

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2026, 9:00AM AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

**LAND USE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026, 9:00 AM**

Order of Business

- A. Roll Call to Reconvene from Tuesday, March 24, 2026
- B. Closed Session Report
- C. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Individuals can address the Board on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, each person may speak at only one Non-Agenda Public Communication session per meeting. Speakers can choose to speak during either the General Legislative or Land Use Legislative Session.
- D. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Sanitation District of March 3, 2026.
- E. Consent Agenda
- F. Discussion Items

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## **Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All agenda items listed under this section are considered to be routine and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Chief Administrative Officer so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately in its normal sequence.

<b>Agenda #</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY-FUNDED TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY LE SAGE RESTORATION PROJECT, AND ADOPT RELATED CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE CHECKLIST (4 VOTES)

2. SET A HEARING FOR APRIL 22, 2026:  
IRON MOUNTAIN COUNTY PRESERVE - APPROVE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 380 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVE FROM POWAY IRON MOUNTAIN ESTATES AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION ([3/25/2026] - SET HEARING; [4/22/2026] - HOLD HEARING)
3. UPDATE ON THE ENERGY SUPPLY STUDY AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
4. ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PRESIOCA STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFER GRANT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD SUPPORTING THE CAMERON CORNERS WATER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
6. GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A HIGHWAY SLOPE EASEMENT IN THE FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA DETERMINATION (VAC 2025-0056)
7. ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR GOLF CLUB DRIVE GREEN STREET PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
8. LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- | <b>Agenda #</b> | <b>Subject</b>   |
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| 9.              | TAKING ACTION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) FOR PRIVATE SPORTS FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS |
| 10.             | 2025 GENERAL PLAN & HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION                                      |

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**1. SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY-FUNDED TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY LE SAGE RESTORATION PROJECT, AND ADOPT RELATED CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE CHECKLIST (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego's (County) Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) is located near the United States/Mexico border, adjacent to the Nestor community in the City of San Diego and the City of Imperial Beach. The TRVRP encompasses approximately 1,800 acres of land west of Interstate 5 and includes 22.5 miles of multi-use trails, a bird and butterfly garden, the County's largest community garden, baseball fields, soccer fields, and natural open space. The County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) manages the recreation spaces and actively works to restore habitat and wetland areas within the TRVRP. The park is part of the County's South County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), a long-term, regional habitat conservation program focused on balancing the protection of plant and animal species with recreation, development, and agricultural activities within the San Diego region.

In September 2025, DPR received \$1 million in grant funding from the United States Navy, Naval Base Coronado Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program for habitat restoration and monitoring of about 19 acres within the TRVRP with mutual benefit to the Naval Base and the County. The Navy's REPI Program provides funding to other federal agencies, State, and local governments, and non-profit organizations to avoid land use conflicts near military installations and increase military resilience. Specifically, the Program funds land conservation efforts, including land acquisitions, conservation easements, and habitat restoration that provide a greater natural buffer for military installations and activities. The REPI Program does not fund development of new facilities, infrastructure projects, or projects on Navy-owned lands. Since September 2025, DPR has been working on planning, environmental review, and design for the project. This site, which is County-owned and managed by DPR, currently contains dilapidated structures, debris, and non-native plants. The proposed project will remove the structures and debris and restore the habitat to support the County's MSCP. The restoration activities and addition of vegetation will have a positive impact on the community by reducing urban heat island effects, improving air quality, improving safety, and increasing infiltration during rain events. The Navy also benefits from the project because it involves the development of off-base natural infrastructure solutions to protect critical military infrastructure from climate change impacts. By improving habitat and other conditions in the TRVRP, the project will help to support climate resilience and natural resource management adjacent to the Naval Base.

The REPI Program requires these funds to be captured in an interest-bearing trust fund to maximize the funding. Therefore, while the funding has already been received by DPR, the creation of a trust fund is needed to meet grant requirements. Additionally, the proposed habitat restoration project is a new capital project, so a new capital project needs to be created, and appropriations established to allow DPR to complete work with the REPI funding. The planning phase for the proposed project is complete and was funded with a \$520,168 grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Today's proposed actions are to: authorize DPR to establish a trust fund with the grant funding received from the United States, Naval Base Coronado and enter into necessary agreements regarding use of grant funding; establish a capital project and associated appropriations; and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to advertise and award a construction contract for the Capital Project 1027997, Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration Project. Construction costs are estimated at \$1 million, including contingency. If approved, construction is expected to begin in Fall 2026 and is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2027. Newly restored areas require initial maintenance and monitoring by a habitat specialist, which would continue for up to three years following restoration installation. Funding for this maintenance and monitoring is included in the construction costs, funded by the Navy through the grant-required trust fund. After initial maintenance and monitoring are complete, the site will be managed by DPR staff, and no additional work will be needed.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the Initial Study (IS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Habitat Restoration Plan (State Clearinghouse No. 2023110494) on file with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State and County CEQA Guidelines.

Find that there are no changes in the project, or, in the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, that involve significant new impacts which were not considered in the previously adopted IS/MND dated March 1, 2024. Furthermore, find that there is no substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects, that no new information of substantial importance has become available since the IS/MND was adopted, as explained in the Environmental Review Update Checklist (dated November 25, 2025), and that the previously adopted IS/MND is therefore adequate without modification.

2. Direct the Auditor and Controller to establish a separate interest-bearing trust fund for a habitat restoration and monitoring fund received by DPR, with interest earnings allocated and distributed to the new fund.
3. Establish appropriations of \$1,000,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund, for Capital Project 1027997, Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration Project, based on existing funding received from the United States Navy, Naval Base Coronado (\$1,000,000). **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to execute all required grant documents, including the Cooperative Agreement and Encroachment Protection Agreement with the Navy and any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
5. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and take any other action authorized by Section 401 et seq. of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for the construction of Capital Project 1027997, Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration Project.

6. Designate the Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, as the County of San Diego Officer responsible for administering the construction contract for the construction of Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration Project in accordance with Section 430.4 of the County Code of Administrative Ordinances and Board Policy F-41, *Public Works Construction Projects*.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Tijuana River Valley Regional Park (TRVRP) is located near the communities of Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, and Otay Mesa. These communities are identified by Senate Bill 535 (2012) and on CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Environmental Justice communities as having high pollution burdens for impaired water bodies, elevated particulate matter pollution, elevated linguistic isolation, and high poverty rates. The proposed Tijuana River Valley Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Habitat Restoration Project will remove dilapidated structures and restore about 19 acres of the TRVRP to native habitat to support threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species. The addition of this vegetation will have a positive impact on the community by reducing urban heat island effects, improving air quality, improving safety, and increasing infiltration during rain events. Urban heat island effect refers to the increase in temperature that results from the replacement of natural land cover with surfaces such as buildings, which retain heat. The proposed Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration Project will remove buildings and increase vegetation cover, which will decrease temperatures on the property and benefit surrounding areas.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration Project contributes to many of the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals, including: Goal No. 1 to engage the community; Goal No. 2 to provide just and equitable access; Goal No. 3 to transition to a green, carbon-free economy; Goal No. 4 to protect health and well-being; and Goal No. 5 to protect ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity. This project will contribute to the health and well-being of the residents of the Tijuana River Valley, an underserved community that has limited access to recreational activities and green amenities. The project will increase the native vegetation in the area, thus protecting the ecosystem, habitat, and biodiversity of the region. The addition of these plantings will contribute to the County's sustainability goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing waste.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the restoration project are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Capital Outlay Fund. If approved, this request would establish appropriations of \$1,000,000 in the Capital Outlay fund for Capital Project 1027997, Tijuana River Valley Le Sage Restoration in FY 2025-26. The funding source is existing grant funding received from the United States Navy, Naval Base Coronado (\$1,000,000). This funding has already been dedicated to the County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Prior planning work for the project has been completed and was funded by \$520,168 in grant funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

Current costs for annual operations and maintenance are funded by existing General Purpose Revenue (GPR) and included in the FY 2025-26 Operational Plan in DPR and are provided by existing DPR staff. Annual operations and maintenance costs are \$2,000 after the grant is expended, and there will be no additional ongoing costs associated with today's recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

2. **SUBJECT: SET A HEARING FOR APRIL 22, 2026:  
IRON MOUNTAIN COUNTY PRESERVE - APPROVE ACQUISITION  
OF APPROXIMATELY 380 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVE  
FROM POWAY IRON MOUNTAIN ESTATES AND RELATED CEQA  
EXEMPTION ([3/25/2026] - SET HEARING; [4/22/2026] - HOLD  
HEARING) (DISTRICT: 2)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) enhances the quality of life in San Diego County by providing exceptional parks and recreation experiences and preserving significant natural resources. A core aspect of DPR's conservation program is acquiring open space lands to balance the conservation of plant and animal species with recreation, housing, development, and agricultural activities within the San Diego region.

DPR has identified approximately 380 acres to expand the existing Iron Mountain County Preserve, contribute toward DPR's goal of acquiring 500 acres of land per year, and ensure compliance with the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) goals. If acquired, the existing approximately 160-acre Iron Mountain County Preserve (Preserve) would be expanded to approximately 540 acres, conserving Diegan coastal sage scrub, chamise chaparral, and southern mixed chaparral habitat to help protect sensitive species, including Belding's orange-throated whiptail, Blainville's horned lizard, Cooper's hawk, and mule deer. Conserving these lands also supports housing by ensuring that development can be streamlined under the MSCP permit for compatible projects.

This acquisition would enhance conservation under the MSCP set by federal and State requirements for special-status species conservation. It would also support multiple County sustainability goals, habitat and biodiversity, biological connectivity, greenhouse gas reductions, and housing. Additionally, conservation of the property would provide flood control benefits and protection of water and air quality. The acquisition will add about 380 acres to the adopted MSCP South County Subarea Plan (Plan), contributing toward the remaining 16,262 acres needed to reach the Plan's 98,379-acre conservation goal. Additional benefits include supporting the County's Climate Action Plan through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 480 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, equivalent to taking about 90 cars off the road per year.

The County entered into an Option Agreement with the Poway Iron Mountain Estates, LLC (Seller) for the purchase of approximately 380 acres identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 322-011-05-00, a portion of 322-011-06-00, 322-040-04-00, and 322-041-06-00 (Property) for the appraised value of \$4,424,000 (approximately \$11,750/acre). If approved, DPR will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Poway to manage the Property for the County.

Today's request is for the County Board of Supervisors (Board) to set a hearing for April 22, 2026, to consider approval of the purchase of the Property, and to direct the Clerk of the Board to provide public notice of the hearing. If the Board approves this request, then on April 22, 2026, after making the necessary findings, the Board will be asked to authorize the Director, Department of General Services to purchase the Property from the Seller for the appraised value of \$4,424,000. The total one-time County cost, including property acquisition, staff time, and initial stewardship is \$4,924,000. Funds for one-time costs are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan. The annual costs to manage the Property are \$74,000, including ongoing stewardship, fire abatement, and supervision of the Preserve, which are also included in the FY 2025-26 Operational Plan. The Board is also requested to authorize the Director of DPR to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Poway to manage the Property.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**On March 25, 2026:**

1. Set a hearing for April 22, 2026, for the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) to authorize the Director, Department of General Services (DGS), to exercise the Option Agreement to purchase real property identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 322-011-05-00, a portion of 322-011-06-00, 322-040-04-00, and 322-041-06-00 from the Poway Iron Mountain Estates, LLC for the appraised value of \$4,424,000.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide notice of the April 22, 2026 hearing via publication of notice as required by law.

**If, on March 25, 2026, the Board takes the actions recommended in Items 1-2 above, then on April 22, 2026:**

1. Find that the proposed acquisition of real property identified as APNs 322-011-05-00, a portion of 322-011-06-00, 322-040-04-00, and 322-041-06-00 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301, 15311, 15313, 15316, and 15325 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Director, DGS, or designee, to exercise the Option Agreement to purchase real property identified as APNs 322-011-05-00, a portion of 322-011-06-00, 322-040-04-00, and 322-041-06-00 from the Poway Iron Mountain Estates, LLC for the appraised value of \$4,424,000.
3. Authorize the Director, DGS, or designee, to execute all documents, including escrow documents, necessary to complete the purchase of real property identified as APNs 322-011-05-00, a portion of 322-011-06-00, 322-040-04-00, and 322-041-06-00.

4. Authorize the Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Poway for the City's management of the Property, and to take any actions necessary to administer the agreement.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Parks and Recreation Conservation Program's acquisition of properties with high-quality habitat is anticipated to result in positive public health impacts by improving water and air quality for all residents. The acquisition of the Property is within the community areas of Ramona and Poway and will contribute acreage to multiple sustainability efforts, including expanding the adopted MSCP South County Subarea Plan Area by approximately 380 acres and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 480 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, equivalent to taking about 90 cars off the road per year. Acquisition of conservation land reduces emissions that would have occurred if the land were developed and prevents the loss of critical habitat. Under the MSCP, the County partners with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure the unincorporated area's rich biodiversity is conserved while allowing housing development to occur through the County's permitting process. The MSCP allows private development projects that meet MSCP requirements to rely on the County's permits under the Federal Endangered Species Act, California Endangered Species Act, and State Natural Community Conservation Planning Act, eliminating the need for individual project-by-project permitting under these regulations. This streamlines development and housing timelines and reduces project costs by balancing development with conservation at a regional scale.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed acquisition will contribute to multiple County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goals. Acquisition of the approximately 380-acre property supports County Sustainability Goal No. 3 and the County's Climate Action Plan by contributing to greenhouse gas reductions by approximately 480 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year through preservation of open space. The proposed acquisition also supports County Sustainability Goal No. 4, by expanding opportunities for community members to access outdoor recreation and nature, and County Sustainability Goal No. 6 by expanding open space adjacent to native ecosystems and habitats. By conserving the property under the MSCP, this action balances regional habitat conservation with housing development by streamlining environmental permitting and focusing development in less environmentally sensitive areas. This provides more opportunities for housing development, supporting the County's General Plan goals and meeting the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Acquisition Fund and Finance Other. If approved on April 22, 2026, this request will result in total one-time project costs for the Property of \$4,924,000 in FY 2025-26, which includes \$4,424,000 for property acquisition; \$40,000 staff time and appraisal reports to complete the transaction; \$10,000 for closing and title costs; and \$450,000 in one-time land improvement costs (including \$350,000 for comprehensively updating the existing Iron Mountain County Preserve Resource Management Plan and initial species monitoring, and \$100,000 to conduct initial stewardship that features signage, access control, vegetation management, land surveying, and other supplies and services and ongoing management). The funding source is available prior year General Fund fund balance in the MSCP Acquisition Fund

(\$2,924,000) and Unlocked Reserves (\$2,000,000). On March 3, 2026 (13), the Board approved the recommendation of Unlocked Reserves for MSCP. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years in FY 2025-26.

Total annual ongoing costs for assessments, monitoring, operations, and management of the Property are estimated at \$74,000: approximately \$20,000 for adaptive management and biological monitoring, and \$54,000 for operating and management costs of the site. Ongoing costs and funding sources are included in DPR's FY 2025-26 Adopted Operational Plan based on existing General Purpose Revenue (GPR).

If approved, the County will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Poway for management of the Property, excluding habitat monitoring activities required by the MSCP, which will be managed by the County. If Poway should ever cease to manage the Property, the County's estimated annual costs would increase by \$16,500 for ongoing operations and maintenance, for a total of \$90,500. The funding source would be DPR GPR and would be included in future Operational Plans.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action would support the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), which benefits development throughout the region by streamlining permitting for projects that meet MSCP requirements. Streamlined permitting positively impacts economic development, housing, and businesses that are required to complete biological mitigation in accordance with State and federal regulations.

### **3. SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE ENERGY SUPPLY STUDY AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

On May 24, 2023 (09), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed an energy supply study, hereinafter referred to as the Energy Access, Resilience, and Capacity Study (Energy ARC), to research and provide recommendations for renewable energy generation, transmission, distribution, and storage capacity in the San Diego region that considers resiliency from power outages, economic benefits and costs, and local community context. Energy ARC will inform next steps the County and other regional partners can take to optimize the development of renewable energy systems that meet both future energy demands and climate action goals. On April 10, 2024 (10), the Board approved the award of a contract with the Alliance for Sustainable Energy LLC, the contracting authority for the National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR), previously known as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), a national laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy, to procure services for this study led by the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ) and to return to the Board to approve continuation of this work each year. The contract was executed on April 28, 2025, for a performance period of 24 months.

NLR is leading the analysis of current and future energy generation, transmission, distribution, and storage capacity in the San Diego region using advanced proprietary and open source modeling software. NLR's work for the County on this project consists of three research tasks: 1) research and baseline analysis; 2) capacity analysis; and 3) barriers and impact analysis. All

research tasks, along with feedback and community-led recommendations gathered throughout the process, will be incorporated into a full report that is anticipated to be completed by April 2027. Based on the initial findings of the capacity analysis, which will be completed in May 2026, less than one-third of the region's potential for infill solar has been installed.

OSEJ is complementing NRL's work by leading regional engagement and collaboration to understand the unique perspectives of diverse communities throughout the region and co-create possible paths forward for appropriately-scaled energy generation and storage. This engagement is balancing current and future regional energy demands with community priorities. Interviews, focus groups, meetings and workshops, listening sessions, and an online Engage page are structured to form meaningful connections and learn alongside four key interest-holder groups: 1) regional energy providers; 2) local and Tribal governments, and regional agencies; 3) subject matter experts and technical practitioners; and 4) community-based organizations and the general public. Based on outreach and engagement to-date, preliminary considerations have been identified to reflect the role key interest-holder groups play in the regional energy system, successes shared in advancing equitable and clean renewable energy projects, and opportunities shared for collective action.

While staff has already identified several preliminary findings from outreach and engagement, key considerations that are shaping the final report findings and continued coordination with interest-holder groups include:

- Identifying data sharing opportunities between regional energy providers and with local and regional governments to support greater communication of transmission capacity, and building and understanding of where local generation and storage could defer potential infrastructure upgrade costs.
- Developing shared language for local and regional governments to evolve climate action or sustainability goals to achieve 100 percent renewable energy to align with regional energy provider priorities to purchase locally generated clean, renewable energy.
- Involving Tribal governments in all energy conversations at the regional scale to continue showcasing best practice microgrid and other clean, renewable energy technologies currently developed on Tribal lands. Renewable energy generation and storage can also create additional economic benefits for tribes that advance Tribal sovereignty.
- Including impacts of no project options when developing and sharing renewable energy generation and storage projects at neighborhood or community scales to understand how projects could support or strain the existing infrastructure and grid.
- Creating consistent policies, permitting practices, and development requirements for renewable energy generation and storage systems across the region.

Today's actions are for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) to receive an update on the energy supply study and direct continuation of this work through April 2027, the contracted Estimated Performance Period. With Board approval to continue the Energy ARC study, key activities planned for the second year of work include: completion of NLR's analysis and reporting; additional engagement with and outreach to key interest-holder groups and a return back to the Board in late Spring 2027.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).
2. Receive an update on the Energy Access, Resilience, and Capacity Study.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to continue development of the Energy Access, Resilience, and Capacity Study under the existing contract with Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC through April 2027, the contracted Estimated Performance Period.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As the County continues its decarbonization efforts, it is imperative to ensure that actions are equitable. The Energy Access, Resilience, and Capacity Study analyzes how rooftop and infill clean renewable energy options might impact factors such as ratepayer costs, grid reliability, resiliency, equity, and the environment. The study assesses access to rooftop and infill solar and battery storage for low income, vulnerable, and environmental justice communities impacted disproportionately by climate change. It also evaluates the trade-offs of such infill installations on homeowners and businesses.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #3, to transition to a green, emissions-free economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support green job creation and workforce development, and prepare for impacts of a changing climate; and Sustainability Goal #4, to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted. This study builds on the research of the Regional Decarbonization Framework Technical Report to analyze the local conditions relating to residential, commercial, and other infill clean renewable energy generation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. Funds for the 24-month contract costs and revenue of \$500,000 is included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Land Use and Environmental Group Executive Office (LUEG EXO). The funding source is one-time General Purpose Revenue allocated to LUEG EXO for the Regional Decarbonization Framework. To date, approximately 30 percent of the contract amount has been invoiced. If the project continues into its second year, it will be supported by the remaining funds included in the budget. There may be potential fiscal impacts related to future recommendations which staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval. But at this time, there will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**4. SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PRESIOCA STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) strives to provide pedestrians with safe and accessible sidewalks to enhance active mobility within communities. DPW identifies opportunities to construct new and infill sidewalk locations through mobility studies, including the Pedestrian Gap Analysis, and Local Road Safety Plan, while also incorporating community group and stakeholder priorities. The Presioca Street Sidewalk Project will provide approximately 400 feet of new curb, gutter, and sidewalk along a section of Presioca Street between Birch Street and Jamacha Road in the unincorporated community of Spring Valley. These improvements will fill a critical gap in pedestrian and accessibility connectivity for the public in an area surrounded with high-density housing, businesses, recreation, schools, and transit stops. The project will meet the standards for Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessible facilities, including pedestrian curb ramps and full-width concrete sidewalk. This new section will connect to existing sidewalk on both ends of the project to provide continuous and active pedestrian access to community resources for the public. Additionally, this project directly supports Climate Action Plan goals as these new ADA ramps and sidewalk help provide active transportation alternatives to car trips that would produce greenhouse gas emissions. .

This project began in response to a community recommendation in 2020 to address a pedestrian gap in front of this high-density residential block. The County’s application for federal project funding was not successful, but local funds were allocated to complete the project design. In Fall 2025, construction funding was secured, allowing the project to advance toward full completion. The Presioca Street Sidewalk Project is a top project for the Spring Valley Community Planning Group in its 2025 Capital Improvement Program priority list.

This is a request for the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project. Upon Board approval, the Department of Purchasing and Contracting will advertise and subsequently award a contract for construction. Construction is scheduled to begin Summer 2026 and be completed in Fall 2026. The total estimated project cost is \$1,250,000, which includes \$600,000 for design, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, and contract administration, and \$650,000 for construction, including a 25% contingency for unforeseen conditions. The funding source is Fiscal Year 2020-21 available prior year General Fund fund balance (\$450,000) and bond proceeds (\$800,000).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the Presioca Street Sidewalk Project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the installation of new curb, gutter and sidewalk involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to take any action necessary to advertise and award a contract and to take other actions authorized by Section 401 et seq., of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for the Presioca Street Sidewalk Project.
3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego is committed to supporting a transportation network that is safe and accessible for all users. The Department of Public Works (DPW) considers community health, safety, and accessibility indicators to ensure that transportation investments benefit all residents. The proposed improvements will support equitable mobility by improving safety and access for pedestrians and people with mobility disabilities in the community of Spring Valley. By providing safe dedicated pedestrian facilities outside of the roadway travel lanes, this project improves safety for motorists, bicyclists and all users. The County pursues delivery of these services in a fair and equitable manner and actively works to remove barriers by providing information in multiple languages, encouraging participation, and providing competitive opportunities for small businesses. The project will be procured in accordance with Board Policy B-53, Small-Local Business Policy requiring a three percent (3%) Small-Local Business subcontractor participation requirement, and will include the County's Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirements as well as payment of prevailing wages to workers. The County construction contracts are competitively and publicly advertised and bid, and help stimulate the local economy, primarily by creating construction-related job opportunities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Installing fully accessible pedestrian facilities provides new, safe mobility options and connections to non-vehicular transit. Providing this new infrastructure has economic, health and well-being, and environmental sustainability benefits. These new structures promote safe transit options within two communities of unincorporated San Diego County and provide opportunities for residents to connect to transit hubs across wider areas of the county. These pedestrian facilities will improve mobility and quality of life while enhancing pedestrian accessibility and safety along existing public roadways, which also supports the County's Climate Action Plan in improving roadway segments as multi-modal. These improvements will help to create resilient communities while contributing to the County's sustainability goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing just and equitable access for residents. Increasing walkability will further County of San Diego sustainability goals of reducing vehicle miles traveled and emissions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works (DPW), Road Fund. The total estimated project cost is \$1,250,000, consisting of \$600,000 for design, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition, and contract administration, and \$650,000 for construction, including a 25% contingency for unforeseen conditions. The funding source is FY 2020-21

available prior year General Fund fund balance (\$450,000) and bond proceeds (\$800,000). There will be no additional change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This project will improve the condition of the road which will facilitate the transit of goods and ease movement to jobs, schools, shopping and other services. County of San Diego construction contracts are also publicly advertised and competitively bid and help stimulate the local economy. Construction is administered in conformance with federal standards for labor practices, wage requirements, safety standards, the County of San Diego's Working Families Ordinance and are subject to ongoing reporting and verification of compliance with these federal provisions. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. Construction activities may cause temporary changes to access for businesses and residents along Presioca Street during work hours. The Department of Public Works will coordinate with affected property owners and provide advance notice of construction schedules to minimize disruptions.

5. **SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFER GRANT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD SUPPORTING THE CAMERON CORNERS WATER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego's Department of Public Works (DPW) intends to pursue grant funding to advance critical drinking water infrastructure improvements. This State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) grant supports the evaluation and development of drinking water infrastructure to consolidate multiple small water systems and properties in the Campo/Cameron Corners area of southeast San Diego County. The primary objectives of consolidation are to improve water supply reliability, achieve compliance with the State's California Safe Drinking Water Standards, and enhance operational efficiency throughout the region. The Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) program advances environmental justice by prioritizing communities that have historically lacked reliable access to safe drinking water. By supporting the consolidation of small, disadvantaged water systems and improving infrastructure, the program helps ensure equitable access to clean, reliable water and strengthens long-term community resilience.

SWRCB administers the SAFER grant, which requires DPW to obtain a resolution and certification adopted by the Board of Supervisors to apply for this grant. The proposed action to approve and delegate authority to DPW to apply for and accept SAFER grant funds will streamline the application process and ensure timely access to critical external funding opportunities. This grant supports the evaluation and development of infrastructure to consolidate multiple small water systems and properties in the Campo/Cameron Corners area of southeast San Diego County. The primary objectives of consolidation are to improve water supply reliability, achieve compliance with California Safe Drinking Water Standards, and

enhance operational efficiency throughout the region. Staff will return to the Board as necessary to establish appropriations and revenue for grants that are awarded as well as for construction of the project.

This is a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the DPW Director, and/or their designee(s) to submit, negotiate, accept and execute all documents necessary to secure grant funding from the SAFER program.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find in accordance with Section 15061 (b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that delegating authority to allow application for and acceptance of possible grant funding is exempt from CEQA review because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Authorize the Department of Public Works (DPW) Director or designee, to submit, negotiate, and execute all documents necessary to apply for and secure the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) grant.
3. Adopt a Resolution in the form developed by the State agency administering the SAFER grant program entitled: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE.
4. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires full cost recovery for services provided under grants.
5. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to attest to the accuracy of the Resolution and take such other action as may be necessary to demonstrate the Board's adoption of the Resolution.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Grant funding plays a vital role in supporting infrastructure improvements and essential services for communities across San Diego County, including the protection of agricultural lands and the development of modern water systems. These investments not only advance environmental and economic goals but also directly address environmental justice concerns. By improving water supply reliability, ensuring access to safe drinking water, and implementing long-term drinking water solutions, the County promotes equitable outcomes, particularly for communities that have historically faced systemic barriers to clean and sustainable water resources.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal of protecting the health and well-being of everyone in the region, with a focus on collaborating with community partners and stakeholders and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by lack of safe drinking water. Approval of today's actions will further enhance the County's activities to develop sustainable drinking water solutions.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no current fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. If approved and grants are awarded, staff will return to the Board to appropriate grant funds. If grants require matching funds, matching funds will be provided by available funds managed by the Department of Public Works (DPW). A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the proposed grant funding may not offset all administrative costs. The funding source for potential unrecovered costs will be provided by available funds managed by DPW. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

6. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A HIGHWAY SLOPE EASEMENT IN THE FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA DETERMINATION (VAC 2025-0056) (DISTRICT: 5)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Real Estate Division of the Department of General Services (DGS) is processing a request from TGRH3, LLC, owner of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 125-050-54, for the County of San Diego (County) to summarily vacate the easement for highway slope purposes encumbering a portion of their property. A summary vacation is a streamlined process by which an excess street or highway right-of-way, or a public service easement, is abandoned. A highway slope easement must be vacated in the same manner as a street or highway right-of-way. The easement for highway slope purposes encumbers a strip of land running the entire length of the property frontage, adjacent to Old Highway 395. The property subject to this vacation is located within the Fallbrook Community Plan Area in the unincorporated area of San Diego County on the west side of Old Highway 395, between Via Altamira and Via Belmonte. TGRH3, LLC is requesting this summary vacation to advance their build out of the property. On February 20, 2025, the Department of Planning & Development Services approved the Site Plan to allow for the expansion and remodeling of the existing commercial plaza on the property. The Site Plan includes a condition of approval that requires that the property owner process a vacation of the highway slope easement.

A summary vacation may be requested by the public if the easement interests are found to be excess to County needs and are not required for the purposes for which they were obtained. The County's Department of Public Works (DPW) has determined that this highway slope easement is excess and no longer needed for present or future public right-of-way use because there are no existing or proposed slopes within the easement needed to support the adjacent highway. The easement was originally acquired by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to support Old Highway 395 improvements when State Highway 15 was originally constructed. Only a portion of the easement area acquired by Caltrans was needed for freeway improvements, eliminating the current and future needs for the remainder of the easement.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to adopt a Resolution to summarily vacate the highway slope easement, which is an excess street or highway right-of-way easement.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that additional review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is not required for this action because the summary vacation is required as a condition of a site plan approval found by the Department of Planning & Development Services to not require any CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15183.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A HIGHWAY SLOPE EASEMENT IN THE FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (VAC 2025-0056) (Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record the Resolution for Vacation No. 2025-0056 pursuant to State of California Streets and Highways Code Section 8336.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The resolution to remove an encumbrance from private land that is no longer needed for street or highway purposes will provide an overall public benefit and improve the use of the land made available by the vacation. The proposed summary vacation is in a commercially zoned area and will allow the property owner better use of their property. The vacation of this highway slope easement will not preclude future development.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to summarily vacate a highway slope easement contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 1 to engage the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and Goal No. 2 to provide just and equitable access to develop their land. This action will impact the property owner directly by providing improved use of the property by unencumbering a portion of the property for proposed future development.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of General Services. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$6,500 to process the proposed vacation. The funding source is a deposit from the applicant. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

7. **SUBJECT: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR GOLF CLUB DRIVE GREEN STREET PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Golf Club Drive Green Street Project (Project) is a part of the County's Green Streets Clean Water (GSCW) Plan, published in Spring 2022, which identifies opportunities within the unincorporated County of San Diego to implement green infrastructure in the road right-of-way. Green Streets projects capture and filter stormwater and reduce flow rates to reduce pollutants

before they reach local waterbodies. The GSCW Plan and associated projects support compliance with the Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and Trash Amendments, which require local agencies to control the discharge of bacteria, trash, and other pollutants. To meet these requirements, the Department of Public Works (DPW) developed a green infrastructure capital program to improve local water quality.

The Project, located in Bonsall, along Golf Club Drive and Old River Road, advances goals to improve water quality in the San Luis Rey River Watershed, which drains to the Pacific Ocean and is regulated by the MS4 Permit within the unincorporated County. The Project incorporates structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are designed to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality during both wet and dry weather periods. Proposed BMPs, specifically biofiltration basins, will be installed to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff that would otherwise discharge into Moosa Creek, which is a tributary of the San Luis Rey River. Additionally, the Project includes a sidewalk extension, pedestrian ramps, and related improvements along Old River Road to improve walkability and connectivity. Upon its completion, the Project will support the County's water quality commitments and will also provide valuable improvements for the community.

This is a request to approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project. If approved, construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2026 and be completed in mid-2027. The total project cost, including design, environmental review, and construction, including contingency, is estimated at \$3,567,000. The funding source is available prior year General Fund fund balance.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the Golf Club Drive Green Street project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines since the activities include minor water quality and sidewalk improvements to support existing uses within existing right-of-way.
2. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and to take any other action authorized by Section 401 et seq. of the Administrative Code, with respect to contracting for the Golf Club Drive Green Street project.
3. Designate the Director, Department of Public Works, as the County Officer responsible for administering the construction contract, in accordance with Board Policy F-41, Public Works Construction Projects.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) strives to preserve, enhance, and promote quality of life and public safety through the responsible development and maintenance of reliable and sustainable infrastructure and services in the unincorporated area. To ensure that the County is fairly and equitably serving all communities, while simultaneously complying with mandatory federal and State stormwater regulations, DPW uses a variety of tools to prioritize stormwater infrastructure improvement projects and to ensure that historically underserved populations are prioritized. The data used by DPW to evaluate and identify underserved populations includes

data from the Healthy Places Index (HPI), CalEnviroScreen 4.0, San Diego LiveWell communities, Environmental Justice Communities, and other data sources. The area within which the proposed Project is located has a HPI percentile rank of 58% which indicates that 42% of other California census tracts have healthier community conditions. This Project enhances the built environment by adding green spaces and creating safe and accessible streets; therefore, the project can help increase the HPI percentile rank in an area.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This Project will provide environmental, social, and health and well-being sustainability benefits. It proposes 4 biofiltration basins which are considered Green infrastructure and will help improve water quality by reducing the amount of pollution conveyed by existing storm drains. The Project will help restore the beneficial uses of local surface waters by improving habitat, community aesthetics and increasing recreational opportunities. Additionally, the pedestrian improvements will help enhance recreational use and walkability in the community, thereby providing multiple benefits. The Project aligns with the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of protecting and promoting natural resources, diverse habitats, and sensitive species, as it also enhances the natural environment for residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works (DPW) Road Fund. If approved, this request will result in total project estimated costs and revenue of \$3,567,000 for the Golf Club Drive Green Street project. The funding source is available prior year General Fund fund balance in DPW Watershed Protection Program. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

County construction contracts are competitively and publicly bid and help stimulate the local economy by creating primarily construction-related employment opportunities. All workers employed on public works projects must be paid prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project. The prevailing wage rates are typically based on rates specified in collective bargaining agreements. A skilled and trained workforce requirement will be included in the contract in compliance with the County's Working Families Ordinance requirements for County construction projects.

- 8. SUBJECT: LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On June 27, 2023 (16), the County of San Diego (County) Board of Supervisors (Board), issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency (Proclamation) as a result of the continued conditions for detrimental impacts to the environment, economy, and property within San Diego county, caused by persistent impacts from cross-border sewage pollution and sewage impacted ocean waters.

The Proclamation was issued pursuant to the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances sections 31.101 et seq. and California Government Code section 8630. The Proclamation further asked the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency in San Diego County. Government Code section 8630(c) requires local governing bodies to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the local emergency is terminated.

On July 19, 2023 (4), September 13, 2023 (3), November 8, 2023 (2), December 6, 2023 (2), January 24, 2024 (1), March 13, 2024 (3), May 1, 2024 (4), June 26, 2024 (4), July 17, 2024 (6), September 11, 2024(3), October 22, 2024 (9), December 11, 2024 (1), January 29, 2025 (2), March 12, 2025 (2), May 07, 2025 (2), June 25, 2025 (4), July 22, 2025 (4), September 10 (1), November 5, 2025 (2), December 10, 2025 (2), and January 28, 2026 (3) the Board found that there is a continuing need for the local emergency. This is a request to find that a review of the local emergency has been conducted and that the local emergency will remain in effect.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proclamation of local emergency is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and (3), 15061(b)(3), and 15378(b)(4)&(5) because the action is an administrative action intended to facilitate state and federal funding, does not commit the County to a specific project, and will not have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effect on the environment.
2. Find that there is a need to continue the local emergency and that the local emergency shall continue subject to review requirements until terminated pursuant to Government Code section 8630(d).

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The communities closest to the San Diego International Border, including the communities of Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa, and Tijuana River Valley are identified by SB 535 (2012) and CalEnviroScreen 4.0 as being Environmental Justice communities having high pollution burdens for impaired water bodies, elevated PM2.5, elevated linguistic isolation, and poverty rates. By supporting the local emergency proclamation, the County of San Diego remains committed to working with local, state, federal, and Mexican authorities to improve conditions for these communities. Local Environmental Justice communities who have decades of suffering from various pollution sources have been advocating and working to raise their concerns to the various agencies, and have engaged to elevate the need for data collection to document environmental injustices.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action letter aligns with the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goals: protect health and wellbeing and the environment. The proposed action contributes to the County's Sustainability Goal No. 6 to protect the environment and promote our natural resources, diverse habitats, and cultivate a natural environment for residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request to continue the emergency. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Increased beach water closures resulting from sewage impacts have a direct effect for the surrounding community due to decreased tourism, patronage of local businesses, and opportunities for youth recreation and camps. By continuing a local emergency, the County of San Diego will be able to engage businesses and non-profit service providers that have been impacted by the restricted access to local beaches and oceans with the goal of assisting in identifying ways to connect them to any state or federal relief programs.

### **9. SUBJECT: TAKING ACTION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) FOR PRIVATE SPORTS FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Effective January 1, 2028, Assembly Bill 310 (AB 310) will require youth sports organizations throughout the State to provide access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) during practices and matches, as well as ensure AED staff training, emergency response plans, and communication procedures. AB 310 underscores the critical importance of AED availability in preventing sudden cardiac arrest, which remains a leading cause of death among youth athletes, including those with undiagnosed heart conditions.

On May 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff (staff) to explore opportunities to expand AED access for youth sports organizations and facilities across the San Diego region. This direction aimed to support these organizations in getting a leg up on AB 310 compliance while enhancing public safety more broadly. In response, staff conducted extensive stakeholder outreach, including surveys and interviews with youth sports organizations and municipal parks departments, to identify barriers and potential solutions. Results of these efforts are included in staff's memo, titled: "*Report Back on Expanding Access to Automated External Defibrillators for Private Sports Facilities and Organizations,*" (memo) dated September 3, 2025.

Outreach efforts revealed that only 23% of surveyed organizations consistently have access to an AED during organized sports activities, leaving the majority of youth athletes in the County vulnerable during practices and games. The top needs expressed by survey respondents were funding for AED purchases (34%), training and certification (28%), and maintenance support (15%). These gaps highlight the urgent need for a comprehensive approach that addresses both access to equipment and education/training.

The memo identified several options the County could implement to bridge these critical gaps in AED access. The first category of options - Option 1 - identifies strategies for establishing an AED subsidy program to get AEDs in the hands of youth sports organizations. Three sub options are presented (1A, 1B and 1C) providing specific implementation mechanisms, as follows:

- **Option 1A: rebate program**
  - o Organizations purchase their own AED upfront and submit documentation later for reimbursement

- o Program specifics:
    - § Provides a total of 300 AEDs
    - § Allows one AED per organization
    - § Rebate limit of \$1,100 per unit
  - o Total one-time cost: \$412,589
    - § AEDs: \$330,000 (300 units)
    - § Program administration: \$82,589 (i.e., application and eligibility development, communication with applicants, processing of rebates, etc.)
- **Option 1B: voucher program**
    - o Organizations provided with a voucher, redeemable through the County’s Amazon Business Account
    - o Program specifics:
      - § Provides a total of 300 AEDs
      - § Allows one AED per organization
      - § Voucher limit of \$1,100 per unit
    - o Total one-time cost: \$412,589
      - § AEDs: \$330,000 (300 units)
      - § Program administration: \$82,589 (i.e., application and eligibility development, communication with applicants, processing of vouchers, etc.)
  - **Option 1C: vendor program**
    - o County negotiates pricing with one or more vendors; organizations purchase directly using vendor contacts and rates
    - o Program specifics:
      - § Provides a total of 300 AEDs
      - § Allows one AED per organization
      - § Leverages County’s purchasing power to lower costs for units
      - § Limit of \$1,100 per unit
    - o Total one-time cost: \$412,589
      - § AEDs: \$330,000 (300 units)
      - § Program administration: \$82,589 (i.e., application and eligibility development, communication with applicants, processing of discounts, etc.)

Of the three sub options presented, Option 1B provides a straightforward, practical solution by reducing upfront costs for organizations (as opposed to a rebate program). Through a voucher program, eligible organizations would receive a voucher from the County for up to \$1,100 per unit, redeemable through the County’s Amazon Business Account for pre-approved AEDs. This approach centralizes costs and inventory control, provides a simple and easy-to-understand procurement process, and accomplishes the goal of helping youth sports organizations get ahead of compliance with AB 310 while accelerating the deployment of lifesaving equipment to greater reaches of San Diego County.

The second category of options - Option 2 - would expand access to AEDs at designated County sports facilities, with three sub options presented (2A, 2B and 2C), again, providing specific implementation mechanisms, as follows:

- **Option 2A: County sports facilities only + cellular service**
  - o Add one outdoor AED to Department of Park and Recreation (DPR) sport facilities that currently have none (8 sites)
  - o Program specifics:
    - § Includes weatherproof, ventilated, heated storage (SaveStation Tower)
    - § With cellular service and monitoring subscription
    - § Accessible by park users after hours
  - o Total one-time cost: \$234,500
    - § AEDs: \$18,500
    - § SaveStations: \$45,000
    - § Installation: \$171,000
  - o Total ongoing cost: \$32,000
    - § 4-year cellular monitoring plan per SaveStation (8 total)(*begins after the fourth year of installation*)
  
- **Option 2B: County sports facilities, including leased sites + cellular service**
  - o Add one outdoor AED to each DPR sport facility, including leased sites (19 total)
  - o Program specifics:
    - § Includes weatherproof, ventilated, heated storage (SaveStation Tower)
    - § With cellular service and monitoring subscription
    - § Accessible by park users after hours
  - o Total one-time cost: \$632,000
    - § AEDs: \$44,000
    - § SaveStations: \$107,000
    - § Installation: \$405,000
  - o Total ongoing cost: \$76,000
    - § 4-year cellular monitoring plan per SaveStation (19 total) (*begins after the fourth year of installation*)
  
- **Option 2C: County sports facilities, including leased sites (no cellular service)**
  - o Add one outdoor AED to each DPR sport facility, including leased sites (19 total)
  - o Program specifics:
    - § Includes weatherproof, ventilated, heated storage (SaveStation Tower)
    - § Without cellular service / monitoring subscription
    - § Accessible by park users after hours
  - o Total one-time cost: \$511,937
    - § AEDs: \$43,472
    - § SaveStations: \$63,465
    - § Installation: \$405,000
  - o Total ongoing cost: N/A
    - § Minimal cost for maintenance anticipated

Of the three sub options presented, Option 2A would best complement a County voucher program (Option 1B) while remaining sensitive to overall program costs. Installing outdoor AEDs at eight DPR-designated sports sites that currently have none ensures area residents, park users and athletes have increased access to lifesaving equipment. Option 2A closes critical gaps in emergency readiness at high-use public spaces and demonstrates the County’s commitment to safety.

The third category of options - Option 3 - proposes a two-year Public Awareness Campaign designed to increase knowledge, visibility and compliance with AB 310.

- **Option 3: Public Awareness Campaign**
  - o Develop and administer a two-year AED Awareness Outreach Program to increase public knowledge, visibility, accessibility and compliance with AB310
  - o Program Specifics:
    - § Creates awareness of AEDs and available resources
    - § Provides free resources to organizations in forms of training and education seminars
    - § Services and supplies include online platforms, marketing campaigns, flyers, posters, and other outreach materials
  - o Total one-time cost: \$232,589
    - § Services and supplies: \$150,000
    - § Program administration: \$82,589 (One temporary part-time staff for marketing/outreach program management. Position would also assist with initial development of eligibility criteria for the voucher program in option 1B).
  - o Total ongoing cost: N/A

This campaign will leverage partnerships with San Diego Project Heart Beat, the Health & Human Services Agency (HHS), County Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and DPR to deliver training resources, educational materials, and outreach initiatives to youth sports organizations affected by AB 310. This option would kick start the marketing/outreach campaign and development of eligibility criteria for option 1B. Together, implementing these three options (Option 1B, Option 2A, and Option 3) would form a holistic strategy to improve cardiac emergency preparedness for youth sports organizations and area residents across the region. That is exactly what today's item calls for.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish a holistic approach for expanding access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the region, particularly for youth sports organizations subject to AB 310, that includes the following elements:
  - a. An AED voucher program for eligible youth sports organizations, consistent with Option 1B, as well as developing eligibility criteria as detailed in staff's memo titled: "*Report Back on Expanding Access to Automated External Defibrillators for Private Sports Facilities and Organizations,*" (memo) dated September 3, 2025.
  - b. Expanding AED access at the eight (8) identified Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)-designated sports facilities that currently have none, consistent with Option 2A as detailed in staff's memo.
  - c. A public outreach and awareness campaign through January 1, 2028, consistent with Option 3 as detailed in staff's memo.

2. Refer to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and/or Change Letter - as feasible - the establishment of one-time appropriations and revenue of up to \$880,000 in the Department of Parks and Recreation for expanding access to AEDs throughout the region beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27, depending on the option(s) selected by the Board of Supervisors, and subject to available funding source(s), including the alternative funding sources as detailed on page 8 of 9 in staff's memo.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Many youth sports organizations, especially those in low-income or rural areas, often lack the financial resources to acquire AEDs, leaving youth athletes in those communities with less protection during practices and games. By offering vouchers and placing AEDs at DPR sports facilities that currently have none, the County can help level the playing field and ensure lifesaving equipment is available when and where it's needed most. These steps make sure every young athlete has a fair chance at a safe playing environment, no matter where they live. This work supports the County's commitment to fairness and community well-being.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Adding AEDs at County sports facilities strengthens our long-term emergency response system by making lifesaving equipment more available in communities that may need to wait longer for emergency response. SaveStation towers help AEDs last longer by protecting them from the weather, which also cuts down on equipment waste. By taking these actions, the County can support a stronger, more reliable public-safety system that serves residents well into the future. They also promote efficient use of County resources while improving community health and safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Based on current estimates of projected operating results, and identified Fiscal Year 2026-27 needs, at this time there is no funding source available to support these recommendations.

Budget strategy for the coming Fiscal Year 2026-27 remains under development as the CAO Recommended Operational Plan is finalized for consideration by the Board of Supervisors (Board), including identifying any available fund balance that may be generated by current year operations, which will be known at fiscal year-end.

If approved by the Board, the selected option will result in one-time and ongoing maintenance costs for DPR beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27, for which funding has not been identified. Accordingly, if approved, necessary appropriations and revenue for the selected option(s) will be referred for possible inclusion as feasible in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and/or Change Letter, totaling up to \$880,000 in the Department of Parks and Recreation, subject to available funding source(s). Costs for the options recommended include:

- Option 1B: The total one-time cost is \$412,589. This includes \$330,000 for 300 AED units and \$82,589 in staff time for one temporary part-time position to support program administration, including application and eligibility development, applicant communication, and voucher processing.

- Option 2A: The total one-time cost is \$234,500. This includes \$18,500 for eight AED units, \$45,000 for eight SaveStations, and \$171,000 for installation. This option also includes \$32,000 in ongoing costs for a four-year cellular monitoring plan for a total of eight SaveStations (\$4,000 per station), beginning after the fourth year of installation in Fiscal Year 2031-32 and would be included in future years Operational Plans.
- Option 3: The total one-time cost is \$232,589. This includes \$150,000 for services and supplies such as online platforms, marketing campaigns, flyers, posters, and outreach materials, and \$82,589 in staff time for one temporary part-time position to support program management.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**10. SUBJECT: 2025 GENERAL PLAN & HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to meeting the housing needs of all residents. In compliance with State law, this Board item presents the 2025 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report (GP APR), detailing the County’s efforts to implement housing policies and track housing development within the County’s unincorporated area. The State of California (State) requires all local governments, including the County, to adequately plan to meet the housing needs of everyone in the community, at all income levels. The County meets this requirement by adopting a housing plan, known as the Housing Element, as part of the County’s General Plan. The General Plan <<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/generalplan.html>> serves as the County’s blueprint for growth and development. Within the State’s regulations for the General Plan, the County must plan for its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). This allocation reflects the amount of housing planned for in the unincorporated area within the County’s land use jurisdiction between 2021 and 2029. To meet local housing needs, the County’s Housing Element includes an implementation plan, with actions it has committed to, that will support housing development at all income levels.

The State requires all local governments to submit a GP APR each year. This report supports transparency and helps ensure the community’s housing needs are met by informing decision makers about the impact of the County’s programs and initiatives that facilitate the production of housing, especially affordable housing. The 2025 GP APR was prepared by Planning & Development Services (PDS) in collaboration with other County teams including Housing & Community Development Services (HCDS) and the Department of General Services (DGS). The report focuses on key data required to be submitted to the State (Attachment A). This includes details about the amount of housing being developed in the unincorporated area during the year, as well as details about the County’s progress on implementing the actions listed in the Housing Element. Overall, the County has already exceeded its RHNA for permitting housing affordable for low, moderate, and above-moderate income households. However, the County is significantly behind with very-low income housing, with only 28% being met. At the current

rate, the County will not have enough very low income housing to meet the 6th cycle RHNA by 2029. This report provides more details below on housing development in the unincorporated area.

Government Code Section 65400 requires the GP APR to be provided to the Board of Supervisors in a public hearing to ensure transparency. Today's request is for the Board to accept the 2025 GP APR.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Planning & Development Services recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(5) of CEQA Guidelines.
2. Accept and file the 2025 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board).

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Annual reporting on the County's implementation of the General Plan and Housing Element increases transparency about the impact of the County's programs and initiatives on providing equitable solutions to local issues. The General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report (GP APR) provides information on the County's efforts to meet the housing needs of individuals and families from all economic segments of the unincorporated communities, including those with very low incomes (households with up to 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI)) and low incomes (households with 51 percent to 80 percent of the AMI). These affordability levels are defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on surveys of local AMI and family size. The GP APR is an aggregate of land use planning and key housing data for the unincorporated county that can be used to inform policies and programs that improve outcomes related to equity, including those that increase access to affordable housing and improve conditions for people experiencing homelessness, low-income communities, and communities of color.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report (GP APR) accounts for the County of San Diego's (County's) progress in implementing the goals, policies, and programs outlined in the General Plan and Housing Element. The GP APR is an aggregate of land use planning and key housing data for the unincorporated county that can be used to inform policies and programs that promote equity and environmental sustainability, as well as ensure the community's well-being. This effort supports the County's "Sustainability" strategic initiative to align the County's available resources with services that promote economic stability. The GP APR promotes economic stability by providing transparent data, equitable access to information, operational accountability, and enterprise-wide collaboration.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation for the Board to accept and file the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report (GP APR). There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A