local agencies and request payment from each local agency sometime on or about July 1, 2026. The Auditor-Controller is also allowed to bill for the administrative costs incurred by that office in determining the apportionment and requesting payment.

If you have any questions regarding the LAFCO Adopted Budget or the budget process, please feel free to contact me. If you have questions about the collection process, please contact the Auditor-Controller at (909) 955-3800.

Sincerely,

Gary Thompson
Executive Officer

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Riverside LAFCO FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget

		FY 25-26 Adopted Budget	FY 25-26 Projected Year-End	FY 26-27 Adopted Budget	Difference from FY 25-26 Adopted Budget
	APPROPRIATIONS				
OBJ:	**Description**				
510040	**Regular Salaries**	$612,096	$602,647	$707,196	15.5%
510200	**Payoff Permanent - Seasonal**	$0	$0	$25,000	249999900.0%
510440	**Leave Buydown/Payout**	$0	$0	$100	999900.0%
513000	**Retirement-Misc.**	$203,277	$200,139	$227,788	12.1%
513020	**Retirement-Misc Temp**	$461	$678	$746	61.8%
513120	**Social Security**	$37,950	$37,364	$43,112	13.6%
513140	**Medicare**	$9,348	$9,210	$10,646	13.9%
515040	**Flex Benefit Plan**	$55,591	$55,591	$65,896	18.5%
515100	**Life Insurance**	$419	$419	$477	13.8%
515120	**Long Term Disability**	$5,803	$5,713	$6,704	15.5%
515160	**Optical Insurance**	$930	$930	$1,058	13.8%
515260	**Unemployment Insurance**	$1,365	$1,344	$1,577	15.5%
517000	**Workers Comp**	$3,255	$3,255	$3,549	9.0%
518010	**Def Comp Ben Mgmt & Conf**	$6,500	$6,500	$7,400	13.8%
518020	**Flexible Spending Account Fees**	$48	$48	$48	0.0%
518180	**Other Post Employment Benefits**	$6,998	$6,422	$6,552	-6.4%
	Total Appropriation 1	**$944,041**	**$930,260**	**$1,107,849**	**17.4%**
520330	**Communication Svs**	$4,455	$3,732	$4,455	0.0%
520930	**Insurance- Liability/Property**	$16,726	$16,651	$18,428	10.2%
521360	**Maint-Computer Equip**	$29,819	$27,468	$25,882	-13.2%
523100	**Memberships**	$15,021	$14,793	$15,475	3.0%
523230	**Misc Agency Exp**	$1,760	$29,578	$1,686	-4.2%
523240	**Non County Agency Exp**	$600	$450	$400	-33.3%
523250	**Refunds**	$0	$0	$25	249900.0%
523620	**Books/Publications**	$200	$25	$200	0.0%
523680	**Office Equip/Furn**	$2,200	$16,000	$2,800	27.3%
523700	**Office Supplies**	$2,500	$1,035	$2,500	0.0%
523760	**Postage/Mailings**	$4,988	$2,280	$3,000	-39.9%
523840	**Computer Equip-Software**	$48,060	$27,214	$39,234	-18.4%
524560	**ACO Payroll Services**	$1,189	$1,041	$1,173	-1.3%
524570	**Auditing/Accounting**	$8,225	$8,825	$9,500	15.5%
524660	**Consultants**	$100,000	$15,000	$50,000	-50.0%
524700	**County Counsel Legal Services**	$32,294	$36,264	$25,000	-22.6%
525020	**Legal Svs**	$0	$0	$100	999900.0%
525120	**Micrographic Svs**	$4,883	$4,837	$862	-82.3%
525140	**Personnel Svs**	$5,278	$5,052	$5,755	9.0%
525340	**Temp Help Svs**	$50	$0	$50	0.0%
525600	**Security**	$795	$840	$882	10.9%
525820	**RCIT Pass-Thru Support**	$4,436	$4,086	$5,403	21.8%
526410	**Legally Required Notices**	$8,125	$11,783	$15,865	95.3%
526520	**Rent/Lease-Copiers**	$3,339	$4,778	$3,867	15.8%
526700	**Rent/Lease-Bldgs**	$54,531	$62,863	$105,613	93.7%
526720	**Rent/Lease Storage**	$3,503	$3,576	$3,683	5.1%
527880	**Training-Other**	$0	$0	$100	999900.0%
528120	**Commission Expense**	$27,775	$17,303	$27,225	-2.0%
528140	**Conf Reg Fees**	$16,745	$8,955	$15,220	-9.1%
528900	**Air Transportation**	$2,400	$389	$2,650	10.4%
528960	**Lodging**	$13,153	$11,737	$14,763	12.2%
528980	**Meals**	$1,554	$805	$2,069	33.1%
529000	**Misc Travel Exp**	$600	$265	$900	50.0%
529010	**Parking Validation**	$400	$400	$200	-50.0%
529040	**Mileage**	$10,767	$10,811	$11,578	7.5%
529080	**Rental Vehicles**	$1,750	$763	$1,050	-40.0%
529540	**Utilities**	$3,670	$2,768	$4,166	13.5%
	Total Appropriation 2	**$431,791**	**$352,367**	**$421,759**	**-2.3%**

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581000	**Appropriation for Contingency**	$27,517	$0	$30,592	11.2%
330110	**General Reserve (Unrestricted)**	$20,429	$0	$0	-100.0%
330100	**Capital Replacement/Comm. Fund Bal.**	$0	$0	$0	-100.0%
330158	**Reserve-CFB - Compensated Absences Liab.**	$37,181	$37,181	$0	-100.0%
380100	**Reserve- Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liab.**	$175,000	$175,000	$100,000	-42.9%
Total Contingency/Reserve Appropriations		**$260,127**	**$212,181**	**$130,592**	**-49.8%**
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES		**$1,635,959**	**$1,494,808**	**$1,660,200**	**1.5%**
	<u>REVENUE:</u>				
740020	**Interest**	$55,000	$69,574	$69,574	26.5%
	GASB 31	$5,000	$2,500	$2,500	-50.0%
777520	**Fee Revenue**	$155,250	$75,000	$95,000	-38.8%
313500	**Prior Year Fund Balance Carryover Excluding Reserves**	$185,511	$167,338	$49,801	-73.2%
330110	**Trans from General Reserve**	$0	$0	$100,000	999999900.0%
330100	**Trans from Capital Reserve**	$0	$0	$0	-100.0%
330158	**Trans from Comp Abs Reserve**	$0	$0	$25,000	249999900.0%
380110	**Trans from Pension/OPEB Reserve**	$0	$0	$0	-100.0%
781560	**Local Agency Share**	$1,235,197	$1,230,197	$1,318,325	6.7%
TOTAL REVENUES/TRANSFERS		**$1,635,958**	**$1,544,609**	**$1,660,200**	**1.5%**
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**($1)**	**$49,801**	**$0**	**-100.0%**
	<u>RESERVE BALANCES:</u>				
330110	**General Reserve/Econonmic Uncertainty**	$343,958	$343,958	$243,958	-29.1%
330100	**Capital Replacement Reserve**	$9,605	$9,605	$9,605	0.0%
330158	**Compensated Absences Liability Reserve**	$99,285	$99,285	$74,285	-25.2%
380110	**Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liability Reserve**	$900,000	$900,000	$1,000,000	11.1%
TOTAL RESERVE BALANCE		**$1,352,848**	**$1,352,848**	**$1,327,848**	**-1.8%**
<u>Budget Notes-</u>					

1) General Reserve proposed is reflects transfer to offset one-time office and other one time costs and maintain slightly under the proposed $250,000 cap.
2) Capital Replacement Reserve is currently fully funded per Policy.
3) Compensated Absence Reserve allocation adjusted for future 50% payout of EO retirement unused PTO.
4) Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liability Reserve is funded annually based on the revised 5-Year funding plan.
5) Prior Year Fund Balance carryover is applied as revenue for budgetary purposes for utilization of operating expenditures and/or reserve allocations.