



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

June 9, 2026

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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 26-00468

RE: Consider recommendations regarding an appointment and employment contract with the incoming County Executive Officer, Jana Peterson, as follows:

a) Appoint Jana Petersen to the position of Santa Barbara County Executive Officer effective August 20, 2026, at an annual salary of \$380,000.00 per year, which is within the existing salary range for the position;

b) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the employment contract with Ms. Petersen setting forth the salary, other compensation and fringe benefits, and terms and conditions of her employment; and

c) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), finding that the action is an administrative activity of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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

a) Appointed;

b) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and

c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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