



Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, Governor Newsom released his revised state spending plan for fiscal year 2020-21. This plan presents a dire fiscal projection due to the unprecedented economic downturn brought on by the COVID-19 emergency. Nearly all state operations, including California's public colleges and universities, should commence immediate planning for funding reductions over the next two years.

The Governor's [May Revise](#) calls for a 10 percent General Fund budget reduction to the California State University in 2020-21.

The May Revise is the Governor's budget proposal, not the final approved budget. Between now and June 15, the Senate and Assembly will work with the Governor to arrive at a final budget deal. As in past years, the budget that is eventually approved will reflect the priorities of all three legislative bodies combined.

While we are disappointed with the prospect of budget reductions, we take heart in the fact that prudent fiscal management in past years has positioned the university to address the challenges before us.

Please plan to join me on Thursday, June 4, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., for a virtual Campus Budget Forum during which we will explore our most recent understanding of the budget situation, potential planning scenarios, and what we anticipate in future months. The Zoom address for the Campus Budget Forum will be shared via email at a later date. Your input is valued, and I encourage you to stay informed and participate in these important discussions affecting our university and our students.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales
President