

County of Santa Barbara
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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Fourth District - Bob Nelson, Vice Chair
Fifth District - Steve Lavagnino

Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

Action Summary

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:00 AM

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD HEARING ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR
105 EAST ANAPAMU STREET, SANTA BARBARA

The Board of Supervisors meets concurrently as the Board of Directors of the Flood Control & Water Conservation District, Water Agency, the Santa Barbara Fund for Public and Educational Access and other Special Districts.

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9:00 A.M. Convened to Regular Session

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Meeting

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

County Executive Officer's Report

25-00001

County Executive Officer's Report: Receive a report from the County Executive Officer (CEO) on County programs, County staff updates and achievements, staff recognitions, updates on major projects, updates on state and federal legislation, and upcoming events of interest to the Board and the public. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff; and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

County Executive Officer, Mona Miyasato, announced the following:

The Santa Barbara County Elections Office reminds voters of several convenient options to return their ballots for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. This is a special election, and there is only one proposition on the ballot. All registered voters received a Vote-by-Mail ballot in early October and may return it by mail, at any official drop box, or in person on Election Day. Voters can find their assigned polling place and additional election information at sbvote.com;

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has been selected to receive the Workforce Community Champion Award from the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board;

Santa Barbara County will host the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) 2025 Policy Forum this week, October 22nd to 24th. The sold out forum will bring together state and local behavioral health leaders to discuss emerging state and federal policy issues; housing and homelessness; Medi-Cal policy changes; and implementation of key legislation; and

Seventh video in the county's 175th Anniversary Video Series - County's Clerk-Recorder's Archives. The videos in this series are played on Channel 20 throughout the week and are highlighted in our monthly county newsletter, on the CSBTv YouTube page, and on our social media channels in both English and Spanish.

Administrative Agenda

All matters listed hereunder constitute a consent agenda, and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Board. Matters listed on the Administrative Agenda will be read only on the request of a member of the Board or the public, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Administrative Agenda and considered as a separate item.

Resolutions to be Presented**A-1) SUPERVISOR LEE****[25-00905](#)**

Adopt a Resolution honoring the 25th Anniversary of Adelante Charter School.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-235

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Administrative Items**A-2) AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND WEIGHTS & MEASURES 25-00904
DEPARTMENT**

Consider recommendations regarding Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) Bulk Citrus Regulatory Program Agreement No. 25-0251-031-SF with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), as follows:

a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute an Agreement with the CDFA to receive reimbursement for services related to the ACP Bulk Citrus Program in the County of Santa Barbara for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$11,997.81; and

b) Determine that the above action involves government funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities and is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved, ratified and authorized; Chair to execute; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-3) COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE 25-00907

Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010832 (Majority Vote Required); and Budget Revision Request No. 0010845 (4/5 Vote Required).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-4) COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**[25-00908](#)**

Consider recommendations regarding the Animal Services Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025, as follows:

a) Accept and file the FY 2024-2025 Annual Report summarizing operational levels of Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) and highlighting the accomplishments of those engaged in the support of animals and people across the county; and

b) Determine that the recommended action is not a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is exempt per CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), because the recommended action consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Lee Heller addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lavagnino, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Accepted and filed; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-5) GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**[25-00899](#)**

Consider recommendations regarding an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Rate Structure and Parking Resolution, as follows:

- a) Adopt a Resolution establishing EV fees relating to public use of electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) in Countywide parking lots; and
- b) Determine that the adoption of the Resolution is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21080(b)(8) of the California Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1), (2), (3) and (4).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted; and

RESOLUTION NO. 25-236

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-6) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**[25-00874](#)**

Receive and file the ITAM-0551 Artificial Intelligence Policy approved by the Executive Information Technology Council (EITC) on September 24, 2025.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be withdrawn from the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-7) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT25-00900

Consider recommendations regarding a Famcon Pipe and Supply Rezone (23RZN-00001), as follows:

- a) Make the required findings for approval of the Rezone Ordinance (Case No. 23RZN-00001);
- b) Adopt an Ordinance to approve a Rezone (Case No. 23RZN-00001) amending the Santa Barbara County Zoning Map of the County Land Use and Development Code to change Assessor's Parcel Numbers 107-150-021 and 107-150-022 from Highway Commercial (CH) to General Commercial (C-3); and
- c) Determine that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed to the Famcon Pipe and Supply Rezone, no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the Famcon Pipe and Supply Rezone is undertaken, and no new circumstances or information of substantial importance has come to light regarding the environmental effects of the Famcon Pipe and Supply Rezone, and therefore the proposed action is within the scope of the Final Mitigated Declaration (Case No. 24NGD-00011) adopted by the Board of Supervisors, on August 26, 2025, and on file with the Clerk of the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved;

b) Adopted; and

ORDINANCE NO. 5268

c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-8) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**25-00903**

Consider recommendations regarding a report on Case No. 25EMP-00004: Alta Community Investment XI Demolition Emergency Permit, 6757 Del Playa Drive, Isla Vista, Third District, as follows:

- a) Receive and file a report on Emergency Permit Case No. 25EMP-00004, approved by the Director of Planning and Development on August 20, 2025, which authorized demolition of a two-story residential duplex deemed unsafe due to active bluff erosion; and
- b) Determine that receiving and filing this report is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it is an administrative government activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Received and filed; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-9) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT[25-00909](#)

Consider recommendations regarding the CASMALIA 4, LLC Agricultural Replacement Contract, Casmalia area, Fourth District, as follows:

- a) Adopt a Resolution creating Agricultural Preserve No. 24AGP-00014 consisting of 515.82 acres located at Black Road in the Casmalia area (APNs 113-270-013, 113-270-018, 113-270-019, and 113-280-010);
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Agricultural Preserve Replacement Contract No. 24AGP-00014;
- c) Authorize recordation by the Clerk of the Board; and
- d) Find that the proposed action is an administrative activity of the County that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a “project” as defined for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 25-237

b) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;

c) Authorized; and

d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-10) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**25-00910**

Consider recommendations regarding the Chevron USA, Inc. County-Initiated Nonrenewal of Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 70-AP-062, Casmalia Area, Fourth District, as follows:

a) Receive and consider the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee (APAC) recommendation of nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve Contract 70-AP-062 due to noncompliance with the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones, Rule 6-2 [Transfer of Ownership of Contracted Land];

b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Notice of Nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve Contract 70-AP-062;

c) Direct Planning and Development (P&D) to serve the Notice of Nonrenewal, and direct the Clerk of the Board to record and distribute copies of the Notice of Nonrenewal as specified in the Board Agenda Letter; and

d) Determine that the actions above are government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are therefore not projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Lavagnino, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) through d) No action taken; and

The Board referred the matter back to the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee (APAC) to engage with the landowner and conduct another hearing before returning to the Board with a new County-initiated Notice of Nonrenewal.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-11) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**25-00911**

Consider recommendations regarding the Ballard Ranch LLC County-Initiated Notice of Nonrenewal of Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 16-AP-018, Solvang Area, Third District, as follows:

- a) Receive and consider the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee (APAC) recommendation of nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 16-AP-018 due to noncompliance with the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones, specifically Uniform Rule 1-2.3, Commercial Production and Reporting Requirements;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Notice of Nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 16-AP-018;
- c) Direct Planning and Development to serve the Notice of Nonrenewal, and direct the Clerk of the Board to record and distribute copies of the Notice of Nonrenewal as specified in the Board Agenda Letter; and
- d) Determine that the actions above are government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are therefore not projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and approved;**
- b) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;**
- c) Directed; and**
- d) Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-12) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**25-00912**

Consider recommendations regarding Ballard Ranch LLC County-Initiated Notice of Nonrenewal of Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 16-AP-017, Solvang Area, Third District, as follows:

- a) Receive and consider the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee (APAC) recommendation of nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 16-AP-017 due to noncompliance with the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones, specifically Uniform Rule 2-3.2 Principal Boarding and Breeding;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Notice of Nonrenewal for Agricultural Preserve Contract No. 16-AP-017;
- c) Direct Planning and Development to serve the Notice of Nonrenewal, and direct the Clerk of the Board to record and distribute copies of the Notice of Nonrenewal as specified in the Board Agenda Letter; and
- d) Determine that the actions above are government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are therefore not projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and approved;**
- b) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;**
- c) Directed; and**
- d) Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-13) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**25-00913**

Consider recommendations regarding a First Amendment to the Agreement for Services with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for Utility Scale Solar Amendments Project, as follows:
(4/5 Vote Required)

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. BC24216 with ESA to provide professional services in the preparation of Utility-Scale Solar Amendments, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, to modify the scope of work to include two additional sections to the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adjusting the total contract amount by \$49,151.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$552,136.00; and

b) Determine that the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor and the Board of Supervisors' actions are not a project and, therefore, are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Approved, authorized; Chair to execute; and directed staff to include in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scope an evaluation of potential groundwater contamination resulting from a battery fire, along with possible mitigation measures; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-14) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LAGUNA
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

[25-00901](#)

Consider recommendations regarding the initiation of annexation to Laguna County Sanitation District of parcels owned by Santa Maria Public Airport District, County of Santa Barbara, and City of Santa Maria, Fourth District, as follows:

Acting as the Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District:

- a) Adopt a Resolution initiating proceedings to annex territory known as APNs 111-231-004, 111-231-008, 111-231-009, 111-231-010, 111-231-011, 111-231-018, 111-231-019, and 111-391-022 to the Laguna County Sanitation District; and
- b) Determine that the adoption of a Resolution to initiate annexation is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, CCR Section 15378 (b)(5), finding that the action consists of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be withdrawn from the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-15) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WATER AGENCY

[25-00915](#)

Consider recommendations regarding the Annual Groundwater Basins Summary Report, as follows:

Acting as the Board of Directors, Water Agency:

- a) Receive and file the Santa Barbara County 2025 Groundwater Basins Summary Report; and
- b) Determine that the Santa Barbara County 2025 Groundwater Basins Summary Report is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b) (5), as it is an administrative action that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment, and 15306 as information collection which does not result in serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

Acting as the Board of Directors, Water Agency:

- a) Received and filed; and**
- b) Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-16) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**25-00916**

Consider recommendations regarding a Request for Waiver of Competitive Bidding of Van Dyk Recycling Solutions Equipment for the ReSource Center; Third District, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

a) Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to waive competitive bidding requirements per County Code Section 2-39(c) to procure proprietary waste processing equipment from Van Dyk Recycling Solutions, in an amount not to exceed to \$753,652.65 through June 30, 2026;

b) Approve Budget Revision Request No.0010826 increasing appropriations in Capital Assets in the amount of \$62,000.00 in the Public Works Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division's Enterprise Fund for the current Fiscal Year of 2025-2026, which is funded by the release of Retained Earnings; and

c) Determine that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no substantial changes are proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures have occurred, and therefore, the recommended action is within the scope of the prior environmental review documents for this project, the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (12EIR-00000-000020) SCH #2012041068 and Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016 certified by the County of Santa Barbara on July 12, 2016, Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017) certified by the County of Santa Barbara on November 14, 2017 and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Authorized; and

b) and c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-17) SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM**25-00906**

Approve the certification of the election results dated October 1, 2025, for the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS) Board of Retirement, including the election of Michael T. Daly as the General Second Member, Julius Abanise as the General Third Member, and Paul Uhl and Frederick Tan as the Safety Seventh Member and Alternate Safety Seventh Member, respectively.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-18) SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**25-00902**

Consider recommendations regarding a Resolution for authorization to apply for and accept State funding for Transitional Housing Program - Round 7 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program - Round 4, as follows:

a) Adopt a Resolution regarding the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development Transitional Housing Program Round 7 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Round 4 funds including the application for and acceptance of the Transitional Housing Program and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Funds; and

b) Determine that the approval of the recommended action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), since the recommended action is a government administrative activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted; and

RESOLUTION NO. 25-238

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Board of Supervisors**A-19) SUPERVISOR CAPPS****25-00922**

Consider recommendations regarding a loan of \$300,000.00 from the Isla Vista In-Lieu Parking Fee Program to fund startup costs for the Isla Vista Community Services District's parking compliance program in Isla Vista, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for a Parking Compliance Program in Isla Vista;
- b) Adopt a Resolution Approving a Loan for the Isla Vista Community Services District's Parking Compliance Program;
- c) Approve and Authorize the Chair to execute the Loan Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Isla Vista Community Services District;
- d) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0010714 to establish appropriations of \$300,000.00 in the Planning and Development Department's Isla Vista In-Lieu Parking Fee Fund for a loan to the Isla Vista Community Services District to establish a Parking Compliance Program;
- e) Find that the Isla Vista Community Services District's Parking Compliance Program serves important public purposes of improving parking conditions and public safety in the community of Isla Vista; and
- f) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Jonathan Abboud, Spencer Brandt and Peter Neushul addressed the Board

A motion was made by Supervisor Capps, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute;**
- b) Adopted;**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-239

- c) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and**
- d) through f) Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Hearing Requests

A-20) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

[25-00919](#)

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the Environmental Defense Center (EDC) and Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) appeals of the Planning Commission's October 30, 2024 approval of the Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU), Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company (POPCO) Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System Final Development Plan (FDP) Permits, as follows:

(Set a hearing for November 4, 2025. Time estimate: 3 hours)

- a) Deny the appeals, Case Nos. 24APL-00025 and 24APL-00026;
- b) Make the required findings for approval of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
- c) Determine the requests are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5); and
- d) Grant de novo approval of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits, subject to the Conditions of Approval; or
- e) Alternatively, the Board could provide other direction to staff to prepare findings to reverse or modify the Planning Commission's approval.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be set for a hearing, as follows: November 4, 2025 in Santa Barbara (EST. TIME 3 HRS.). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

A-21) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT[25-00918](#)

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the adoption of a proposed Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance for the Public Works Department services, as follows:

(Set a hearing for November 18, 2025. Time estimate: 45 minutes)

a) Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance updating transportation impact mitigation fees for the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, pertaining to the Goleta and Orcutt Planning Areas;

b) Read the title of the Ordinance into the record and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full;

c) Set a hearing for the Administrative Agenda of December 9, 2025 to consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance, as follows:

i) Adopt the Ordinance (second reading) updating transportation impact mitigation fees for the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, pertaining to the Goleta and Orcutt Planning Areas;

ii) Adopt the updated fee schedule to take effect upon the effective date of the Ordinance; and

iii) Find that the proposed actions are administrative activities of the County approving charges that are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and are therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1), not a “project” as defined for purposes of the CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and (b)(5).

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be set for a hearing, as follows: November 18, 2025 in Santa Maria (EST. TIME 45 MINS.). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Administrative Item**A-22) PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE****[25-00924](#)**

Consider recommendations regarding a Resolution Authorizing the Public Defender to apply for grant funding from the California Office of the State Public Defender's (OSPD) Expanded Public Defense Grant for the Holistic Defense Program, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

- a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Public Defender, or designee, to submit an application with the OSPD for the Expanded Public Defense (Holistic Defense) Grant Program, due October 28, 2025, for the award period of March 3, 2026 through June 1, 2028, with an anticipated award of \$850,000.00; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Adopted; and

RESOLUTION NO. 25-240

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

[25-00002](#)**Public Comment Period**

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS RESERVED FOR COMMENT ON MATTERS WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. EACH PERSON MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, FOR A TOTAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN 15 MINUTES. (Resolution No. 09-368) (25-00002)

WHEN TESTIFYING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PERSONAL ATTACKS AND OTHER DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR ARE NOT APPROPRIATE.

Re: Expressed grievances regarding individuals who speak negatively about the current administration; and promoted his book, "Black Rachel Gay for Your Husband" - Kiss the Comedian addressed the Board

Re: Expressed concern with the Sheriff inaccurately reporting on immigrant ICE Transfers - Larry Behreadt addressed the Board

Re: Expressed concerns about veterans' exposure to toxic chemicals and the lasting effects on their health and on their families; also expressed concerns regarding 5G technology, smart meters, and lithium batteries as potential fire hazards - Renny Strong addressed the Board

12:00 P.M. Recessed to Closed Session

Closed Session

25-00923

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9)

Deciding whether to initiate civil litigation: 4 cases.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54957)

County Fire Chief.

Report from Closed Session

County Counsel, Rachel Van Mullem announced the following:

In Closed Session, the Board considered a decision to initiate litigation as to 4 cases. The Board authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation on 1 case, the details of which will be disclosed once the action is formally commenced to any person upon inquiry.

Supervisors voted 4:1, in favor of initiating litigation, with Supervisor Nelson abstaining.

Departmental Agenda
Planning Items and Public Hearings

1) **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

25-00917

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the California Coastal Commission's conditional certification of an amendment to the Local Coastal Program (LCP) regarding the Cannabis Odor Ordinance Amendments, as follows: (EST. TIME 45 MIN.)

- a) Receive notice of the California Coastal Commission's conditional certification of an amendment to the County's LCP (Coastal Commission Case No. LCP-4-STB-25-0017-1 Part D);
- b) Adopt a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the California Coastal Commission's conditional certification with modifications, accepting and agreeing to the suggested modifications, agreeing to issue Coastal Development Permits for the total area included in the conditionally certified LCP, and adopting the LCP Amendment with the four suggested modifications;
- c) Determine that the Board's action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15265; and
- d) Direct the Planning and Development Department to transmit the adopted Resolution to the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 9:51 AM - 9:57 AM (6 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lee, seconded by Supervisor Nelson, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;**
- b) Adopted;**

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- c) Approved; and**
- d) Directed.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

2) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT[25-00914](#)

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the status of orphan and idle wells in Santa Barbara County, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

a) Receive and file a report on the status of orphan and idle wells in the County of Santa Barbara; and

b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

HEARING TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:54 AM (54 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Colin Jones, Katie Davis, Haley Ehlers, Michael Chiacus, and Ramon Elias addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Received and filed; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

3) COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

[25-00921](#)

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the framework, approach and budget to phaseout oil and gas operations, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR. 30 MIN.)

a) Authorize staff to initiate work on developing an ordinance to prohibit drilling of new oil and gas wells and to initiate work on preparing a Request for Proposals to undertake an amortization study to determine an appropriate period to phase out existing oil and gas facilities/operations;

b) Direct Planning and Development Department staff to add this project to the Long-Range Planning Annual Work Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and adjust work on other projects, as necessary;

c) Provide additional direction to staff regarding the framework and/or approach; and

d) Determine that the proposed actions are not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because providing direction to staff is an organizational or administrative activity of the government that itself will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 11:16 AM - 2:14 PM (2 HR. AND 58 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Molly McCoy, Michal Lynch, Bill Woodbridge, Eleanor Thomas, Seth Steiner, Tara Rengifo, ilonka zlatar, Joseph Silvi, Tevin Schmitt, Sneha Namboodiri, Ramon Elias, Dr. Lee Heller, Emily Engel, Lauren Leland, Gabriel Vasquez, Patrick Vigrant, Rex Bein, Phil Daily, John Hochlevtner, Libby Rodriguez, Johanna Rodriguez Escobar, Justin Martin, Rich Field, Carmen Rhodes, Alex Gutierrez, Tony Padilla, Tito Lara, Phillip Brown, Maureen Ellenberger, Jon Ullman, Colin Jones, Nancy Avoce, Ted Cordova, Haley Ehlers, Kevin Ivey, Katie Davis, Edward Hazard, Nikki Talebi, Julie McCaslin, Erik Vasquez, Tatianna Suriel, Albert Oaten, Michael Chiacos, Olivia Simonson speaking for Randy Mosual, Brian Garcia, Pancho, Ben Oakley, Mike Ombro, and Paasha Mahdavi addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Authorized;

b) Directed;

c) Provided additional direction to staff, as follows: (1) Amortization Study order of priority: (i) Idle Wells; (ii) Health Protection Zones; (iii) Over Watersheds; and (iv) Anything outside of the Health Protection Zone; and (2) Second Phase Objectives: (i) Job Study; and (ii) Cost; and

d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Hartmann

Noes: 2 - Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Adjourned at 4:35 PM

Adjourned to

Special Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2025

County Administration Building

Board Hearing Room

105 East Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor

Santa Barbara

Challenges

IF YOU CHALLENGE A DETERMINATION MADE ON A MATTER ON THIS AGENDA IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT, OR PRIOR TO, THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Announcements

The meeting of Tuesday, October 21, 2025 will be telecast live on County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20 at 9:00 AM, and will be rebroadcast on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:00 PM and on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 10:00 AM on CSBTV Channel 20.

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