

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF
RECOMMENDING THE APPLICATION OF
ZONA SECA TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR A LICENSE TO
OPERATE A DRIVING-UNDER- THE-INFLUENCE
PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-122

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 11836 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 9795 et seq. set forth both state and county responsibilities with respect to driving-under-the-influence (“DUI”) programs; and

WHEREAS, required licenses to conduct DUI programs are issued by the California Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”); and

WHEREAS, applications for licenses to operate DUI programs must be recommended to DHCS by the county where the program will be located in order for DHCS to consider issuing such a license; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 9805, in August 2025, the Department of Behavioral Wellness (“BWell”) conducted an analysis of DUI program needs in North County using objective criteria, including population changes, DUI conviction trends, program licensure status, and underserved populations, and determined that there is a need for a new DUI program in the City of Santa Maria based on demonstrated population growth of more than 30,000 residents in northern Santa Barbara County over the past decade, increases in DUI arrests, a growing population of individuals who speak languages other than English or Spanish, and a significant rise in alcohol-involved crashes, and further determined that establishment of an additional DUI program in Santa Maria will not jeopardize the fiscal integrity of existing licensed DUI programs; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2025, BWell released a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) to solicit proposals from qualified organizations to provide DUI Program Services, including Wet and Reckless (12-hour) DUI education program for individuals ages 18-20 and 21 years of age or older, First Offender DUI programs of three-, six-, and nine-month durations, and an 18-month Multiple Offender program; and

WHEREAS, in December 2025, the BWell DUI RFP Evaluation Committee reviewed submitted proposals and selected Zona Seca as the recommended provider to seek licensure from DHCS to operate a Wet and Reckless and First Offender DUI program in the City of Santa Maria, California; and

WHEREAS, in December 2025, the BWell DUI RFP Evaluation Committee reviewed submitted proposals and did not select a bidder to provide an 18-month Multiple Offenders DUI program; and

WHEREAS, the County Alcohol Program Administrator and the County of Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Commission, as the County Alcohol Advisory Board, have reviewed the application for licensure as a Wet and Reckless and First Offender DUI program in the City

of Santa Maria, California, and submitted their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 9, section 9810.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of the County of Santa Barbara, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors has reviewed both the application of Zona Seca for licensure as a Wet and Reckless and First Offender driving-under-the-influence program in the City of Santa Maria, California and comments from the County of Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Commission;
2. The Board of Supervisors has determined all of the following: There is a need for a new driving-under-the-influence program in the City of Santa Maria, California based on objective measurable criteria, the establishment of an additional driving-under-the-influence program will not jeopardize the fiscal integrity of existing licensed driving-under-the-influence programs, and the programmatic and fiscal integrity of Zona Seca; and
3. The application of Zona Seca for licensure as a Wet and Reckless and First Offender driving-under-the-influence program in the City of Santa Maria, California is hereby recommended to the California Department of Health Care Services.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County Santa Barbara, State of California, on this 12th day of May, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Lee, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagino

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

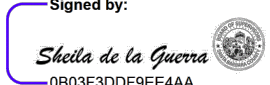
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

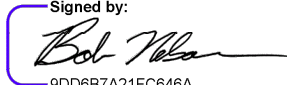
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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 Bob Nelson, Chair
 Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM

COUNTY COUNSEL

Signed by: 
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 Deputy County Counsel