

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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 decades of disinvestment. The \$276 million ongoing General Fund investment (roughly \$188 million for local health departments, \$98 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 protect local communities from existing and emerging public health threats.

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

- Hired an epidemiologist to gain better awareness of acute and chronic diseases in the community, including specific demographics, health disparities, and target populations.
- Supported public health messaging, content creation, and emergency response.
- Supported workforce development and human resource analyst positions to better train new staff in the department and increase recruitment and retention efforts.
- Modernized environmental health software, hardware, and processes.
- Hired deputy director to provide support to staff and programs amid a shifting public health landscape.
- Hired an environmental health technician to expand and support services provided in the community.