



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  
**For Agenda Of:** June 4, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Dennis Bozanich, Deputy County Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** CSAC 2019 Challenge Award Submissions

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

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) 2018 Challenge Awards competition.

**Summary Text:**

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:

- Department of Social Services: **OCTOPUS**  
OCTOPUS is a secure, mobile-friendly online portal for clients to send documents and messages to the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS) - 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "OCTOPUS" is an acronym (Outbound Communication Tool Online Providing Uploaded Submissions)—but more importantly the name, together with the winsome logo design we developed, helps us memorably market the service.

- **Public Works Department: Development of a Regional Waste Management Solution**  
Since 2009, the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division (RRWMD) has led the effort to develop a comprehensive regional waste management plan and facility. After consultation with our regional partners and the affected communities, aided by a broad outreach plan that included over 150 public presentations, the County chose to build an Anaerobic Digester (AD) and a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the site of the County owned and operated Tajiguas Landfill called the ReSource Center. The ReSource Center is, to the best of our knowledge, the first operation in California that will combine a large scale AD and a MRF at a landfill.
- **Public Works Department: Drone Intelligence Gathering Project**  
Santa Barbara County Public Works uses drone technology to gather information that improves decision-making, public outreach, and business with regulatory agencies and contractors. While local government has used drones for public safety or to capture footage for marketing campaigns, our program is innovative by how it uses the technology for infrastructure maintenance.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative: There is a \$75 entry fee per submittal.

**Attachments:**

ATTACHMENT A – OCTOPUS

ATTACHMENT B – Development of a Regional Waste Management Solution

ATTACHMENT C – Drone Intelligence Gathering Program

**Authored by:** Dennis Bozanich, Deputy County Executive Officer