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Health and Safety Code Section 11495

11495. (a) The funds received by the law enforcement agencies under section 11489 shall be deposited into an account maintained by the Controller, county auditor, or city treasurer. These funds shall be distributed to the law enforcement agencies at their request. The Controller, auditor, or treasurer shall maintain a record of these disbursements which records shall be open to public inspection, subject to the privileges contained in sections 1040, 1041, and 1042 of the Evidence Code.
- (b) Upon request of the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the distributions are made, the Controller, auditor, or treasurer shall conduct an audit of these funds and their use. In the case of the state, the governing body shall be the Legislature.
- (c) Each year, the Attorney General shall publish a report which sets forth the following information for the state, each county, each city, and each city and county:
- (1) The number of forfeiture actions initiated.
 - (2) The number of cases and the administrative number or court docket number of each case for which forfeiture was ordered or declared.
 - (3) The value of the assets forfeited.
 - (4) The recipients of the forfeited assets, the amounts received, and the date of the disbursement.
- (d) The Attorney General shall develop administrative guidelines for the collection and publication of the information required in subdivision (c).
- (e) The Attorney General's report shall cover the calendar year and shall be made no later than March 1 of each year beginning with the year after the enactment of this law.

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INTRODUCTION

California's asset forfeiture statute, section 11495 of the Health and Safety Code, requires the Attorney General to publish an annual report that provides the following information for the state and each county:

- The number of forfeiture actions initiated during the report year.
- The number of cases and the administrative number or court docket number of each case for which forfeiture was ordered or declared during the report year.
- The value of the assets forfeited during the report year.
- The recipients of the forfeited assets, the amounts received, and the dates of the disbursements.

The information contained in this report covers seizures and forfeitures conducted pursuant to California law only. Federal seizures and forfeitures in which California law enforcement agencies participated or shared are not reported in this document.

The 21st annual report covers the 2015 calendar year.

HIGHLIGHTS

Statistics were solicited from California's 58 counties, 52 of which provided information for this report.

- A total of 3,286 forfeiture proceedings were initiated in 2015.
- A total of 2,665 forfeiture cases were completed during 2015, which included cases initiated in 2015 and prior years. The total value of the disbursed assets is \$29,171,690.
- Three counties reported no forfeiture cases in 2015, and six counties did not participate in this report.

METHODOLOGY

To comply with the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 11495, the Department of Justice (DOJ) reaches out to all California district attorneys, the officials conducting state forfeiture proceedings, to provide the DOJ with the required information for each forfeiture action conducted during the reporting period.

The DOJ collects the statistical data from all participating counties and converts the information into a uniform format suitable for printing. Prior to publishing this report, the counties are provided with a draft and have an opportunity to make corrections.

This report provides the information required by Health and Safety Code section 11495 on all forfeitures initiated during calendar year 2014, both by county and statewide. For forfeitures completed during calendar year 2014, detailed information is provided including the total number of completed cases, case numbers, asset values, and recipients of the forfeited assets.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11489, state asset forfeiture proceeds are distributed as follows:

- One percent to a private, nonprofit organization composed of local prosecutors for the exclusive purpose of providing a statewide program of education and training for prosecutors and law enforcement in the ethics and proper use of state asset forfeiture laws.
- Ten percent to the prosecutorial agency that processes the forfeiture action.
- Twenty-four percent to the State General Fund.
- Sixty-five percent to the state and/or local law enforcement agencies that participated in the seizure, distributed in a manner that reflects the proportionate contribution of each agency.

Fifteen percent of the funds distributed to law enforcement must be deposited in a special fund which is maintained by a council made up of local government entities. This fund shall be used for the sole purpose of funding programs designed to combat drug abuse and divert gang activity.

METHODOLOGY continued

Some counties have reported the disposition of 15 percent of their share to a special fund, while others have not, nor are they required to. For those counties that include the 15 percent, the special fund's share is listed in Table 3 as going to "15%-11489" or to a county special fund.

In some cases in which the report lists only one law enforcement recipient, that agency may have made further distributions to other law enforcement agencies that assisted in that case.

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STATISTICAL DATA



forfeitures INITIATED

- Table 1 provides information on asset forfeiture actions initiated pursuant to California law during 2015.
- For purposes of this report, seizure of assets constitutes the initiation of a forfeiture action.
- Some cases listed involved forfeiture actions that were still pending after 2015. In other cases, forfeiture was ordered or declared and assets were distributed during 2015. (Details on the latter are provided in the “Forfeitures Completed” section.)
- The counties of Inyo, Modoc, and Mono have no information listed in Table 1 because they did not initiate any forfeiture actions during 2015.
- The following counties did not participate in this report: Alpine, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, San Benito and Sierra. Counties are not mandated to provide the DOJ with their asset forfeiture data.



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Table 1

County	Total Cases Initiated	Estimated Value of Assets Seized
ALAMEDA	345	\$3,284,093.63
ALPINE	0	\$0.00
AMADOR	17	\$80,670.04
BUTTE	95	\$1,137,720.68
CALAVERAS	2	\$2,304.00
COLUSA	1	\$101,800.00
CONTRA COSTA	158	\$1,074,265.07
DEL NORTE	1	\$15,599.00
EL DORADO	19	\$224,809.38
FRESNO	32	\$266,405.71
GLENN	1	\$8,550.00
HUMBOLDT	100	\$2,087,368.76
IMPERIAL	15	\$1,553,470.67
INYO	0	\$0.00
KERN	29	\$132,617.00
KINGS	9	\$77,748.00
LAKE	54	\$530,927.26
LASSEN	0	\$0.00
LOS ANGELES	417	\$8,818,022.01
MADERA	22	\$119,093.00
MARIN	18	\$642,845.87
MARIPOSA	0	\$0.00
MENDOCINO	0	\$0.00
MERCED	47	\$721,109.50
MODOC	0	\$0.00
MONO	0	\$0.00
MONTEREY	58	\$154,717.71
NAPA	23	\$120,729.83
NEVADA	18	\$1,322,822.91
ORANGE	188	\$5,792,843.73
PLACER	26	\$322,653.13
PLUMAS	4	\$4,250.74
RIVERSIDE	116	\$1,794,298.96
SACRAMENTO	379	\$4,963,469.24
SAN BENITO	0	\$0.00
SAN BERNARDINO	136	\$3,562,992.07
SAN DIEGO	45	\$350,785.62
SAN FRANCISCO	149	\$726,039.90
SAN JOAQUIN	136	\$1,104,937.03



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Table 1

County	Total Cases Initiated	Estimated Value of Assets Seized
SAN LUIS OBISPO	11	\$32,311.00
SAN MATEO	71	\$159,746.00
SANTA BARBARA	28	\$149,117.78
SANTA CLARA	8	\$29,285.00
SANTA CRUZ	27	\$46,761.89
SHASTA	50	\$685,299.89
SIERRA	0	\$0.00
SISKIYOU	31	\$641,761.00
SOLANO	74	\$308,765.69
SONOMA	78	\$3,704,549.39
STANISLAUS	26	\$192,628.76
SUTTER	11	\$122,744.00
TEHAMA	25	\$351,205.22
TRINITY	16	\$440,827.20
TULARE	23	\$411,412.15
TUOLUMNE	4	\$3,714.77
VENTURA	79	\$448,222.78
YOLO	42	\$127,600.81
YUBA	22	\$277,773.97
Total:	3,286	\$49,233,687.75

forfeitures COMPLETED

- Table 2 provides summary information by county on asset forfeiture actions completed pursuant to California law during 2015. This includes disbursement information on cases initiated in 2015 and prior years.
- For purposes of this report, an asset forfeiture case is considered completed when forfeiture has been ordered or declared and all assets have been distributed (When all seized items are returned to the defendant following adjudication of a previously-initiated case, it is no longer considered to be an asset forfeiture case.)
- Table 3 provides detailed information on each asset forfeiture case that was completed during 2015. This includes disbursement information on cases initiated in 2015 and prior years.
- Cases for which only a partial distribution was made during 2015 are not listed in Table 3, as they are still considered to be pending. They will be reported once they are fully distributed.
- Inyo, Modoc, and Mono counties have no information listed in Table 2 and are not included in Table 3 because they did not distribute assets from any forfeiture cases during 2015.
- The following counties did not participate in this report: Alpine, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, San Benito and Sierra.



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Table 2

County	Forfeitures Completed	Amount Disbursed
ALAMEDA	126	\$530,851.15
ALPINE	0	\$0.00
AMADOR	7	\$21,502.07
BUTTE	117	\$551,512.70
CALAVERAS	1	\$911.62
COLUSA	1	\$2,718.67
CONTRA COSTA	140	\$387,000.24
DEL NORTE	0	\$0.00
EL DORADO	13	\$44,403.63
FRESNO	17	\$137,178.18
GLENN	5	\$31,624.23
HUMBOLDT	5	\$306,674.80
IMPERIAL	25	\$1,097,604.89
INYO	0	\$0.00
KERN	45	\$450,761.88
KINGS	8	\$153,175.35
LAKE	42	\$293,617.48
LASSEN	0	\$0.00
LOS ANGELES	305	\$4,756,245.72
MADERA	46	\$221,494.65
MARIN	0	\$0.00
MARIPOSA	0	\$0.00
MENDOCINO	0	\$0.00
MERCED	16	\$113,308.00
MODOC	0	\$0.00
MONO	0	\$0.00
MONTEREY	49	\$270,142.50
NAPA	20	\$93,122.18
NEVADA	3	\$185,355.05
ORANGE	156	\$2,576,697.47
PLACER	11	\$97,456.28
PLUMAS	6	\$5,424.99
RIVERSIDE	145	\$4,801,692.01
SACRAMENTO	419	\$2,428,687.44
SAN BENITO	0	\$0.00
SAN BERNARDINO	145	\$2,331,903.44
SAN DIEGO	16	\$214,273.48
SAN FRANCISCO	91	\$542,258.46
SAN JOAQUIN	122	\$473,924.92
SAN LUIS OBISPO	8	\$19,197.70
SAN MATEO	90	\$238,926.17



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Table 2

County	Forfeitures Completed	Amount Disbursed
SANTA BARBARA	47	\$328,831.53
SANTA CLARA	25	\$146,477.63
SANTA CRUZ	21	\$239,773.79
SHASTA	55	\$782,269.11
SIERRA	0	\$0.00
SISKIYOU	27	\$445,848.31
SOLANO	31	\$73,422.43
SONOMA	59	\$1,693,086.37
STANISLAUS	0	\$0.00
SUTTER	18	\$121,692.44
TEHAMA	46	\$999,580.67
TRINITY	16	\$274,308.47
TULARE	13	\$83,235.36
TUOLUMNE	4	\$10,611.46
VENTURA	79	\$519,782.56
YOLO	13	\$19,539.00
YUBA	11	\$53,583.82
Total:	2,665	\$29,171,690.30

