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Montclair Golf Course could be sold under new California budget

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California Governor **Jerry Brown** publicized a revised state budget on Monday, including in it proposals to sell "underutilized state properties" including Montclair Golf Course in Oakland.

The nine-hole course ("You need a putter and a nine iron," said one golfer who's been there) is tucked away in a canyon beside Park Boulevard where it intersects Highway 13. It also has a driving range.

Other properties that might be sold include the Los Angeles Coliseum and the Capital Area Development Authority in Sacramento. "These properties serve no state function and should be sold off to pay debt," Brown's office said.

The governor said this budget would cut by \$3 billion the amount of taxes needed to balance the Golden State's budget.

Brown, now in his second stint as governor, said California's economy is doing a bit better, but the state is still looking down the barrel of a \$10 billion structural deficit and "a wall of debt for years to come."

The Governor's Office said this revised budget will reduce Californians' income taxes by \$2 billion compared with the first budget Brown put forward in January.

This budget will boost money available for public schools -- once California's crown jewel -- by \$3 billion. "Even with this new infusion of funds, California schools are still owed billions by the state," Brown's office said.

Other proposals in the revised budget include:

- A plan to pay off at least \$29 billion of the state's \$35 billion in debt by 2015.
- Cuts in state government, including the elimination of 43 boards, commissions, task forces, offices and departments.
- Managing the state's debt better.
- Improving budget forecasts for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as well as the Department of Mental Health.

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