



**BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors**

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**Submitted on:  
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**Department** County Executive  
**Name:** Office  
**Department No.:** 012  
**Agenda Date:** May 13, 2025  
**Placement:** Set-Hearing  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

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**SUBJECT:** Set Hearing for the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget for the County of Santa Barbara and Recommended Budget for the County of Santa Barbara as Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency

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**Recommended Actions:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Barbara (acting concurrently as the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Laguna County Sanitation District, Santa Barbara County Water Agency and other special districts under the supervision and control of the Board of Supervisors):

- a) Set a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget for the County of Santa Barbara, which includes the County's General Operating Budget as well as budgets of special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors, to begin Tuesday, June 17, 2025 and, if necessary, continue on Wednesday June 18, 2025;
- b) Direct the publication of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget for the purpose of conducting a budget hearing pursuant to Government Code section 29064(c); and
- c) Determine pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15378 that the above fiscal activities are not a project under CEQA.

It is also recommended that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Barbara acting as Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency:

- d) Set a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget for the County of Santa Barbara as Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency to begin Tuesday, June 17, 2025 and, if necessary, continue on Wednesday June 18, 2025;

- e) Direct the publication of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget for the County of Santa Barbara as Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of conducting a budget hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 29064(c); and
- f) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15378 that the above fiscal activities are not a project under CEQA.

**Summary Text:**

This item is before the Board to schedule budget hearings for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget for Santa Barbara County, and the Recommended Budget for Santa Barbara County as Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency for June 17 and if needed, June 18, 2025; and, if necessary, may be continued each day thereafter until concluded, through June 30, 2025.

**Background:**

Each year, the County conducts a budget hearing during which the County Executive Office (CEO) presents the annual Recommended Budget to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, amendment and adoption. During this year's hearing, the CEO will present major initiatives and funding allocations included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget and highlight any significant changes made since the April budget workshops. Budget hearings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 and, if needed, will continue on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Hearings may be continued each day thereafter, if necessary, through June 30, 2025. After the conclusion of the hearing on the recommended budget, and not later than June 30, the Board shall adopt the budget by resolution.

In accordance with the County Budget Act, the recommended budgets for the County of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara as Successor Agency to the former County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency will be made available to the public by being posted on the County's website at [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org) by Friday, May 30, 2025, and will be available in hard copy for public review beginning on May 30, 2025, at the Clerk of the Board Office (105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407, Santa Barbara, California) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. A copy will also be available at the County's Fifth District Office at 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.

Budget hearings and availability of the recommended budgets will be noticed (**Attachment A**) no later than Thursday, May 30, 2025, in the Santa Barbara News-Press, Lompoc Record, Santa Ynez News, and the Santa Maria Times.

<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
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<p>The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors currently provides in-person participation as well as virtual participation until further notice. For current methods of public participation for the meetings of June 17 and June 18, 2025, please see page two (2) of the posted agenda. The posted agenda will be available on the Thursday prior to the above referenced meeting for a more specific time for this item. However, the order of the agenda may be rearranged, or the item may be continued.</p>
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**Ongoing Contracts**

In order to efficiently manage the Board's agenda, a list of ongoing contracts by department will be presented at budget hearings with a recommendation that the Board approve, as a group, their renewal for FY 2025-26. This process only applies to single-year contracts and does not apply to multi-year contracts. To qualify for this process:

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1. All contract terms and conditions, including contract scope of work, must remain unchanged from the prior contract; and
2. The value of the contract cannot change by more than 10% from the prior year.

Ongoing contracts in amounts that exceed a change of 10% must be individually presented to the Board for approval. If rates or units of service change, the contract may qualify for the ongoing contracts process if these changes are clearly disclosed on the ongoing contracts list.

#### **Board Inquiry Forms**

Members of the Board of Supervisors may have questions that the CEO can answer prior to the budget hearing. A Board Inquiry Form, included as Attachment B to this letter, is intended to facilitate such inquiries between now and the budget hearing on June 17, 2025. Inquiry forms may be submitted by the Board to the CEO via email. Completed inquiry forms, which include staff's response will be posted to the County's website at [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org) for communication and recordkeeping purposes, and to provide the Board and the public with consistent information throughout budget deliberations.

#### **Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board is requested to arrange for published notice of the budget hearings and availability of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budgets in The Santa Barbara Independent, Lompoc Record, Santa Ynez Valley News, and the Santa Maria Times to be published no later than Thursday, May 30, 2025.

#### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Notice of Public Hearing

**Attachment B** – Board Inquiry Form

#### **Authored by:**

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#### **Cc:**

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