

MARIPOSA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OVERVIEW

Through the 2022 Budget Act, California took a transformational step toward rebuilding our state and local public health workforce and infrastructure that was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and years of disinvestment. The \$300 million ongoing General Fund investment (\$200 million for local health departments, \$100 million for CDPH), referred to as the Future of Public Health, is a critical investment in our state's public health readiness and response to existing and emerging public health threats.

FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTMENTS REBUILD OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- FoPH has enabled the county to strengthen and expand its public health workforce and infrastructure across numerous subject areas, including health equity, performance improvement, and environmental health.
- FoPH supports multiple program specialists focused on environmental health, including retail food safety, air pollution efforts, and waste management.
- FoPH supports a program specialist focused on health education efforts within the community, including in areas related to health equity and inclusion, community engagement, outreach and communications, and collaboration with community partners and community-based organizations.
- FoPH funds an administrative analyst who is focused on department-wide performance improvement initiatives, including development of policies and procedures, public health accreditation, planning, and organizing for the community health assessment (CHA). This position has strengthened engagement with the community through various collaborative efforts and community outreach events.
- FoPH has also supported training for staff on quality improvement efforts, and software for IT optimization, data information, data dashboards, and other data visualization tools.