

**County of Santa Barbara**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



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*First District - Roy Lee*  
*Second District - Laura Capps*  
*Third District - Joan Hartmann*  
*Fourth District - Bob Nelson*  
*Fifth District - Steve Lavagnino*

*Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer*

**Action Summary**

**Monday, January 5, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**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**

**Supervisor Nelson participated from the following remote location:**

**Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)  
1215 K Street Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino  
**Absent:** 1 - Supervisor Hartmann

**Pledge of Allegiance****County Executive Officer's Report**

**[26-00001](#)**

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.

**No report from the County Executive Officer, Mona Miyasato.**

[26-00002](#)**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) (26-00002)*

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

**Re: Expressed concerns about county budget allocations and spending practices - Karen Hauenstein addressed the Board**

**Re: Expressed appreciation to first responders for their efforts during the recent storms and conveyed condolences for the loss of life in the community - Erica Reyes on behalf of Representative Salud Carbajal addressed the Board**

**Recessed to Closed Session****Closed Session****26-00008**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9)

Sable Offshore Corp. et al. v. County of Santa Barbara et al., U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case Number 2:25cv04165.

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

Deciding whether to initiate civil litigation: 1 case.

**Karen Hauenstein, Erica Reyes on behalf of Representative Salud Carbajal, Lee Danielson, and Thomas Becker addressed the Board.**

**Report from Closed Session**

**No reportable action taken.**

**Adjourned at 10:22 AM**

**Adjourned to**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**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 Monday, January 5, 2026 will be telecast live on County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20 at 9:00 AM, and will be rebroadcast on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 5:00 PM and on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM on CSBTV Channel 20.*

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