



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

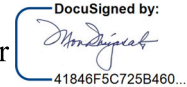
Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s):
Contact Info: Nancy Anderson, Assistant County Executive Officer



SUBJECT: 2022 CSAC Challenge Award Nominations

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- A) Authorize the County Executive Officer to sign and submit a letter of endorsement for the County’s entries into the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2022 Challenge Awards competition.
- B) Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they are government fiscal, organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary:

This item is on the Board’s agenda to endorse the submittal of entries into the CSAC Challenge Awards competition by authorizing the County Executive Officer to sign the required letter of endorsement.

Background:

Each year the California State Association of Counties holds a competition (the Challenge Awards) to recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments in finding new and effective ways to provide programs and services to their residents. Projects or programs must have been in existence for at least one year and will be evaluated based on innovation, uniqueness, cost- effectiveness and ease of replication. The County proposes to submit the following entries:

- **County Executive Office: Renew '22**

In 2017, the County of Santa Barbara initiated Renew 2022—a multi-year initiative for organizational transformation—to prepare for the challenges of the future and ensure long-term financial and operational resiliency. Each year, the County presents an annual report to the Board of Supervisors. As we reach the close of 2022, County staff are preparing a final summary report of the Renew '22 initiatives over the past five years. For the FY 21-22 year, the Renew '22 created a video report that highlighted progress and collective achievements toward building a more innovative and resilient County organization.

- **County Executive Office: Health and Human Services Recovery Plan**

Santa Barbara County's COVID-19 Health and Human Services (HHS) Recovery and Resiliency Strategies is a 3-year effort (2021-2024) designed to support and provide structure to recovery activities and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the vulnerable, under resourced and underserved within the County. The goal was to create recovery focus areas to ensure that current and future County services not only support all individuals through the current crisis, but also lift the marginalized and underserved above the pre-COVID-19 experience.

- **Public Works: The Montecito Community Trails Partnership**

The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department collaborated with the non-profit Bucket Brigade to build a network of pedestrian facilities in Montecito in response to a debris flow to the Montecito Community in 2018. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and massive amounts of infrastructure were damaged. The Montecito Neighborhood Trails Partnership paired the unique assets of the Bucket Brigade, a local non-profit, with those of the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department to develop and build over 2.2 miles of pedestrian paths along high-volume travel routes throughout the community and includes ADA-friendly decomposed granite pathways along main thoroughfares, informal compacted shale trails along side roads, and nature trails through open spaces and parks.

- **Emergency Management: Radio Ready Program**

The Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management (SBCOEM) is enhancing the County's "Radio Ready" program by implementing low wattage AM radio station networks to broadcast "blue skies" emergency preparedness messages and real-time emergency and disaster public information 24/7 in English and Spanish. Establishing two radio station networks in both the north and south county will result in capabilities of broadcasting year-round preparedness messages and real-time emergency information 24/7 to surrounding communities.

- **Community Services Department: Encampment Response Strategy Program**

The Encampment Response Strategy Program is a 3-year effort (2021-2024) with the goal of resolving 45 homeless encampments across the County, by relying on a system of care which includes providing shelter and increasing the number of interim housing beds, leveraging long-term rental subsidies and enhanced housing navigation to create a pathway to housing, and supportive services to expand outreach and engagement, and then once community members are housed, to remain engaged with support services to keep people housed. This multi-pronged strategy has proven to resolve the unhealthy and unsafe conditions that unsheltered homeless persons are exposed to.

- **Sheriff-Coroner Office: Law Enforcement Collaborative on Mental Health**

The Behavioral Sciences Unit (BSU) at the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office has taken on the challenge of bringing a culture of well-being to the agency by creating a Wellness Team that has

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been tasked with mitigating the effects of the job for our employees. The program seeks to address mental health impacts of working in law enforcement. The wellness team includes a healthy warrior meal program, tactical fitness program, peer support, an internal wellness app, and partnerships with agencies that provide psychological services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is a \$100 entry fee per submittal. The total fee for six submittals is \$600.00.

Attachments:

Attachment A – CEO Cover Letter

Attachment B – Renew 22

Attachment C – Health and Human Services Recovery Plan

Attachment D – The Montecito Community Trails Partnership

Attachment E – Radio Ready Program

Attachment F – Encampment Response Strategy Program

Attachment G - Law Enforcement Collaborative on Mental Health

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