

# County of Calaveras

## **Final Budget Fiscal Year 2005-2006**



**Calaveras Cement Bridge**

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## Old Calaveras Cement Bridge

The extraordinary Old Calaveras Cement Bridge photo adorning the Fiscal Year 2005-06 County Budget cover was submitted by Cynthia Cobb of Valley Springs. The photo was actually taken by Ms. Cobb's daughter, Kara. Kara is a graduate of Calaveras High School and joined the Coast Guard in 1999. On one of her visits home, Kara took many area photos, including the one on the cover, so she could share Calaveras County with her new friends in Florida. Kara stated that she is proud of her childhood home; the beautiful and historical Calaveras County.

Built in 1935, the Old Calaveras Cement Bridge is located on Highway 49 between San Andreas and Angels Camp. The Calaveras Cement Bridge is a historical part of our County, as was the Calaveras Cement Plant, which opened in 1926 and closed in 1983. The Calaveras Cement Plant not only employed a large percentage of the County's population, but its production helped to build many of California's Military installations during World War II. Other major projects included the Oakland Bay Bridge, competition sites for the 1960 Olympics at Squaw Valley, Pardee and Friant Dams, the Altamont Pass, and the Parrotts Ferry Bridge over the Stanislaus River.

Calaveras County has a rich historical past. The Old Calaveras Cement Bridge is one of the richest and most productive.