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## El Dorado Hills Community Services District approves budget

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The El Dorado Hills Community Services District has adopted a nearly \$7.7 million general fund budget for fiscal year 2009-10.

The figure is \$70,000 more than for the year that ended June 30, and anticipates a 1 percent decline in property tax revenues, according to a district news release.

On Thursday, the district board also approved a reorganization plan that calls for new management processes, staff reductions, hiring freezes and creation of some new positions.

"The reorganization plan is designed to economize and create opportunities for further efficiencies," General Manager Wayne Lowery said in a written statement. "It is our intention to implement these economies quickly and in seamless fashion."

The changes are expected to save \$200,000 to \$250,000 in 2009-2010.

In anticipation of reduced tax revenues, the district has cut expenditures by \$1 million, according to the news release. The decline in property tax revenue is expected because the county Assessor's Office has reassessed many homes in the community at a lower amount.

Although the district has other sources of revenue to fund activities such as landscaping and lighting assessment districts and enforcement of covenants, conditions and restrictions, commonly known as CC&Rs, most day-to-day operations are supported by the general fund.

Despite the cuts, officials said they will continue to maintain parks, street landscaping and sports fields, and to offer recreation programs for all ages and diverse interests.

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