

**August 29, 2023**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. **REGULAR SESSION:** Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Nora Vargas, Chair; Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**ABSENT:** (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- B. **Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Supervisor Lawson -Remer requested to participate remotely due to an emergency circumstance, stating she had tested positive for COVID-19. Supervisor Lawson-Remer stated no one over the age of 18 was in the room with her. **ON MOTION** of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors approved the request for Supervisor Lawson-Remer to participate remotely due to an emergency circumstance.

**AYES:** Vargas, Anderson, Desmond

**ABSENT:** (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**RECUSED:** Lawson-Remer

- C. Invocation was led by Pastor Rebecca Littlejohn of Vista La Mesa Christian Church.

- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Ann Canales.

- E. **Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:**

Chief Policy Officer Jaqueline Wong-Hernandez with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) presented the CSAC Challenge Award – County of San Diego Translation, Language, and Culture Connection Work Group.

Chair Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring September 22, 2023, to be California Native American Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Nora Vargas and Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring the month of August 2023, to be Black Business Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson and Supervisors Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring August 29, 2023, to be Agriculture Detector Canine Yeti Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring August 29, 2023, to be Matthew O. Tucker Day throughout the County of San Diego.

- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board’s jurisdiction but not an item on today’s agenda.
- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of July 18, 2023.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting of July 18, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond  
ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- H. Consent Calendar
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

<b>Category</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Public Safety	1.	SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF AUTORETURN INTEGRATED ENTERPRISE SYSTEM (ARIES) [FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]
	2.	SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT, ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS, AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS, AND MAKE CEQA FINDINGS [FUNDING SOURCE: GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE] (4 VOTES)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE TO CREATE A NEW PATH FOR VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS (JULY 18, 2023 - FIRST READING; AUGUST 29, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)  
[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE]

Health and  
Human Services

4. ADOPT A RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5270.10 ET SEQ.
5. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING ALLOCATION  
[FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING ALLOCATION]
6. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL AND TREATMENT AND REFUGEE HEALTH ASSESSMENT SERVICES FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES  
[FUNDING SOURCES: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; EXISTING REALIGNMENT; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH]

Financial and  
General  
Government

7. PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH EDUCATION
8. CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT NO. 7090 TO PURCHASE TAX-DEFAULTED LAND BY THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION
9. CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT NO. 7087 TO PURCHASE TAX-DEFAULTED LAND BY ANZA-BORREGO FOUNDATION
10. ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS
11. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 15, 2023 FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
12. AMENDMENT TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496 (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT - PO REPRESENTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading)
14. GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BORREGO SPRINGS OFFICE AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
[FUNDING SOURCE: OPERATING TRANSFER FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT]
15. APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES FOR HIGH TECH HIGH, METROPOLITAN TRANSIST SYSTEM (MTS), OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT & SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG)
16. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
17. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
18. GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
[FUNDING SOURCE: PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT]
19. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF METROPOLITAN AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANTI-POVERTY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC. IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000
20. ESTABLISHING A CHIEF BINATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
[FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE]
21. SUPPORTING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPROVING THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
22. DEVELOPING A PILOT SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Communications  
Received

Public Safety

Financial and  
General  
Government

23. SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE ALL RATEPAYERS A VOTE ON WATER DISTRICT DETACHMENTS AND IMPACTS TO THEIR WATER RATES
24. CLOSED SESSION
25. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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1. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF AUTORETURN INTEGRATED ENTERPRISE SYSTEM (ARIES) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) is requesting approval for a single source procurement with AutoReturn for their AutoReturn Integrated Enterprise System (ARIES), which will modernize and streamline tow operations within the department and provide a better experience for residents who have their motor vehicles towed.

The Sheriff's Department currently contracts for towing services for motor vehicles that are abandoned, illegally parked, disabled, damaged by collision, subject to impound, and other scenarios. The current process is antiquated and relies on manual methods utilizing disparate systems which creates additional steps and requires direct coordination between deputies, dispatchers, Sheriff's Records Division, and towing companies. ARIES is built for law enforcement agencies to help improve operations and tow response times by streamlining dispatch operations with requests processed through the ARIES software, as well as officer safety by reducing the amount of time deputies are waiting on the side of the road. There are currently no other comparable solution on the market.

AutoReturn Integrated Enterprise System (ARIES) qualifies for a single source contract to provide a complete turnkey tow management solution built specifically for Law Enforcement pursuant to Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement:

Section D-3: The procurement is for services from a provider with unique knowledge, skills, or ability not available from other sources.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

In Accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with AutoReturn, and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for the purchase of services for up to one year with two option years and an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding. The anticipated contract amount for the total 3 years will be \$461,000.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Procuring the AutoReturn Integrated Enterprise System (ARIES) will benefit the residents of San Diego County, particularly for individuals whose vehicles have been towed, by making the overall process less time consuming. ARIES improves the overall experience for individuals by providing them access to modern technology to monitor and track the service status of their vehicle tow, quickly and conveniently. The information regarding the individual's towed vehicle is accessible 24 hours, 7 days a week. This process will also save time for the individual by bypassing the need to speak to someone over the phone. Leveraging this advanced technology will ensure the towing process is more streamlined, proactive, and provide an overall improved experience for the individual.



**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to pursue a single source contract for the AutoReturn Integrated Enterprise System (ARIES) solution furthers the County's Sustainability Goal to provide just and equitable access to County services and resource allocation that ensures that contracts reflect the County's values and priorities of equity and sustainability. The residents of San Diego County who need to locate and retrieve their motor vehicles that were towed will have an easier time reclaiming their property.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will result in a one-time implementation cost of \$11,000 and an estimated annual cost of \$150,000, for a total of \$161,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. These current year costs are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. Subsequent year costs will be included in future operational plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staffing.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 2. **SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT, ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS, AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS, AND MAKE CEQA FINDINGS (DISTRICTS: 1, 2, AND 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

Many roads in unincorporated communities traverse areas designated by the state as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Managing the vegetation along these roads is critical because during emergencies such as wildfires, residents use them as exit routes and first responders use them to reach the front lines of an incident.

On April 26, 2022 (30), upon the completion of an environmental review, the Board of Supervisors (Board) formally approved a County *Roadside Vegetation Management for Evacuation Preparedness Program* (Roadside Program). Through this program, San Diego County Fire (County Fire) in coordination with the Department of Public Works (DPW) is expanding vegetation management along critical evacuation corridors to 20 feet, beyond the traditional 10 feet that DPW typically mows in the public right-of-way. Current funding levels allow for approximately 200 lane miles of critical evacuation corridors to be treated with the expanded vegetation management annually. Since the implementation of the Roadside Program, other community members, Fire Safe Councils, and key stakeholders have expressed interest in expanding the Program to additional evacuation routes throughout the unincorporated area.

On April 27, 2023, County Fire applied for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) through the 2023 Community Project Funds Grant, with a proposal to expand the County's Roadside Program by an additional 200 lane miles, directly protecting nearly 20 communities, 1,500 homes, and 4,200 people. On June 29, 2023, the USFS notified County Fire of its intent to award \$1,500,000 in support of the grant proposal. If approved, the grant agreement would end on March 31, 2027.

Today's action seeks approval to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the period of September 1, 2023 through March 31, 2027, under the USFS 2023 Community Project Funds Grant and establish appropriations of \$700,000 in County Fire for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Today's action will also authorize competitive solicitations for work conducted pursuant to the grant and make environmental findings.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(i).
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,500,000 in funds from USFS 2023 Community Project Funds Grant.
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required grant documents and agreements, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
4. Establish appropriations of \$700,000 in San Diego County Fire, Services & Supplies, for vegetation management based on United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) 2023 Community Project Funds Grant. **(4 VOTES)**
5. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue into competitive solicitations for vegetation management services provided under the 2023 Community Project Funds Grant, and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for terms within the period of September 1, 2023, through March 31, 2027, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now San Diego County Fire Protection District). Furthermore, the 2020 Census Bureau American Community Survey data shows that significant portions of the proposed project areas are located in low-income communities (a community is considered low-income if the median household income of the zip code is less than 80% of the California-wide median household income).

Roadside vegetation management decreases the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life, and loss of property for residents of wildfire-prone unincorporated areas. A total of 79% of the unincorporated area in San Diego County is designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

County Fire utilizes equity data, in combination with Fire Hazard Severity risk, to identify areas along public roads to conduct vegetation management for public safety. This grant-funded project would encompass approximately 200 lane miles, directly helping to protect nearly 20 communities, 1,500 homes, and 4,200 people.

Evacuation in unincorporated San Diego County is challenging due to road capacity and, in some cases limited ingress/egress, and many residents with access and functional needs face added challenges when trying to get out during an emergency. This project not only benefits first responders and community members, but particularly those individuals who need extra time during an evacuation to reach a safe place.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The *Roadside Vegetation Management for Evacuation Preparedness Program* strengthens the reliability of evacuation corridors in unincorporated areas. This enhances resilience by ensuring the capability of the community *and* first responders to react/respond to an emergency incident that requires evacuation, including enhancing the ability to recover from it.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$700,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-34 and costs and revenue of \$800,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding source is a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. There is no match required for the grant. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**3. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:  
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: AN  
ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY CODE TO CREATE A NEW PATH FOR VOLUNTEER  
RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS (JULY 18, 2023 - FIRST READING;  
AUGUST 29, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS  
MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On July 18, 2023 (11), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on August 29, 2023.

Following the devastating effects of the 2003 and 2007 wildfires in the San Diego region, the Board of Supervisors (Board) set out to coordinate, regionalize, and improve fire protection and emergency medical services in rural communities. At that time, there were twelve (12) independent volunteer fire agencies, and four (4) local fire protection districts, protecting San Diego's backcountry, each with varied levels of training and emergency response performance. The County established a Volunteer Reserve Firefighter (VRFF) Program to ensure coverage in communities that did not have full-time firefighters. Although the VRFF program was helpful for individuals wanting experience to pursue a career in the fire service, it was not a sustainable model. The County instead expanded its cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE to add paramedic-level career firefighters to all stations to ensure around the clock service to protect lives and property in our rural areas.

Today, San Diego County Fire (County Fire), through the partnership with CAL FIRE, is the second largest fire department in the region and staffs 22 fire stations with nearly 250 career firefighting personnel. Although career staffing is robust, there is still value in augmenting full-time staff with volunteer reserve firefighters. County Fire initiated a review to evaluate the effectiveness of the VRFF Program and determine if changes could be made to support the Board of Supervisors' vision for creating career opportunities in underserved and impacted communities. Removing financial and access barriers to participation became the priority for a reimagined VRFF program. Access barriers include long transportation time for rural residents to attend firefighting academies and urban residents to volunteer at rural fire stations, and for lower-income individuals to purchase the necessary equipment and loss of income from not working full-time. Proposed changes include updating the stipends to support participants in recovering their financial investment to participate in the program, establishing new opportunities to join the VRFF Program, formalizing training opportunities with established high school fire and emergency medical services programs, and engaging with rural and diverse high school students to promote a firefighting workforce to match our region's diversity.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to amend Section 31.203 in the San Diego County Code pertaining to the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Stipend and receive a presentation on the future of the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program. The ordinance will be introduced on July 18, 2023, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on August 29, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on August 29, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). The proposed changes to the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program are intended to remove financial and access barriers to careers in fire service. Increasing the daily stipend rate and adding additional pathways to enter the Program will help to recruit a more diverse firefighting workforce, including minorities and rural residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed changes to the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program are focusing investments on chronically underserved communities in our region to ensure sustainable, safe communities for all. Young adults in rural and urban communities may not have equitable access to joining the firefighting workforce. Proposed changes in this Board Letter increases the County's investment to reduce financial and transportation barriers for young adults to reduce the cost for volunteering with San Diego County Fire while supporting their journey through the fire academy. The increased investment will support with the purchase of equipment, meals, and transportation costs while participating in the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operation Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 for participant stipends, training, and community outreach to promote and encourage residents to join the local firefighting workforce. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change to net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Ordinance No. 10859 (N.S.), entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM.**

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**4. SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5270.10 ET SEQ. (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 5000 *et seq.* (Lanterman-Petris-Short [LPS] Act) provides for a continuum of involuntary evaluation and treatment for persons with mental health disorders who are a danger to themselves or others, and gravely disabled persons. On May 6, 2014 (7), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a resolution authorizing the application of WIC sections 5270.10-5270.65 within San Diego County. This authorization provided for a specific, intensive mental health treatment and evaluation period of 30 days for gravely disabled persons who need the additional duration of time in a controlled setting to stabilize.

Recent statutory changes provide that at the end of the initial 30 days of intensive treatment, a second 30-day intensive treatment period may occur under certain qualifying circumstances. For certain qualifying individuals, these additional days of intensive treatment can provide an opportunity to address their disability and adjust to medications, when their treatment necessitates this additional time for stabilization. Today's action requests the Board update the 2014 Board resolution to acknowledge the addition of these new statutory provisions.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by supporting a behavioral health continuum of care that is equitable and allows people with serious mental health conditions to be served in the least restrictive setting.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt the resolution entitled: RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5270.10 ET SEQ.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

An estimated 5% of San Diegans have a serious mental illness (SMI). While SMI is prevalent in all San Diego County communities, there are certain groups that have disproportionately high rates of SMI. Particularly, 2021 data from the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information indicates rates among Black/African American residents were 145% higher compared to other racial and ethnic groups. Additionally, according to the California Health Interview Survey conducted by the University of California Los Angeles in 2021, 10% of San Diegans reported experiencing serious psychological distress in the past month, prior to taking the survey. However, residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level, those who reported a history of incarceration, or who identified as black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, or multiracial, reported higher percentages of serious psychological distress compared to others.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s proposed action supports County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by ensuring people who are gravely disabled due to a mental illness or a substance use disorder, are served in the least restrictive setting and have as many opportunities as possible to be engaged in treatment.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5270.12 requires a finding that application of the WIC Section 5270.10 *et seq.* is funded either by new funding sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the County of San Diego (County) resulting from this article, or funds redirected from cost savings resulting from the 30-day intensive treatment period, or a combination thereof, so that no current service reductions will occur. It is anticipated that continued authorization will not result in any new costs to the County. For reference, no additional County costs or reductions in service levels were identified resulting from the Board’s 2014 authorization. There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-106, entitled: RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5270.10 ET SEQ.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 5. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUTURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING ALLOCATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The California Budget Act of 2022 for budget year 2022-2023, (Health and Safety Code 101320, 101320.3, and 101320.5) provided for Future of Public Health funding to local health jurisdictions for public health workforce and infrastructure. On August 30, 2022 (4), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized acceptance of \$14,356,108 in funding from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The CDPH is allocating \$14,356,108 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, and annual funding of \$14,356,108 through FY 2025-26, for a total of \$43,068,324. This funding is intended to strengthen public health capacity and preparedness to respond to future emergencies throughout California communities by developing and strengthening California’s public health workforce. As communities across California are seeing increases in the number and severity of emergencies, communicable disease outbreaks, and rising rates of chronic health conditions in an aging population, a robust public health infrastructure is needed now more than ever.

Today's action seeks Board approval for acceptance of the Future of Public Health funding allocation. Additionally, today's action would authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for additional funding opportunities to further develop and strengthen the public health workforce.

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring the local health department can continue to improve the health and well-being of San Diego County residents.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$43,068,324 in funds from the California Department of Public Health Future of Public Health funding allocation for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, to strengthen public health capacity and preparedness to respond to future emergencies, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to further develop and strengthen the public health workforce.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions advance equity through a data-driven population health approach. Set by statute, the methodology used to allocate the Future of Public Health funding grant included an appropriation provided to the local health jurisdiction proportionally based on 2019 population data, poverty data, and population of Black/African American/Latinx/or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Additionally, as the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services (PHS) continues to increase its workforce infrastructure, it is important that employees hired through this grant reflect the community it serves, as having a diverse and wide spectrum of ideas, backgrounds and skills will help PHS better meet the service needs currently and into the future. As of May 2023, of the positions funded through the Future of Public Health funding, 43.0% of staff are Asian, 29.1% Hispanic/Latinx, 6.3% Black/African American, and 2.5% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. This ensures services provided to residents are representative of San Diego County's diverse demographics.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to collaborate with stakeholders to foster inclusive and sustainable communities by providing leadership and investing in community-centered approaches to advocate for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. Additionally, today's actions support Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to services, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of everyone in the region



by sustaining the capacity of the County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services to support the region during public health emergencies or infectious disease outbreaks.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, today's actions will result in annual costs and revenue of \$14,356,108 for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25, for a total of \$43,068,324 from FY 2023-24 through FY 2025-26. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health Future of Public Health funding allocation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

6. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL AND TREATMENT AND REFUGEE HEALTH ASSESSMENT SERVICES FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) provides tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control services through a combination of federal, State, and local funding. Since 1982, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded the County federal funds under a non-competitive Tuberculosis Control Cooperative Agreement to fund the cost of County personnel and other items that support TB surveillance and control, as well as the San Diego County TB Elimination Initiative efforts. Since 1999, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) has authorized grants with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the CDC for TB control, treatment, and refugee health assessment services.

Today's action seeks the Board to authorize acceptance of funds and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, upon receipt, to execute documents related to the following grants:

- TB Control Cooperative Grant from the CDC for the term January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, for \$1,921,236;
- TB treatment and control funding from the CDPH for the term July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for \$905,432; and
- Refugee Health Assessment Program Fee for Service Agreement and Refugee Health Promotion Project Agreement from the CDPH for the term October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for \$868,858.

Additionally, today's action requests the Board to authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional TB control and treatment and refugee health assessment services funding opportunities.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by building a better service delivery system to reduce the spread of disease and improve health outcomes in San Diego County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.
2. Authorize the acceptance of \$1,921,236 in grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, for tuberculosis control and treatment services, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, upon receipt, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the acceptance of \$905,432 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for tuberculosis control and treatment services, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, upon receipt, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.
4. Authorize the acceptance of \$868,858 in grant funds from the California Department of Public Health for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, for the Refugee Health Assessment Program and Refugee Health Promotion Project to provide refugee health assessment services, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, upon receipt, to execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions that do not materially impact the services or funding level.
5. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue future funding opportunities to support tuberculosis control and treatment and refugee health assessment services.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Tuberculosis (TB) disproportionately impacts underserved communities, with high burden areas coinciding with southern and central geographic regions of San Diego County that receive low health equity scores. The majority of persons diagnosed with TB in San Diego County in 2022

were born outside the U.S. (67% of total cases). The highest proportion of new cases, regardless of birth country, occurred in Hispanics (66% of total cases), followed by Asian/Pacific Islanders (25% of total cases). Of the new TB cases born in the U.S., (33% of total cases), 78% of U.S. born cases were Hispanic. Additional risk factors include drug use (17%), homelessness (13%), and incarceration (8%). To support these populations the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Tuberculosis Control and Refugee Health Services Branch programs, as well as the San Diego County TB Elimination Initiative focus on providing and expanding equitable access to TB and refugee healthcare. Examples include offering transportation services to medical appointments and housing for individuals experiencing homelessness while receiving TB treatment. Additionally, an important program demonstrating the commitment to equity care is the discounted and free screening and treatment program for uninsured and underserved populations.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services, particularly in the investment in the chronically underserved communities that are disproportionately impacted by tuberculosis (TB). These actions support Sustainability Goal #3 by transitioning to a green, carbon-free economy, by continuing to transition delivery of services to telehealth platforms whenever possible without sacrificing quality, and thereby decreasing vehicle mileage for clients and employees. Additionally, today's actions support Sustainability Goal #4, by protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region, ensuring access to medical care for those with TB who need care, and in providing the comprehensive services needed to prevent TB disease among persons exposed to and infected with TB.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **Recommendation #2: Authorize Acceptance of \$1,921,236 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2025 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,519,458 and estimated revenue of \$960,618 for FY 2023-24 and estimated costs of \$1,519,458 and estimated revenue of \$960,618 for FY 2024-25. The funding source is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$558,840 annually for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

#### **Recommendation #3: Authorize Acceptance of \$905,432 from the California Department of Public Health**

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2023-2025 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$1,213,987 and estimated revenue of \$905,432 for FY 2023-24. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$308,555 for FY 2023-24

and the funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**Recommendation #4: Authorize Acceptance of \$868,858 from the California Department of Public Health**

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2023-2025 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$695,554 and estimated revenue of \$651,644 for FY 2023-24 and estimated costs of \$231,851 and estimated revenue of \$217,214 for FY 2024-25. The funding source is the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These unrecovered costs are estimated to be \$43,910 for FY 23-24 and \$14,637 for FY 2024-25. The funding source for these costs will be existing Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs the B-29 unrecoverable costs. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**Recommendation #5: Authorize Pursuit of Future Funding Opportunities**

There is no fiscal impact related to this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**7. SUBJECT: PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH EDUCATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Human trafficking is the commercial exploitation of vulnerable people for sex and, or labor, through force, fraud, or coercion. Human beings are being bought and sold against their will, and it's happening here in San Diego County. According to a report by the FBI, San Diego is one of the country's 13 hotspots for trafficking.

A study conducted by the University of San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University, estimated that sex trafficking generates more than \$810 million annually for San Diego's underground economy, with up to 8,000 victims per year and the average age of victims at 16 years old. The study also found that 90% of high schools they researched across San Diego County reported cases of sex trafficking and that 100% of those schools reported recruitment of their students.

Human trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the world, the U.S., California, and San Diego County. Victims are trafficked daily and subjected to unimaginable hardships and abuse. One of the two most common types of human trafficking is sex trafficking. Traffickers exploit victims, often young women, and girls, by forcing them into prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation. They manipulate and coerce vulnerable individuals, enticing them with promises of a better life or using threats and violence to keep them under their control.

Labor trafficking is the other most prevalent form of human trafficking. Traffickers lure victims with false promises of employment opportunities, only to subject them to conditions of forced labor, debt bondage, and physical or emotional coercion.

The County of San Diego, law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations, and community groups in San Diego County are working tirelessly to combat human trafficking. On the public safety side, the District Attorney's Office through the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, which is composed of a highly trained and specialized team of Deputy District Attorneys, District Attorney Investigators, victim advocates and paralegals, has been dedicated to aggressive and just prosecution of perpetrators of sexual assault and human trafficking crimes.

Through public awareness campaigns, targeted law enforcement operations, and victim support services, they strive to identify and recover victims while holding traffickers accountable. However, the clandestine nature of trafficking and the difficulty of victims to identify as such, due to shame and fear, makes it a challenging problem to address. Law enforcement and prosecution efforts alone are insufficient to stop these horrific human rights and criminal violations. Prevention through education, especially at a young age, is the only way to end exploitation.

Educating our children, parents, guardians, and community in order to build resilience and prevent further victims from prey is imperative, especially in this era of social media.

While efforts in prevention education have been substantial, only a fraction of the 500,000 students have received comprehensive age-appropriate prevention curriculum and statistically few teachers, parents, and guardians have been educated on human trafficking and child exploitation including internet exploitation.

Raising awareness and equipping children and youth with real life knowledge and skills to protect themselves and their peers from exploitation is critical.

It is also critical that parents and guardians are aware of the dangers of human trafficking. Too often, it is assumed that human trafficking occurs when someone is kidnapped. This is the least common form of human trafficking; traffickers are far more likely to lure potential victims through developing a relationship with the youth, oftentimes via social media.

Today's actions propose to enhance the county's efforts to protect our communities from the dangers of human trafficking. These actions recommend enhanced human trafficking prevention education, increased coordination with local and state agencies, and identifying clear and consistent reporting protocols.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND, CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUMMER STEPHAN**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the California Department of Education, the California State Board of Education Instructional Quality Commission, the California Superintendent of Public Instruction, the San Diego County Office of Education and the San Diego District Attorney's Office to draft and propose immediate administrative modifications to state curriculum framework and instructional materials requiring San Diego County schools to provide enhanced age-appropriate, culturally competent, and trauma informed human trafficking awareness and prevention curriculum grades K-12, implement a best practice protocol for reporting human trafficking, identify a point of contact for each Local Educational Agency (LEA), and identify a point of contact at the California Department of Education for human trafficking.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the San Diego County Office of Education and the District Attorney's Office to add an item to the County's Legislative Program Sponsorship Proposals seeking state legislation that amends the California Education Code to require enhanced age-appropriate, culturally competent, and trauma informed human trafficking awareness and prevention curriculum grades K-12, implement a best practice protocol for reporting human trafficking, identify a point of contact for each LEA, and identify a point of contact at the California Department of Education for human trafficking. This recommendation should go into effect if efforts to reach the proposed administrative solution are unsuccessful.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with staff to explore the feasibility of creating a human trafficking awareness campaign that highlights the risks and signs associated with human trafficking along with a call to action for the general public to report suspected human trafficking. This campaign should include (but not be limited to) public signage such as billboards, posters near schools, parks, libraries, public transit stations, and other high traffic locations throughout the County as well as radio and social media channels. This action should build upon the actions approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 25, 2022 (18). Report back to the Board in 120 days with a proposed plan and funding options.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work in coordination with County departments, staff, and community partners to explore the feasibility of hosting and promoting youth and parent/guardian human trafficking prevention outreach events, that include the distribution of educational materials and resources. Report back to the Board in 120 days with a proposed plan and funding options.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

While human trafficking victims include every race, ethnicity, cultural background, socio-economic sector, sex, gender identity, and immigration status, human trafficking disproportionately impacts low income, Black, Latino, foster kids, immigrants, justice involved, and LGBTQ+ individuals at a higher rate. To achieve equity, targeted support for these communities will address disparities and create a safer and more just San Diego County for all residents.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and well-being of all San Diegan residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There may be fiscal impacts associated with the current recommendations. Staff will monitor, and if additional funding is required, will return to the Board to establish appropriations upon identification of funding sources for consideration and approval.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 8. **SUBJECT: CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT NO. 7090 TO PURCHASE TAX-DEFAULTED LAND BY THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

When a property owner fails to pay property taxes by the end of the fiscal year, the property becomes tax defaulted. If the property remains tax defaulted for five years, the property then becomes subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Power to Sell. Statutory requirements are met pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 3691, et seq. prior to the property being offered at sale. Prior to sale, taxing agencies and eligible non-profit organizations are notified of the scheduled sale and provided an opportunity to object to the sale of any of the properties being offered at public auction to acquire that property for public purpose, in accordance with § 3695 and Chapter VIII of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

The San Diego River Park Foundation has offered to purchase three (3) parcels of tax-defaulted land to be preserved for open space. In accordance with Chapter VIII of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, we have prepared the proposed agreement for your approval.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**

- 1. Adopt the Resolution entitled:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT SALE NO. 7090 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY TO THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION (Attachment B, on file with Clerk of the Board).

2. Adopt the Agreement approving the sale by Chapter VIII Agreement No. 7090 of three (3) parcels of land, subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Power to Sell for Defaulted Taxes to The San Diego River Park Foundation and authorize execution of said Agreements (two copies) by the Chairperson, attested by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. To more proportionally serve the community, The San Diego River Park Foundation has agreed to purchase the land from the County as part of an ongoing effort to acquire land for The San Diego River Park Foundation to preserve open space for public purpose. It is anticipated that these actions will have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth and the LGBTQ community as the mission of The San Diego River Park Foundation within the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to help to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protect its most valued natural and cultural resources, and create opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This acquisition would have a positive impact on sustainability. The San Diego River Park Foundation is acquiring this land for the public purpose of open space preservation.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds from the sale of three (3) parcels to The San Diego River Park Foundation are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan. If approved, sale proceeds of \$4,700 will be used to redeem the delinquent prior year and current year taxes, costs, and fees. Any funds remaining after satisfaction of all taxes, fees and costs of sale will be retained in the delinquent tax sale trust fund for a period of one year following the recordation of the tax deed to the purchaser of the property. During that period, any party of interest in the property at the time of the sale may apply for the proceeds by submitting a claim. Any excess proceeds remaining after processing valid claims will be transferred to the General Fund. There will be no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-107, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT SALE NO. 7090 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY TO THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK FOUNDATION.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)



**9. SUBJECT: CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT NO. 7087 TO PURCHASE  
TAX-DEFAULTED LAND BY ANZA-BORREGO FOUNDATION  
(DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

When a property owner fails to pay property taxes by the end of the fiscal year, the property becomes tax defaulted. If the property remains tax defaulted for five years, the property then becomes subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Power to Sell. Statutory requirements are met pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 3691, et seq. prior to the property being offered at sale. Prior to sale, taxing agencies and eligible non-profit organizations are notified of the scheduled sale and provided an opportunity to object to the sale of any of the properties being offered at public auction to acquire that property for public purpose, in accordance with § 3695 and Chapter VIII of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

The Anza-Borrego Foundation has offered to purchase four (4) parcels of tax-defaulted land that are immediately adjacent to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and will be preserved as open space for public benefit. In accordance with Chapter VIII of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, we have prepared the proposed agreement for your approval.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**TREASURER -TAX COLLECTOR**

1. Adopt the Resolution entitled:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT SALE NO. 7087 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY TO ANZA-BORREGO FOUNDATION (Attachment B, on file with Clerk of the Board).
2. Adopt the Agreement approving the sale by Chapter VIII Agreement No. 7087 of four (4) parcels of land, subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Power to Sell for Defaulted Taxes to the Anza-Borrego Foundation and authorize execution of said Agreements (two copies) by the Chairperson, attested by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. To more proportionally serve the community, the Anza-Borrego Foundation has agreed to purchase the land from the County as part of an ongoing effort to acquire land for the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to preserve open space for public purpose and protect valuable wildlife corridors. It is anticipated that these actions will have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth and the LGBTQ community as the mission of the Anza-Borrego Foundation within the California Department of Parks and Recreation is to help to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protect its most valued natural and cultural resources, and create opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This acquisition would have a positive impact on sustainability. This is part of an ongoing effort of the Anza-Borrego Foundation to acquire land for the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to preserve open space and protect valuable wildlife corridors.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds from the sale of four (4) parcels to the Anza-Borrego Foundation are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan. If approved, sale proceeds of \$2,800 will be used to redeem the delinquent prior year and current year taxes, costs, and fees. Any funds remaining after satisfaction of all taxes, fees and costs of sale will be retained in the delinquent tax sale trust fund for a period of one year following the recordation of the tax deed to the purchaser of the property. During that period, any party of interest in the property at the time of the sale may apply for the proceeds by submitting a claim. Any excess proceeds remaining after processing valid claims will be transferred to the General Fund. There will be no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-108, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHAPTER VIII AGREEMENT SALE NO. 7087 OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY TO ANZA-BORREGO FOUNDATION.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**10. SUBJECT: ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This is a request to approve the escheatment of specified unclaimed funds pursuant to California Government Code sections 50050-50057 and Penal Code 1420-1422. Public notice has been given by the Treasurer-Tax Collector that 1) the amount of \$695,451.29 was deposited in Trust Funds in the Treasury of San Diego, 2) was not the property of the County of San Diego (the "County"), 3) has remained unclaimed for the requisite years, and 4) will become property of the local agency effective December 1, 2022, if no claim is received prior to that date. The final claim period ended on November 30, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**

1. Direct the transfer total of \$592,506.26 from County Trust Funds from identified County Departments and deposit it as revenue in the County's General Fund.

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer through the Office of Revenue and Recovery to transfer a total of \$102,945.03 from its Trust Funds and deposit it as revenue in the Office of Revenue and Recovery's Victim Services Fund.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. County departments submit a list of unclaimed monies in their possession to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for inclusion in the Treasurer-Tax Collection escheatment noticing and advertising activity. The Treasurer-Tax Collector includes those unclaimed monies in all widespread public notice that these unclaimed monies are available to claim by displaying a full list of items on the Treasurer-Tax Collector website, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County and supplying local shelters with the display ad information to post in their establishment as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim the monies before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize "plain language" and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to make a claim. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner of the money and encourage a claim be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County General Fund are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability and the Goal of Economy, to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue are also in alignment with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, this request will result in \$592,506.26 of unanticipated revenue to be realized by the County's General Fund and \$102,945.03 by the Office of Revenue and Recovery Victim Services Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn at the request of the Chief Administrative Officer.

**11. SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 15, 2023 FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

State law requires that the Board of Supervisors (Board) declare the election results for those offices and measures under its jurisdiction. For the August 15, 2023 Fourth Supervisorial District Special Primary Election, the Board must declare the results for the office of Board of Supervisors - District 4.

Today's action requests the Board to adopt a resolution declaring these election results.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 15, 2023 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION (Attachment A, on file with Clerk of the Board).

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote can influence policy and who represents them in government, which in turn impacts their environment, health, and quality of life. The Registrar of Voters' conduct of a fair, accurate, and transparent election allows all eligible citizens to have a part in matters that affect them.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A person's vote has a direct influence on the sustainability of their neighborhood, community, and local region. By voting, San Diego residents have a direct impact on their health, equity, the economy, and environment. With the County's implementation of the vote center model, all active registered voters receive a ballot in the mail as required by current law. This increases accessibility by providing voters with the opportunity to consider the method that is most convenient for them to return their ballot and has the possibility of reducing vehicles miles traveled to cast their vote. In addition, voters have the option of receiving voter information guides electronically to reduce paper waste. The recommended action today aligns with the Governance lens of sustainability and the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access to County services.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of the Resolution. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-109, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 15, 2023 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond  
ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

12. **SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496 (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Today's actions propose amendments to the Compensation Ordinance that reflect the addition of the Chief Deputy, CLERB, and Clinical Pharmacist classifications. Changes also include retitling of positions in the Department of Child and Family Well-Being to reflect the new title of the Department. Additional amendments also include the extension of incentives and bonuses for hard to recruit classes, the removal of an obsolete section pertaining to per diems for commissioners on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and other administrative modifications. Also, there are proposed salary increases to several classifications due to compaction issues.

Today's actions also propose amendments to the Administrative Code Section 496 to add classifications eligible for an automobile allowance.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the two ordinances (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance and Administrative Code. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on September 12, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinances (second reading). If the proposed ordinances are altered on September 12, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On August 29, 2023:**

Approve the introduction of the Ordinances (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinances entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496**

**If, on August 29, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on September 12, 2023:**

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 496**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Human Resources is committed to assuring that equity is considered in classification and compensation. Today’s recommendations provide amendments to the compensation ordinance that will assist the County of San Diego to provide and retain a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce for County departments, and enables the County to provide equitable services to all constituents of this County.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance aligns with the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth for our community. The proposed actions included in this letter provide just and equitable wages as well as the establishment of quality job opportunities.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations to add, delete and retitle various classifications, associated with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and other administrative modifications. There will be no change in net General Fund cost.

Funds for the requests to extend certain premiums, incentives and bonuses for eligible classifications, proposed amendments to classifications due to compaction issues, and updating the list of classifications eligible for an automobile allowance are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Adopted Operational Plan for the impacted departments. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums, incentives and one-time monetary payments. If approved, these recommendations will result in total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as identified in the following table. There will be no additional staff years.

<i>(in millions)</i>		<b>FY 23-24</b>	<b>FY 24-25</b>
A	Base salary and benefit increases	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.16
B	Premiums and auto allowance	\$ 0.41	-
C (A+B)	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 0.44</b>	<b>\$ 0.16</b>
D	One-time premiums, incentives & bonuses	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.09
E (C+D)	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 0.66</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinances on September 12, 2023, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 13. SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT - PO REPRESENTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (8/29/23 - First Reading; 9/12/23 - Second Reading, unless the ordinance is modified on second reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Today's actions reflect the compensation changes negotiated with the San Diego County Probation Officers' Association (Association) which represents the Probation Officers (PO) Unit for a three-agreement that includes salary and benefit changes.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading) to amend the Compensation Ordinance. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on September 12, 2023, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on September 12, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On August 29, 2023:**

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading), read title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT**

**If, on August 29, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on September 12, 2023:**

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR PROBATION OFFICERS EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT**
  
2. Set September 12, 2023, as the date for consideration and approval of the ratified Memoranda of Agreement between the County and the San Diego County Probation Officers Association.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today’s actions reflect the partnership between the County and the Association to strengthen their relationship and work together to provide equitable salaries, implementation of equity increases, and compensation that ensures recruitment, retention, and just and fair benefits.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions amending the compensation ordinance align with the County of San Diego’s Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth for our community. The proposed actions included in this letter provide just and equitable wages for County employees.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Probation Department. The estimated fiscal impact is comprised of net increases in ongoing base and supplemental pay, including various premiums and equity adjustments, ongoing flex credit increases, and one-time monetary payments. If approved, these recommendations will result in a total estimated ongoing and one-time costs as follows. There will be no additional staff years.

<i>(in millions)</i>		<u>FY 23-24</u>	<u>FY 24-25</u>	<u>FY 25-26</u>
A	Base Salary and Benefit Increases	\$ 4.05	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.55
B	Equity Increases	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.33
C	Flex Credit Increases	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
<b>D (A+B+C)</b>	<b>Total Ongoing Cost (incremental increase)</b>	<b>\$ 5.58</b>	<b>\$ 4.23</b>	<b>\$ 4.28</b>
E	Total One-time Cost	\$ 2.87	-	-
<b>F (D+E)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 8.45</b>	<b>\$ 4.23</b>	<b>\$ 4.28</b>

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on September 12, 2023, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)



**14. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BORREGO SPRINGS OFFICE AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office located at 2620 Country Club Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004 needs a new permanent emergency generator to support the station in the event of a power disruption. It is imperative that all Sheriff's stations, substations, and remote offices have permanent emergency generators so they can maintain their services during power outage events.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract for the installation of an emergency generator at the Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office. If approved, construction is expected to begin in October 2025, with an estimated completion of December 2025. An extended project duration is due to the long lead times expected to receive the new generator.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed project for the generator work at the Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304 and 15311.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any action authorized by Article XXIII, Section 401, et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the installation of an emergency generator at the Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office.
3. Designate the Director, Department of General Services as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract for the emergency generator project at the Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department) provides law enforcement services that aim to protect everyone's human right to life, liberty, and security of person and strives for equitable outcomes in our communities. The authorization to procure an emergency generator for the Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office will provide members of the community uninterrupted access to law enforcement in the event there is a power outage.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The authorization and award of a construction contract for the emergency generator for the Sheriff's Department Borrego

Springs Office would contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community, providing equitable access for justice-involved individuals, and protecting the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund (MMCOF) project 1025535, Sheriff's Department Borrego Springs Office Emergency Generator. Total project cost is \$245,000. The funding source is an operating transfer from the Sheriff's Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

County construction contracts are competitively bid and help stimulate the local economy.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

15. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR HIGH TECH HIGH, METROPOLITAN TRANSIST SYSTEM (MTS), OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT & SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes of High Tech High, Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), Olivenhain Municipal Water District and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. High Tech High
2. MTS
3. Olivenhain Municipal Water District
4. SANDAG

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must

provide transparent bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the new Conflict of Interest codes submitted by High Tech High, MTS, Olivenhain Municipal Water District and SANDAG. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This board letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

#### **16. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," Board Policy A-77, "Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform

District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election,” Board Policy I-1, “Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures” and Board Policy A-135, "Process for Board of Supervisors Appointments to the Retirement Board".

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

Waive Board Policy A-135, "Process for Board of Supervisors Appointments to the Retirement Board," and appoint Cheryl Coney to the BOARD OF RETIREMENT, Seat No. 9, for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

**VICE-CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

Appoint Jordan Harrison to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, LEON L. WILLIAMS SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat 24, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appoint Milan Shah to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, LEON L. WILLIAMS SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Seat 25, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Appoint Anthony Ralphs to the BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 4 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Melanie Zardeneta-Hayden to the BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 5 for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appoint Richard Blaisdell to the CAMPO - LAKE MORENA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat 2, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Re-appoint James Sly to the GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, Seat No. 2 for a term to expire August 6, 2027.

Appoint Kristin Haukom to the VALLE DE ORO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 2 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

Appoint Mason Arabo to the VALLE DE ORO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP, Seat No. 14 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

Appoint Jennifer Jeffries to the ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION, Seat No. 9 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Appoint Maurice Borders to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat 19, for a term to expire August 29, 2026.

Re-appoint Cheryl Graydon to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat 3, for a term to expire June 4, 2025.

Re-appoint Linda Rosenberg to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat 4, for a term to expire June 4, 2025.

Appoint Scott Snyder to the ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, Seat 11, for a term to expire July 10, 2024.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego’s ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by “encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities.”

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**17. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**  
This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**  
N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**  
N/A

**ACTION:**  
ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

**AYES:** Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond  
**ABSENT:** (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**18. SUBJECT: GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On July 18, 2023 (12), the Board of Supervisors considered this item. The motion to adopt the recommendations failed due to a tie vote, and the Board did not continue the item. Pursuant to Rule 2(g) of the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the item was placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

On October 19, 2021 (1), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop options for community-based gun violence reduction and disruption programs and to return to the Board within 180 days. On April 5, 2022 (16), staff returned to the Board with a recommendation to conduct a contractor-led, regional gun violence community needs assessment to better understand the scope, complexity, and impact of gun violence and to share key findings with the Board upon completion. The recommendation was approved by the full Board and the County issued a competitive solicitation and contracted with Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. (HARC), a non-profit research and evaluation firm.

To complete the community needs assessment, HARC conducted extensive data analysis; issued and analyzed two community surveys; hosted a dozen listening sessions and community forums receiving broad stakeholder input; facilitated numerous meetings with a Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group comprised of community stakeholders; and conducted a best practice review of local, state, and national programs and practices designed to reduce gun violence. HARC issued its analysis and findings in a Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report, which summarizes findings from secondary data analysis, community surveys and surveys of practitioners working in jobs that pertain to gun violence, and through virtual and in-person listening sessions. The final report includes recommendations to reduce gun violence in the county. Public Safety Group Executive Office staff have used those recommendations to prepare a Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan.

Today's recommendations are to receive the HARC report, the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan, and a presentation, and to authorize the submission of grant applications that will support violence prevention and intervention programs and services; and to direct staff to return in early 2024 with plans for how gun violence reduction work will be structured and organized within the County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. Final Report and recommendations.
2. Receive the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan and approve year one actions.
3. Receive a presentation on the gun violence community needs assessment project.
4. Waive Board Policy B-29 Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of applications for, acceptance of, and full cost recovery for grants.
5. Pursuant to Board Policy B-29, authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group and the Health and Human Services Agency Director or his/her designee, to submit grant applications and accept grants that support violence prevention and intervention programs and services through June 30, 2028.
6. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in early 2024 with plans for how gun violence reduction efforts will be organized and structured within the County that includes the engagement of the Public Safety Group and Health and Human Services Agency; a proposed evaluation framework for the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan that includes the engagement of the Public Safety Group, Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice; and an initial update on Work Plan actions.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

According to the American Public Health Association, gun violence is a leading cause of premature death in the United States. In San Diego County, from 2017-2022, there were 1,310 deaths by firearm (70.9% were suicide and 28.9% were homicides). From 2016-2020, there were 699 firearm-related hospitalizations and 668 firearm-related emergency department visits.

While gun violence impacts people of all ages, genders, and racial/ethnic backgrounds, it does not impact people equally. In San Diego County, the firearm-related homicide rate for Black residents is 11 times greater than the rate for Asian residents, who have the lowest rate. Black residents between the ages of 15-44 have the highest rate of firearm-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in the county. Regional suicide data shows that White men over the age of 65 have the highest rates of firearm-related suicide in the county.

By focusing programs, services, and practices on the places and people experiencing the greatest burden of violence and underlying conditions that contribute to risk, the strategies are to have both an immediate impact on preventing violence and to establish long-term solutions. With an emphasis on equity, the goals are to reduce disparities and disproportionality and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of residents through partnerships, innovation, and active community engagement, which is in alignment with the County of San Diego's Equity Strategic Initiative.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's proposed actions contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by seeking to meaningfully engage the community, provide just and equitable access to programs and services, and protect the health and well-being of residents. Ongoing efforts to reduce gun violence will impact the communities and populations historically burdened by gun violence by providing better long-term outcomes through investment in community-centered approaches. Extensive community engagement through listening sessions, surveys, forums, and the integration of an Advisory Group of individuals who actively work on gun violence related issues, was a major component of the project. By partnering with community members to identify challenges and opportunities to reduce gun violence, we hope to see long-term improvements in the health and well-being of neighborhoods and residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for year one of the Work Plan are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Public Safety Group. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 for suicide prevention activities and community engagement and outreach. The funding source is Public Safety Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Fiscal impact related to future recommendations will either be included in future Operational Plans or staff will return to the board for consideration and approval of other identified funding sources.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

This item was withdrawn at the request of the Chief Administrative Officer.



**19. SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:  
ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
METROPOLITAN AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
ANTI-POVERTY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC. IN AN AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 (DISTRICT: 2)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County has received a request from the California Municipal Finance Authority (“CMFA” or “Authority”) to conduct a public hearing as required by the Internal Revenue Code and to approve the Authority’s issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 (the “Bonds”), for the benefit of Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. (“Borrower”). The Borrower has applied for the financial assistance of the Authority to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and equipping of a 116-unit rental housing facility providing 115 units for low-income households (the “Project”), to be located at 9119 Jamacha Road, in the Spring Valley community of San Diego County, California and to pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The Authority is authorized to assist in financing for nonprofit public benefit organizations or for-profit corporations with a public benefit project wishing to issue revenue bonds, including the Borrower. In order to initiate such a financing, the Borrower is asking the County of San Diego, a member jurisdiction in which the project resides to: (1) conduct a public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code; and (2) approve the Authority’s issuance of the Bonds. Although the Authority will be the issuer of the Bonds for the Borrower, the financing cannot proceed without the approval of an applicable legislative body.

Today’s recommendations will provide the Authority with the required authorization to pursue its determination to issue the Bonds on behalf of the Borrower for the Project.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, hold a public hearing regarding the financing of the Project.
  
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled:  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING A PLAN OF FINANCE INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SAN MARTIN 2020 LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This financing will help in the creation of quality, affordable housing in the County of San Diego.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action would result in economic benefits for the community by allowing the borrower to provide 115 restricted units for low-income households, plus one unit for the manager in the County of San Diego. The project will incorporate the latest energy efficiency trends, as well as extending the property’s affordability for an additional 55 years.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the proposal will result in approximately \$991 of unanticipated revenue to be used to reimburse the County for costs associated with this non-County financing. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

The Borrower will be responsible for the payment of all present and future costs in connection with issuance of the financing. The County will incur no obligation of indebtedness as a result of these actions.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 23-110, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING A PLAN OF FINANCE INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SAN MARTIN 2020 LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 20. **SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING A CHIEF BINATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The physical border between San Diego County and Mexico spans sixty miles in length, with four U.S. ports of entry at El Chaparral, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, and Tecate, and with a fifth one scheduled to open in late 2026 at East Otay Mesa. As home to the San Ysidro Port of Entry, the busiest port of entry in the world, our border community is one of California’s strongest economic contributors. Our region has vast economic and cultural potential, as well as abundant opportunities for our bi-national border region that is part of California’s defined economic “Southern Border Region,” known locally as the “CaliBaja” region. CaliBaja is comprised of the two southernmost counties in California (San Diego and Imperial) and the six Mexican municipalities of Baja California (Ensenada, Mexicali, Rosarito, San Quintín, Tecate, and Tijuana). San Diego County’s unique geopolitical location has created a closely intertwined border community with economic, cultural, environmental, and physical ties.

As countywide representatives, it is essential that we recognize the importance of how we collectively address border infrastructure and environmental issues in a way that is beneficial for the entire CaliBaja region. What happens in one area will inevitably reverberate throughout the entire region. Therefore, it is critical for the County of San Diego (County) to join the collective voice and be an active agent in the unified plan for growth.

I am asking for your support in directing the Chief Administrative Officer to establish a new position of Chief Binational Affairs Officer (CBAO) in the Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office, identify funding beginning this fiscal year, and report back to the Board of Supervisors during this fiscal year with an update on the structure, scope, and responsibilities of the newly created position, including, but not limited to setting priorities, establishing a budget, and collaborating with County departments and the community to identify binational priorities, opportunities, and challenges. The CBAO will serve as the central figure for all issues related to binational affairs and connect enterprise-wide resources, information, and State and federal advocacy efforts.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish the position of Chief Binational Affairs Officer (CBAO) within the Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office at the County of San Diego (County).
2. Direct the CAO to return to the Board of Supervisors to establish funding this fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2023-24), upon identification of funding. If unassigned General Fund fund balance is not available, this item will be referred to Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan.
3. Refer to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan the establishment of necessary appropriations, revenue and staff years for the CBAO.
4. Direct the CAO to report to the Board in the first quarter of calendar year 2024 the overall scope, role and responsibilities of the CBAO.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A dedicated position for binational affairs will facilitate cross-cultural understanding and respect, contributing to a more inclusive environment for a diverse population reflective of our region. It is crucial to think about the impact our county policies play on the broader region, and to ensure that we are fostering decisions based on true collaboration and of mutual benefit for strategic growth.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The CBAO will foster stronger economic ties between the County of San Diego, and our counterparts south of the border, potentially leading to increased cross-border investments and trade flows. Improved bilateral relations could stimulate economic growth, leading to job creation and improved quality of life for residents on both sides of the border. This position will also enhance existing collaborations on environmental issues, such as transboundary pollution, wildlife conservation, and climate change mitigation. Improved binational relations will lead to

optimal management of shared natural resources, enhancing sustainability. Overall, the CBAO will impact sustainability across economic, environmental, and social issues.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational plan for the Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office. If approved, this request will result in an increase of estimated costs and revenue in the Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source is General Fund fund balance. If Unassigned General Fund fund balance is not available, this item will be referred to Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan. The Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office will return to the Board of Supervisors in the Fiscal Year 2024-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan with a recommendation for establishing the necessary ongoing appropriations, revenue and staff years for the Chief Binational Affairs Officer position beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-25, supported by an available ongoing funding source.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Chief Binational Affairs Officer will serve as central figure for all issues related to binational affairs and connect enterprise-wide resources, information, and State and federal advocacy efforts.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, on Consent:

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish the position of Chief Binational Affairs Officer (CBAO) within the Land Use and Environment Group Executive Office at the County of San Diego (County). (Refer to Recommendation 1)
2. Referred to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan the establishment of necessary appropriations, revenue and staff years for the CBAO. (Refer to Recommendation 3)
3. Directed the CAO to report to the Board in the first quarter of calendar year 2024 the overall scope, role and responsibilities of the CBAO. (Refer to Recommendation 4)

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

21. **SUBJECT: SUPPORTING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPROVING THE COUNTY’S ABILITY TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

With the reframing of the climate and sustainability work by the Board of Supervisors since 2021, the County of San Diego (County) has placed itself as the lead for decarbonization efforts in our region. This Board has been very focused on ensuring that as a County we take our

responsibility seriously with respect to transforming and decarbonizing all sectors of the economy and that we take informed steps to ensure a just transition with equity in mind. As Chairwoman, I take pride in this collaborative work with my colleagues and supporting the actions we have taken. Whether it was advancing the Integrated Regional Decarbonization Framework on January 27, 2021 (3), investing in our County enterprise to achieve our sustainability goals on May 5, 2021 (8), advocating for renewable resources on October 20, 2021(4), or requesting a local analysis of existing infill renewable energy infrastructure on May 24, 2023 (9), all of these actions support sustainability across the San Diego region. Additionally, we have an approved budget that provides the necessary supporting staff to advance this work, and with respect to the County organization, our budget ensures those investments for our facilities, fleets, and operations continue to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

As this work advances to spur systemic transformations, the reality of today's climate-related emergencies for our historically underinvested communities means that many will face challenges to fund the resiliency and adaptation they need to ensure the safety of life and property due to the smaller size of the community, or the maintenance of older infrastructure that has been deferred for too long. In many cases the financing gap to catch up to infrastructure upgrades, coupled with climate/adaptation infrastructure is so large that it makes it infeasible to build the climate adaptation infrastructure needed. As we have seen with last winter's rain and flooding, and the global record setting heat this July, climate related emergencies are here and predicted to become more frequent. Whether it is to stay ahead of wildfires, rising sea levels, extreme heat, rain cycles, and flooding, we need to identify how to address climate change mitigation and adaptation for our historically underinvested communities, and the solutions must integrate community led resiliency development. I was able to introduce this type of community engaged framework for our County Environmental Justice communities at the May 19, 2021 (2) meeting and appreciate my colleagues' support.

Today's actions seek to provide further analysis towards the development of resiliency strategies while also providing an understanding of existing funding mechanisms and gaps. While the County is advancing its commitment to address the climate emergency and continues to make progress in reducing GHG emissions in the unincorporated areas and within its facilities, we need to increase local and regional solutions for innovation and investment for our most vulnerable communities to buffer them from climate-related emergencies. By advancing an analysis of what other jurisdictions are doing or identifying some of the solutions being presented for climate resilience and adaptation in other places, we can advance local strategies for investing in the most urgent climate risks and community prioritized actions. One example is the authority given to county governments under SB 852 (Dodd) to create a Community Resilience District that would raise and allocate funds to eligible climate resilience projects while also prioritizing the needs of under-resourced and vulnerable communities. Additionally, the request is to advance a pilot for Imperial Beach for options to address climate related storm surge, flooding and emergency evacuation infrastructure.

I urge my colleagues to support this initiative.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation, which may include a request for proposals or quotations, for a study to explore options and to potentially implement selected options to address climate change mitigation and adaptation, resilience, and/or air and water quality improvements, including funding mechanisms such as a Climate Resilience District, in areas of high vulnerability in the region such as Imperial Beach. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, to award contracts for a term of one year, with one option year and up to an additional six months if needed, amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, and exercise selected options under the contracts, subject to availability of funding.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify regional resiliency funding opportunities, including grants, in collaboration with community partners and other governmental agencies to address climate risks from wildfires, flooding, and extreme heat, in consideration of their environmental, health, and economic impacts including air and water quality, habitability, and property insurance and authorize the CAO to apply for such grants and to execute and amend agreements and other documents necessary for the receipt of such grants. Waive Board Policy B-29.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board in Spring 2024 on the progress of the study.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County's ability to advance community resilience and adaptation strategies for vulnerable and under-resourced communities will minimize the negative public health impacts of climate change. The County's Climate Change and Health Profile Report (2017) identifies the populations more vulnerable to the health impacts of climate change. Based on medical reviews of individuals who died during heat waves and other extreme weather events, those who are particularly vulnerable to the direct effects of climate change include the very old and very young, individuals who have chronic medical conditions and psychiatric illness, people taking multiple medications, people without means for evacuation (no access to public transit or private cars), people who are socially isolated, medically fragile people, and people living in institutions. Acclimatization to heat may help reduce risks from heat waves in the healthy general population but may not be sufficient to protect those with underlying medical conditions. Climate change disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities due to their environmental exposure, population sensitivity, and adaptive capacity.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This project initiative aligns with the Regional Decarbonization Framework, which looks to identify regional assessments and proposed tools for communities. This new commitment to improving climate adaptation strategies for vulnerable communities will not only benefit the residents of Imperial Beach but also contribute to the overall climate adaptation plans for the region and supports the well-being of residents that are at high risk of losing property or of their health being negatively impacted from the prolonged effects of climate related emergencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice. If approved, this will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$100,000. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staffing in the current Fiscal Year.

There may be future fiscal impacts related to any decisions by the Board to implement selected options from the study. Funding for any future actions with a fiscal impact will need to be identified prior to implementation.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 22. **SUBJECT: DEVELOPING A PILOT SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Senior homelessness in San Diego County has reached a critical level, exacerbated by the region's high cost of living and a lack of attainable housing options. According to the Elder Index developed by UCLA's Center for Health Policy Research, 41% of San Diego's seniors struggle to afford basic necessities such as housing, food, healthcare, and transportation. The most recent Point in Time Count revealed that the number of unsheltered residents in San Diego County who are aged 55 years and older has risen to 29% of the total homeless individuals counted. This represents a 25% increase from last year with more than 2,000 seniors now living on our streets.

Those at increased risk of losing their homes tend to be older adults who live alone and on fixed incomes, with little to no savings. As California rents continue to rise, seniors' income streams, including Social Security benefits, have not kept pace. The senior homelessness crisis has been further aggravated by lengthy waiting lists for government housing programs and an inadequate prioritization of vulnerable older adults through program intake.

The County has recognized the need to assist this vulnerable population by approving a pilot shallow rent subsidy program, expected to keep 222 seniors in their homes. However, even with the funding increase for this program included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 County budget, additional action is needed to help the more than 2,000 other individuals who have submitted applications. Implementing innovative and effective housing solutions for older adults is crucial to addressing our regional homelessness crisis. One idea is to establish a senior homeless

prevention program that facilitates shared living arrangements. A shared senior living program coordinated by the County could offer innovative housing solutions for older adults by connecting them with compatible housemates, reducing their housing costs and fostering social supports. A shared housing program for seniors would also help to address our regional housing inventory challenges by optimizing the utilization of existing housing resources.

To continue our efforts in addressing the growing homelessness crisis among older adults, I recommend that the Board direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a regional County shared housing program for adults who are aged 55 and over and are in need of affordable housing options or on the verge of homelessness.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a senior shared housing program, and to explore contracting or partnering with other successful programs that promote shared living arrangements and reduce individual housing costs for adults aged 55 and older, and return to the Board in 120 days with an implementation plan.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify a program scale and parameters for a shared housing program for older adults, the funding source, and staffing necessary to implement the program.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop an evaluation framework to determine program effectiveness and include this framework in the 120-day return back. The evaluation framework should include a logic model, anticipated short-term and medium-term results, programmatic output and outcome metrics that will be collected and tracked over time, and specific plans for evaluating the program's effectiveness.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A shared housing program would help prevent financially vulnerable older adults from losing their housing and having to forgo basic needs that others can typically afford. Older adults of color are more likely to face extreme rent burden and are at a much greater risk of becoming homeless. By providing shared housing arrangements to aging individuals with limited income and no alternative housing or employment options, this preventive initiative will assist those on the verge of homelessness. It will help promote equitable living and uplift low-income older adults and communities of color.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Shared housing optimizes the use of existing housing resources by matching individuals with available living spaces. By utilizing unused or underutilized spaces, the program maximizes the efficient use of housing stock, reducing the need for new construction and minimizing environmental impacts.



**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today’s recommendations. There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today’s action and any such recommendations would return back for consideration and approval by the Board. Upon return by staff, funding for future costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

- 23. **SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE ALL RATEPAYERS A VOTE ON WATER DISTRICT DETACHMENTS AND IMPACTS TO THEIR WATER RATES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On July 10, 2023, the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) voted 5 to 3 to allow two special districts, the Rainbow Municipal Water District and the Fallbrook Public Utilities District to end their membership, or “detach” from the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA). To complete the detachment process, customers in these two districts must first vote in favor of the detachment proposals. If approved by a majority of the Rainbow and Fallbrook voters, detachment is estimated by the CWA to cost the remaining twenty-two water districts and their customers up to \$200 million in additional costs during the next decade. This increase would be borne by the twenty-two water districts remaining as members of CWA and their customers.

Legislative proposals have recently been brought forward in the State legislature to provide all potentially impacted ratepayers with a voice in the detachment process. This legislation would require that, in addition to affirmative votes by customers in the water districts attempting to leave the CWA, an affirmative vote by a majority of all customers in the CWA service area would be required before proposed detachments become final. This process would allow water customers of all CWA member agencies to decide what is best for our region’s water future and the potential implications of their own water bills.

I am, therefore, recommending that the Board of Supervisors formally adopt a position of support for State legislation that would require a region wide vote in favor of a proposed water agency detachment before any detachments from the CWA become final.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program support for State legislation requiring an affirmative vote by a majority of the residents located in the entire San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) service area before a proposed special district detachment from the CWA can be finalized, consistent with Board Policy M-2.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A majority of San Diego County's residents, approximately 3.3 million people, are customers of water districts that are members of the San Diego County Water Authority. Although some of these customers are ratepayers of more affluent communities, many ratepayers reside in economically disadvantaged communities and have fewer options to offset water rate increases by shifting or reducing expenditures in other areas of their household budgets, by relocating or by securing their water supply from alternate sources. It is, therefore, critical that all of the region's water customers have a voice and a vote in decisions that would impact their current and future water rates.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The San Diego County Water Authority has used a Capital Improvement Program, updated by the agency's Regional Water Facilities Master Plan in 2003 and the Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update in 2013, to identify and plan the infrastructure necessary to provide the region's residents with a reliable water delivery system. This planning was performed with the understanding that the agency would have the necessary financial resources to complete planned system improvements. The recommended action would help to ensure that regional water infrastructure improvements will continue to move forward as planned without unanticipated impacts to the agency's financial position.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer

NOES: Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**24. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Briggs Law Corporation v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court,  
Case No.: 37-2021-00039237-CU-CO-CTL
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Lisa Kelly v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court,  
Case No.: 37-2022-00018907-CU-PO-NC
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Marcus Boyd v. County of San Diego; San Diego Superior Court,  
Case No.: 37-2023-00002923-CU-CR-CTL
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Brenda Arguelles v. County of San Diego; United States District Court,  
Southern District No.23-cv-0321-H-AGS

**ACTION:**

County Counsel reported that for Closed Session on August 29, 2023, the Board of Supervisors took the following reportable action:

On Item 24A, Briggs Law Corporation v. County of San Diego, with three members of the Board voting "AYE" and Supervisor Lawson-Remer absent, the Board waived the attorney-client privilege for all fee agreements, engagement letters, billing documents, and communications between Briggs Law Corporation and the former Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District with regard to Briggs Law Corporation's services to and/or representation of the former Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District from January 1, 2019 through September 13, 2021. The waiver includes anyone acting or purporting to act on behalf of Briggs Law Corporation and the former Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District.

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

**25. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Alan C. spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG and sales taxes.

Bryant Rumbaugh spoke to the Board regarding creating an engaged citizenry.

Shirley Anderson spoke to the Board regarding the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee appointments.

Hope Nelson spoke to the Board regarding the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee appointments.

Michael Brando spoke to the Board regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Frank Sung spoke to the Board regarding the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee appointments.

Consuelo spoke to the Board regarding the democratic systems.

Paul the Bold spoke to the Board regarding elected official actions.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana and tobacco use.

Barbara Gordon spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana use among youth.

Pam spoke to the Board regarding masks.

Robert Germann spoke to the Board regarding County airports.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG.

Pay Back spoke to the Board regarding elections.

Kelly McCormick spoke to the Board regarding the dangers of fentanyl.

Ann Riddle spoke to the Board regarding driving under the influence of marijuana.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding the harmful effects of marijuana use.

Diane Grace spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana advertising.

Becky Rapp thanked the County for support of National Recovery Month.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding vaccinations.

**ACTION:**

This Public Communication was Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 3:02 p.m. in memory of German Gacitua, CAL Fire Assistant Chief Josh Bischof, CAL Fire Captain Tim Rodriguez, and CAL Fire Helicopter Pilot Tony Sousa.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Consent: Vizcarra  
Discussion: Zurita

NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.


Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.



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NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:



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ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

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