

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator

**STAFF CONTACT:** Shirley Moore  
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**SUBJECT:** 2003 California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Award Entries

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt resolution endorsing the five (5) Santa Barbara County entries submitted for the 2003 CSAC Challenge Awards, as follows: 1) Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health's "Isla Vista Alcohol & Other Drug Council (Council); 2) General Services' "Emergency Contact System"; 3) Public Health's "Preventive Health Care for the Aged (PHCA)"; 4) Public Works' "Santa Barbara County Green Team"; and 5) Public Works' "Montecito Creek Debris Basin"

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal #1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

We request your Board's concurrence and endorsement of the 5 Santa Barbara County entries submitted for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2003 Challenge Awards Program. These annual awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments for finding new and effective ways of providing programs and services to their citizens.

Last year in 2002, 170 entries were submitted by 36 counties statewide. Of the 170 entries, 11 outstanding programs were selected to receive 2002 Challenge awards, plus there were 13 merit award winners. Santa Barbara County submitted 4 entries, including the award winning "Fire Safety Outreach Program" submitted by the Fire Department, and the merit award recognition of the "Santa Barbara Assets and Risks Assessment (SB ARA)" submitted by the Probation Department.

Our 2003 entries are:

1. Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health: “Isla Vista Alcohol & Other Drug Council (Council)”: This is a community-based coalition created to develop, recommend and advocate for policies that will change community conditions that contribute towards alcohol and other drug problems in Isla Vista.
2. General Services: “Emergency Contact System”. The General Services Department developed a web-enabled emergency contact management system that allows authorized updaters to create, modify and delete emergency contact information online.
3. Public Health: “Preventive Health Care for the Aged (PHCA)”. PHCA is a health promotion/disease prevention and chronic disease management program for older adult residents in Santa Barbara County aged 55 and over.
4. Public Works: “Santa Barbara County Green Team”. The Green Team is an interdepartmental effort that promotes environmental stewardship in County operations resulting in significant cost savings, reduced impact on local natural resources and improved relationships with local environmental groups.
5. Public Works: “Montecito Creek Debris Basin”. Construction of the Montecito Creek Debris Basin, required due to recurrent flooding, incorporates innovative techniques that address significant environmental and aesthetic challenges.

We are proud to add our innovative, cost-effective programs to CSAC’s ongoing recognition effort. We thank the department heads and staff who have submitted entries, all of which deserve an award.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

Participation in the CSAC Challenge Award Program is an optional activity. The program provides for statewide recognition of exemplary Santa Barbara County programs. The Challenge Award Program is also an opportunity for examining new and best practices around the State.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

A total cost of \$175.00 (\$35.00 per entry) is being paid for by the County Administrator’s Office.

#### **Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board is requested to deliver an executed copy of the resolution to the County Administrator.

#### **Enclosures:**

Five Challenge Award entries from General Services, Public Health, and Public Works Departments.

cc: All Department Heads