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RE: State Budget Update #16 – Governor Signs Budget

The Governor signed the revised 2009-10 budget package today. The 2009-10 budget enacted in February and the revised 2009-10 budget signed today addresses a total deficit of \$60 billion for 2009-10, over half of which was covered with program cuts. The final budget includes vetoes of \$488.8 million General Fund, which in combination with \$168 million in non-veto-related savings, restores a \$656.8 million reserve that was eliminated with the rejection by the Assembly of the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) funding transfer to cover transportation-related general obligation bond payments and the Tranquillon Ridge oil drilling project.

Adding insult to the injury that is this budget for health and human services programs, the Governor vetoed additional significant funding. Major vetoes include the following:

Child Welfare Services – \$80 million General Fund cut to CWS. When lost federal matching funds are included, the total cut grows to \$124 million. This represents 755 lost county child welfare workers across the state. These workers could have investigated 143,000 reports of abuse or neglect, or worked to reunify 20,400 foster children with their families, or prevented 26,400 children from being removed from being placed into foster care in the first place.

IHSS – \$37.6 million General Fund cut to IHSS, which includes \$28.9 million due to eliminating the exemptions to the IHSS service cuts for recipients with paramedical services, protective supervision, or who are receiving 120 overall hours monthly and \$8.7 million more from Public Authority administration.

Medi-Cal Administration – \$60.5 million General Fund cut to Medi-Cal administration. When lost federal matching funds are included, the total cut grows to \$121 million.

Healthy Families Program – \$50 million additional General Fund cut to the Healthy Families Program.

Other Related Cuts – There are a host of other cuts to Aging programs, Developmental Services programs, and Mental Health programs. See the attached for a complete list of these and all of the Governor's vetoes.

An updated Issues Tracking Matrix reflecting the Governor's vetoes will also be sent later today.