

What is Sutter County hiding with contract?

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The headline in the Appeal-Democrat on March 1 reported "New labor contract would save Sutter County \$3.6 million." The Sutter County Taxpayers Association has asked the county for the calculations on how it came up with that figure since there was no financial analysis by the county auditor-controller or the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). The county has refused to give the Sutter County Taxpayers Association the figures. The county has not given the calculations to the auditor-controller or to a county supervisor who asked for them.

When an agreement is reached that gives raises to employees to cover the employees contributions to CalPERS and agrees to a retirement formula of 2 percent at 60 for new hires which won't contribute to savings for many years, SCTA does not see how the county came up with the \$3.6 million savings over the next three years.

What is the county hiding? Where is the open, transparent government? Sutter County operates on taxpayer money and the taxpayers have a right to know how the county came up with the \$3.6 million in savings, especially since the calculations were not checked by anyone outside the county administrator's office.

Again, what is the county hiding?

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