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**Fiscal Year 2009-10**  
**Proposed Budget Impacts**  
April 2009

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## Residential Construction

- New home and remodel permits have dropped
- Housing prices have fallen
- Inventory of homes for sale has increased
- In 2008 over 2,400 homes in the county were sold through foreclosure and over 3,000 notices of default were issued
- Availability of financing for purchase and construction has tightened significantly

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## Commercial Construction

- Permits for larger non-residential projects including wineries has fallen
- Retail sales have dropped significantly in the County
- Vacant commercial lease space has increased in the county
- Developers are slowing the construction of approved projects
- Cities continue to attract commercial construction away from the County

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## General County Impacts

- The decline in residential and commercial construction is a predictor of what is happening in the bigger picture of Santa Barbara County
- Property Taxes down
  - This fiscal year approximately 20,000 residential tax bills reduced
- Sales Taxes down
- Jobs down
- Increases in Social Service needs
- Increase in Public Safety, Justice Cases
- All the above tells you what is happening with employment, business, etc. in the general public

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## Workload

- Planning and Building permitting has slowed for the past 2.5 years, significantly dropping in the Fall of 2008
- Building permits have fallen 23% (30% in valuation) in the last year
- Planning development permits inventory dropped 40% over the last 18 months
- Planning Commissions and Boards of Architectural Review meetings have been cancelled or shortened

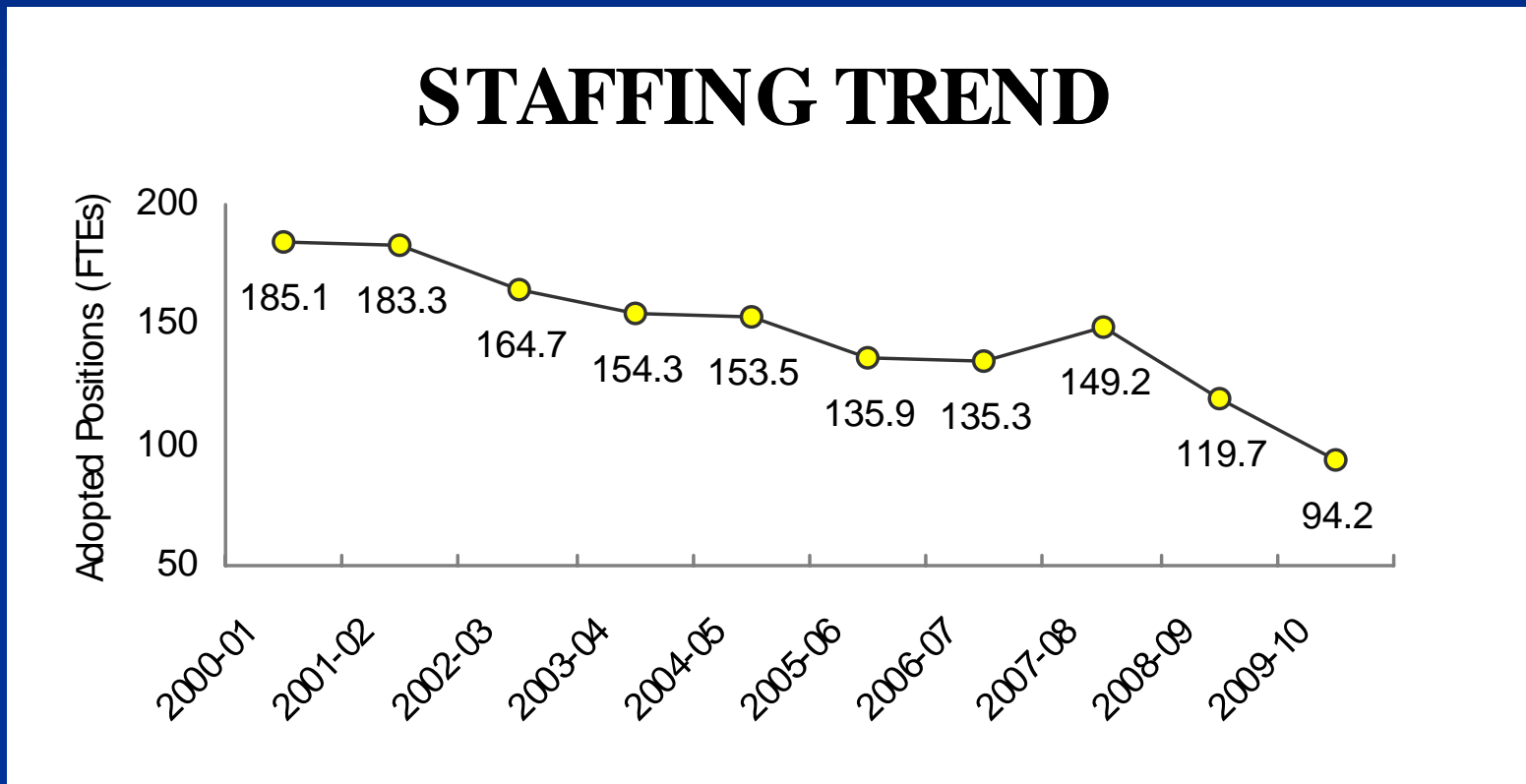
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## Staffing Impacts in P&D

- FY 2007-08
  - November of 2007 cut 9 positions (with 7 layoffs)
- FY 2008-09
  - 2008-09 budget projected 7 more layoffs due to reduced business, saved due to furlough
- FY 2009-10
  - Staffing reduction proposed is 22% (26 positions)
  - Reduction from 149 FTE in 2006-07 budget to 94 FTE in proposed FY 2009-10

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- Department FTE has dropped 37% (55 positions) since July 2007

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- Funding and Expenditure Reductions in P&D due to construction slowdown and 10% General Fund cut.
  - 26 Positions Deleted
  - Closure of Buellton Office
  - Reduced Public Counter and Reception Hours
  - Reduced Code Enforcement
  - Reduced number of Planning Commission and Board of Architecture meetings



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**Conclusion**