

El Dorado County supes to discuss revised budget

By Kathryn Reed

El Dorado County has more budget hearing scheduled for this month even though a budget was passed in June for the fiscal year that began July 1.

The first budget is a “recommended budget” while what the supervisors will vote on this month is the final budget. Even though state law requires all counties to have their budgets done before the start of the fiscal year, without a state budget in place it makes the process a bit of a guessing game.

“A lot of uncertainty exists when the state doesn’t have a budget, but we are required to have a final budget regardless of whether the state does or not,” Mike Applegarth, the county’s chief administrative analyst, said.

Applegarth said key factors that change from June to September that affect the budget are the impact of the state budget on county resources, the closure of the property tax role, and the close of the books for the previous fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors will discuss the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets Sept. 13 at 9am at 330 Fair Lane, Placerville. If more meetings are needed, they will be Sept. 15 and Sept. 20, both at 9am and the same location.

Supervisors are expected to adopt the final 2010-11 budget Sept. 21.