

STATE POLICIES HARM CRITICAL KERN PROGRAMS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES



As the Newsom Administration and state legislators continue to introduce and implement policies that negatively impact Kern County's oil and gas and agriculture industries, crucial County programs and essential services are being harmed as a result of reduced County revenue.

Impacted County Programs and Essential Services

Nearly \$200 million in annual local revenue from the oil and gas industry funds critical Kern County programs and essential services. As a result of flawed and misguided state policies, the County is expected to lose a substantial amount of revenue, resulting in **massive budget cuts to vital county programs and essential services**. More than 20% of discretionary funds are expected to evaporate as state policies take effect, leaving the County to only operate what is mandated, resulting in cuts including:

7.4% (\$80.5 million)
of total general fund
revenue

85.1% (\$103.8 million)
of funding for the Kern
County Superintendent
of Schools

13%
of total firefighting
revenue



\$12.2 million
to fire, police, water, and
other special districts

\$600,000
to incorporated cities

7.6%
of total funding for the
Kern Mosquito and
Vector Control District

The combined impact of these widespread losses will have real world impacts on Kern County's nearly 1 million residents who are dependent every single day on these programs and essential services.

The Kern County economy and its residents are reliant on oil and gas and agricultural production. The loss of quality well-paying jobs combined with the loss of this critical revenue leaves the County in an economic perilous condition.

The state promised Kern County residents that policies would not harm the region, now the state needs to fulfill its commitment to make the region rise and provide **jobs, business opportunities, and a better quality of life for the region's nearly 1 million residents**.