



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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### COUNTY RECEIVES THIRD BUDGET AWARD

County Administrative Officer Carlos J. Palacios is pleased to announce that Santa Cruz County has been awarded a third consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Given by the Government Finance Officers Association, a Chicago-based professional association that serves to enhance government finance operations, the award recognizes the County's transparency and accountability in its 2019-20 budget process, which represents the first time the County adopted a two-year budget.

"Changing to a two-year budget cycle expands our horizons and improves our financial planning," Palacios said. "This award recognizes that we stayed true to our values as we transitioned through this important process."

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award recognizes local governments that meet or exceed nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentations, including how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications tool.

To view the County budget or other financial documents, visit [www.santacruzcounty.us](http://www.santacruzcounty.us).