Santa Cruz County supervisors poised to make budget cuts

Santa Cruz County supervisors will reopen the county's \$250 million operating budget Thursday for three days of public hearings on how to trim expenditures this year.

County Administrative Officer Susan Mauriello told the supervisors last week that the county should trim its 1990-91 operating budget by \$5.6 million to meet reduced income projections. The state has already cut Santa Cruz county income by \$3.7 million. Mauriello and her staff also say that a recession, which is now beginning to show its effects in Santa Cruz County, will slice another \$1.9 million from the county's income.

A spokeswoman for Mauriello

said this morning that the budgetcut recommendations probably will not be ready for distribution to the supervisors and the public before tomorrow afternoon.

The state budget cuts hit the county's criminal justice, welfare and public health operations hardest. But last summer Mauriello told the supervisors that she would "spread the pain" throughout county government, and recommend budget reductions in almost every department.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

THURSDAY

9 a.m. CAO's introduction 9:30 a.m. Public testimony 10 a.m. Health Services Agency 10:30 a.m. BREAK 11:30 a.m. County Justice System subvention program LUNCH Noon Sheriff-Coroner 1:30 p.m. Probation 2 p.m. 2:15 p.m. Superior Court Municipal Court 2:30 p.m. Public Defender 2:45 p.m. **District Attorney** 3 p.m. **Emergency Services** 3:15 p.m. BREAK 3:30 p.m. Parks 3:45 p.m. Planning 4 p.m. 4:15 p.m. **Information Services** Sanitation District 4:30 p.m. meeting 4:45 p.m. Personnel

FRIDAY

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Public Works
Ag. Extension
Ag. Commissioner
Animal Control

Auditor-Controller 10 a.m. 10:15 a.m. **Board of Supervisors** 10:30 a.m. BREAK CAO 10:45 a.m. County Clerk 11 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Treasurer/Tax collector 11:30 a.m. Recorder 11:45 a.m. General services Noon LUNCH 1:30 p.m. County Counsel Assessor 1:45 p.m. 2 p.m. - Human Resources Agency 2:30 p.m. Community Programs **Veterans Services** 2:45 p.m. Deliberations 3 p.m. and budget actions 3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. BREAK

MONDAY

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Budget deliberations and budget actions.

-Bob Smith

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