



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

March 11, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00179

RE: Consider recommendations regarding revisions to the Encampment Response Protocol, as follows:

a) Approve and adopt the following revisions to the Encampment Response Protocol:

i) Remove the requirement to identify or provide alternative shelter before posting notices referencing the potential for enforcement of applicable County ordinances to clear an encampment in any waterway or other areas where it presents a threat to public health and safety;

ii) Reduce, from 72 hours to 48 hours, the period of time during which notices are required to be posted regarding the removal of personal property from unauthorized encampment sites in the enforcement of applicable County ordinances; and

iii) Reduce, from 90 days to 60 days, the duration of the County's commitment to store personal property removed from unauthorized encampment sites in the enforcement of applicable County ordinances; and

b) Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Gina Quiroz addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Lavagnino, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) i) through iii) **Approved and adopted; and**

b) **Approved.**

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino