

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, 3:00 PM AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER,
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

GENERAL & LAND USE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026, 9:00 AM

Order Of Business

- A. Roll Call
- B. Invocation
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards
- E. 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.
- F. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the sessions of January 13, 2026, and January 14, 2026, and minutes for concurrent Special District meeting of In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority on December 9, 2025.
- G. Consent Agenda
- H. Discussion Items
- I. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

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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.

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AND DEDICATE CRIMINAL FINES TO SERVICES FOR K-12 YOUTH
Land Use and Environment	2.	SHERIFF - ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS (01/28/2026 - FIRST READING; 02/10/2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
	3.	LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
	4.	ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (01/14/2026 - ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE; 01/28/2026 - SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING, AND CEQA EXEMPTION FINDING)
	5.	ADOPT A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY AND MITIGATION RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING PROGRAM FUNDS AND CEQA FINDING
	6.	ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT TO BENEFIT TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (4 VOTES)

7. GILLESPIE FIELD AIRPORT- ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND AND ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE GILLESPIE FIELD RUNWAY 17-35 REHABILITATION PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
(4 VOTES)

8. GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A PORTION OF DEHESA ROAD IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VAC 2024-0163)

Financial and General Government

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE LXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO COUNTY FACILITIES (JANUARY 13, 2026- FIRST READING; JANUARY 28, 2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: ADOPT ORDINANCE FOR A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (JANUARY 13, 2026- FIRST READING; JANUARY 28, 2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)

11. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (1/28/2026- FIRST READING; 2/10/2026- SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)

12. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT

13. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS

14. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Category	#	Subject
Financial and General Government	15.	RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE CRISIS INCLUDING SATURN BOULEVARD INFRASTRUCTURE AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HEALTH STUDY

16. UNLOCK RESERVE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AIR PURIFIERS FOR RESIDENTS SUFFERING FROM AIR POLLUTION IMPACTS CAUSED BY THE TIJUANA RIVER POLLUTION CRISIS
17. MODERNIZING COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO CAPTURE MILLIONS IN ONGOING TAXPAYER SAVINGS
18. FIGHTING THE RISING COST OF LIVING BY OPPOSING NEW TAXES
19. PROTECTING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY REPEALING STATE SENATE BILL 357
20. APPROVAL OF THE DELIVERY AND EXECUTION OF RELATED FINANCING DOCUMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, 2026 SERIES A, MULTIPLE CAPITAL PROJECTS
21. ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD FISCAL PLANNING BY ALIGNING THE UNLOCKED RESERVES PROCESS WITH THE QUARTERLY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND ANNUAL BUDGET CYCLE
22. CLOSED SESSION

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1. SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AND DEDICATE CRIMINAL FINES TO SERVICES FOR K-12 YOUTH (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The District Attorney's Office continues to support the development of strong, sustainable partnerships with community-based organizations. Through these collaborations, the Office advances crime prevention and early intervention strategies, reduces recidivism, and promotes community wellness while maintaining public safety for all residents.

On September 23, 2014 (8), the Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the District Attorney's Office to administer the State of California's Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program (CRRG), through the District Attorney Community Crime Reduction Grant Program, focused on reducing crime and recidivism through community-based service providers.

Then, on August 17, 2021 (5), the Board authorized creation of an interest-bearing trust fund to receive fines imposed by the court associated with the prosecution of a charter school fraud case, one of the largest education fraud cases in the nation. Defendants were ordered to pay over \$200 million, of which \$37 million in criminal fines were retained locally and deposited with the County to support community programs that benefit K-12 youth. On November 16, 2021 (1), the Board authorized continuation and expansion of the District Attorney's Community Grant Program (CGP), previously titled the Community Crime Reduction Grant Program. This expansion incorporated the newly established Charter School Fraud trust fund as a funding source and expanded the scope of the CGP for K-12 community grants supporting education, prevention, and equity to community-based organizations serving children and families across the region.

To guide the use of the court-ordered Charter School Fraud funds, a stakeholder workgroup was convened with representation from the District Attorney's Office, Behavioral Health Services (BHS), the Department of Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB), and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) to ensure alignment with the Court's intent that funds support community serving programs that benefit K-12 youth.

Since the CGP's inception, partnerships with over 300 service providers have been established. Additionally, since the creation of the Charter School Fraud trust fund, there have been 47 grants awarded totaling \$6.4 million to community serving programs that benefit the K-12 population with consideration of opportunities for a longer-term regional strategy. The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) has proposed a seven-year, countywide plan to strengthen and expand access to mental health, safety and wellness, and equity supports for K-12 students and families through sustainable, regionally responsive approaches. The stakeholder workgroup reviewed the SDCOE proposal and has recommended its approval, finding it consistent with the Court's intent and supportive of a coordinated, regional use of the trust fund.

If approved, today's actions would authorize the District Attorney to continue administering the CGP and increase the maximum individual grant award to \$750,000 annually to organizations providing crime prevention and intervention services. Approval would also authorize the District Attorney to award a \$25 million grant to the SDCOE, and to administer the SDCOE program

funding, at the direction of the District Attorney or her designee(s), by County staff over a seven-year grant period beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 and ending in Fiscal Year 2032-33. The allocation of grant funds to SDCOE will be disbursed in annual installments and will be contingent upon achievement of negotiated milestones and performance outcomes, with annual progress reports required to support each payment. In addition, approval would authorize execution of all required grant-related documents in the current and subsequent years, and allocation of funds to support the educational needs of K-12 youth across the region.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

1. Authorize the District Attorney's Office to continue administering the Community Grant Program and to award up to \$5 million annually in grants to organizations providing crime prevention and intervention services that support public safety strategies, with maximum individual grant awards of up to \$750,000, based on funding availability.
2. Authorize the District Attorney, or her designee(s), to review and execute all required grants and grant related documents for the Community Grant Program in the current fiscal year and in subsequent fiscal years provided funds are budgeted in future Operational Plans including any extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereof.
3. Authorize the allocation of \$25,000,000 to the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) to implement its proposed seven-year countywide K-12 plan funded by fines imposed by the Court related to the Charter School Fraud case. The allocation will be disbursed from the Charter School Fraud trust fund in annual installments over a seven-year term, contingent upon achievement of agreed-upon milestones and performance outcomes.
4. Authorize the District Attorney, or her designee(s), to negotiate and, upon successful negotiations, execute an agreement or agreements with SDCOE to implement its proposed seven-year countywide plan to support K-12 youth.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The District Attorney's Office is committed to public safety and equitable access to information and services for all San Diego communities. Today's action reflects the desire to support partnerships that are dedicated to delivering culturally competent and trauma informed services. The District Attorney's Community Grant Program helps build the business and service capacity of local non-profit, grassroots community organizations that serve the area. Additionally, allocation of funds to the needs of K-12 youth through an equity focused lens will serve to center support for the most marginalized communities, including youth in juvenile court and community schools, unhoused youth, low-income families, and underserved rural districts.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions align with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to services and resources in support of sustainable communities and focus investment in vulnerable and chronically underserved populations. The recommendations promote economic growth through investments which support building resilience and

strengthening community engagement among vulnerable populations through collaborative partnerships. The recommendations also allocate resources to support sustainable and regionally responsive structures that prioritize the most marginalized students.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendations 1 & 2: Continue Administration of District Attorney's Office Community Grant Program

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Years 2025-26 Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved, this request will result in anticipated costs and revenue of \$5 million for the Community Grant Program. The funding source is Local Revenue Fund 2011, Community Corrections Subaccount. Subsequent year appropriation requests will be included in future year Operational Plans for the District Attorney's Office. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendations 3 & 4: Negotiate Agreement to Implement SDCOE Proposal

The grant award would allocate \$25 million to SDCOE to implement its proposed countywide, seven-year plan supporting K-12 programs and services consistent with the Court's intent. The funding source is criminal fines imposed by the Court related to the Charter School Fraud case earmarked for services in support of K-12 youth. The \$25 million allocation will be disbursed from the Charter School Fraud trust fund over a 7-year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 and ending in Fiscal Year 2032-33, contingent upon achievement of agreed-upon milestones and performance outcomes. Each annual payment will require submission of a progress report demonstrating compliance with the negotiated terms. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

2. **SUBJECT: SHERIFF - ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS (01/28/2026 - FIRST READING; 02/10/2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office) License Division currently issues all taxicab drivers in the unincorporated San Diego County as provided by Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 3 of the San Diego County Code.

In 1997, at the request of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, the Sheriff's Office agreed to assume the responsibility for licensing drivers of jitneys, low-speed vehicles, nonemergency medical vehicles, charters, and sightseeing vehicles in addition to taxicabs. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Ordinance No. 11 was accordingly revised, and the

Sheriff's Office began issuing all non-taxicab for-hire driver ID cards pursuant to Ordinance No. 11. However, the San Diego County Code was never revised to formalize this transfer of responsibilities. The Sheriff's Office began licensing for-hire vehicle drivers, except for taxicabs, in accordance with Ordinance No. 11 while MTS maintained responsibility for the denial, revocation or appeal. Due to a lack of authority to receive criminal history information and stated due process concerns, MTS is not processing revocations, denials or appeals for the for-hire drivers, raising significant public safety concerns.

Today's item requests that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors review and approve the introduction of an ordinance relating to for-hire vehicle drivers. The ordinance would formalize the transfer of responsibility that took place in 1997 and provide the Sheriff's Office with the authority to deny, suspend, revoke, and process appeals for all for-hire vehicle drivers. This ensures that for-hire vehicle drivers are complying with eligibility requirements designed to protect the safety of both passengers and the public. The ordinance would also amend the County's taxicab regulations for consistency with the new for-hire vehicle driver ID card regulations. The ordinance will be introduced on January 28, 2026, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on February 10, 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
SHERIFF**

On January 28, 2026:

1. Consider the recommendation to approve the introduction of the For-Hire Vehicle Driver Ordinance (first reading):

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS.

If, on January 28, 2026, the Board takes action within recommendation #1 above, then on February 10, 2026:

1. Consider and adopt the For-Hire Vehicle Driver Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 2, DIVISION 1; AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 1 AND AMENDING TITLE 2, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIRED FROM THE SHERIFF, FOR-HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS, AND TAXICABS AND TAXICAB OPERATORS.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Ordinance will enhance public safety by ensuring that all for-hire drivers are subject to clear and consistent standards regarding the issuance, suspension, or denial of their licenses. Adopting the proposed Ordinance would ensure that all for-hire drivers licensed by the Sheriff's Office have the right to appeal in the case of a denial or revocation.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access to County services to promote equity, transparency, and community trust.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's request to review and approve the amended Ordinance. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

3. 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), and December 10, 2025 (2) 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.

4. **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (01/14/2026 - ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE; 01/28/2026 - SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE, UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING, AND CEQA EXEMPTION FINDING) (DISTRICTS: 1, 3, & 5)**

OVERVIEW

On January 14, 2026 (05), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on January 28, 2026.

The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) supports the Department of Public Works (DPW) traffic engineering program. The TAC was established by the Board of Supervisors (Board) in the 1950s to provide traffic regulations and recommendations within the unincorporated areas of the region. The TAC proposes policies that will enhance safety, reduce congestion, and be legally enforceable. The TAC meets every two months to review proposed additions, deletions, or changes to regulatory traffic control devices such as speed limits, stop signs, traffic signals, and parking regulations on County of San Diego (County) maintained roads. Upon receipt of a request or recommendation for the implementation of a traffic safety measure in unincorporated areas, the TAC reviews and investigates the requested item, including engineering and traffic condition studies. The TAC recommendations are provided to the Board for consideration. The TAC recommends the Board act on eight items from August 1, 2025 TAC meeting agenda:

District. Item	Location	Request	Description
1. 1-A	Presioca Street & Harness Street in Spring Valley.	Review requested by residents.	Establish an all-way stop intersection.
3. 3-A*	Rambla de las Flores from La Granada to La Orilla in Rancho Santa Fe.	Review requested by DPW staff.	Combine with the southern speed zone segment, establish a 35 MPH speed limit, and certify the 35 MPH speed limit.
3. 3-B*	Rambla de las Flores from La Orilla to Linea del Cielo in Rancho Santa Fe.	Review requested by DPW staff.	Combine with the northern speed zone segment, establish a 35 MPH speed limit, and certify the 35 MPH speed limit.
5. 5-A*	Stage Coach Lane from Mission Road to 1,580' south of Calavo Road in Fallbrook.	Review requested by DPW staff.	Combine with the northern speed zone segment, relocate the northern endpoint to Fallbrook Street, establish a 40 MPH speed limit, and certify the 40 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.
5. 5-B*	Stage Coach Lane from 1,580' south of Calavo Road to Reche Road in Fallbrook.	Review requested by DPW staff.	Combine with the southern speed zone segment, relocate the northern endpoint to Fallbrook Street, establish a 40 MPH speed limit, and certify the 40 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.
5. 5-C*	Stage Coach Lane from Reche Road to Mission Road in Fallbrook.	Review requested by DPW staff.	Relocate the southern endpoint to Fallbrook Street and certify the 35 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

District Item	Location	Request	Description
5. 5-D*	Rainbow Heights Road from Rice Canyon Road to end of County maintenance (at Sombrero Road, a private road) in Rainbow.	Review requested by residents.	Establish a 30 MPH speed limit and certify the 30 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.
5. 5-E	San Marino Drive and Hermosita Drive in Lake San Marcos.	Review requested by residents.	Establish an all-way stop intersection.

*Item requires two hearings.

Approval of Item 1-A on Presioca Street and Harness Street (District 1) and 5-E on San Marino Drive and Hermosita Drive in Lake San Marcos (District 5) would enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists by assigning a full stop to all vehicles approaching the intersections. Properly posted intersection stop controls reduce the number and severity of collisions by assuring reasonable drivers enter intersections at a low speed and have more time to take heed of the traffic situation.

Approval of Items 3-A on Rambla de las Flores in Rancho Santa Fe (District 3), 3-B on Rambla de las Flores in Rancho Santa Fe (District 3), 5-A on Stage Coach Lane in Fallbrook (District 5), 5-B on Stage Coach Lane in Fallbrook (District 5), 5-C on Stage Coach Lane in Fallbrook (District 5), and 5-D on Rainbow Heights Road in Rainbow (District 5) would support speed enforcement which enhances roadway safety. Properly posted speed limits inform drivers on safe speeds, reduce the number and severity of collisions, and allow for enforcement.

The Board's action on Items 1-A on Presioca Street and Harness Street (District 1) and 5-E on San Marino Drive and Hermosita Drive in Lake San Marcos (District 5) does not revise the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances (County Code) and therefore does not require a second reading of an ordinance. Board direction on January 14, 2026 would allow implementation by DPW.

The Board's action on 3-A on Rambla de las Flores in Rancho Santa Fe (District 3), 3-B on Rambla de las Flores in Rancho Santa Fe (District 3), 5-A on Stage Coach Lane in Fallbrook (District 5), 5-B on Stage Coach Lane in Fallbrook (District 5), 5-C on Stage Coach Lane in Fallbrook (District 5), and 5-D on Rainbow Heights Road in Rainbow (District 5) would introduce an ordinance to amend and establish speed limit zones. This action would revise the County Code and requires two steps. On January 14, 2026, the Board will consider the TAC items. If the Board takes action as recommended, then on January 28, 2026, a second reading and adoption of ordinances amending the County Code would be necessary to implement the Board's direction. If the proposed ordinance is altered on January 28, 2026, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

District 1:

Item 1-A. Presioca Street and Harness Street in Spring Valley - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

District 3:

Item 3-A. Rambla de las Flores from La Granada to La Orilla in Rancho Santa Fe - Combine with the southern speed zone segment, establish a 35 MPH speed limit, and certify the 35 MPH speed limit.

Item 3-B. Rambla de las Flores from La Orilla to Linea del Cielo in Rancho Santa Fe - Combine with the northern speed zone segment, establish a 35 MPH speed limit, and certify the 35 MPH speed limit.

District 5:

Item 5-A. Stage Coach Lane from Mission Road to 1,580' south of Calavo Road in Fallbrook - Combine with the northern speed zone segment, relocate the northern endpoint to Fallbrook Street, establish a 40 MPH speed limit, and certify the 40 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

Item 5-B. Stage Coach Lane from 1,580' south of Calavo Road to Reche Road in Fallbrook - Combine with the southern speed zone segment, relocate the northern endpoint to Fallbrook Street, establish a 40 MPH speed limit, and certify the 40 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

Item 5-C. Stage Coach Lane from Reche Road to Mission Road in Fallbrook - Relocate the southern endpoint to Fallbrook Street and certify the 35 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

Item 5-D. Rainbow Heights Road from Rice Canyon Road to end of County maintenance (at Sombrero Road, a private road) in Rainbow - Establish a 30 MPH speed limit and certify the 30 MPH speed limit for radar enforcement.

Item 5-E. San Marino Drive and Hermosita Drive in Lake San Marcos - Establish an all-way stop intersection.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 72.169.8.4., AMENDING SECTIONS 72.161.9., 72.169.54., AND 72.169.58., AND DELETING SECTIONS 72.161.9.1., AND 72.169.75. OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The review of traffic signs, intersection controls, and roadway markings supports vehicle safety on County of San Diego maintained roads. The transportation system must be safe for all road users, for all modes of transportation, in all communities, and for people of all incomes, races, ethnicities, ages, and abilities. Understanding travel patterns, where correctable crashes are

occurring, and the disproportionate impacts on certain communities allows the Department of Public Works to identify actions to address the underlying causes, improve safety, and ensure there is justice in the enforcement of traffic regulations. DPW's Local Roadway Safety Plan reviews correctable collisions along road segments within the unincorporated areas of the region and uses the Healthy Places Index (3.0) and CalEnviroScreen (4.0) to ensure that underserved populations are prioritized. The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) relies on the Local Roadway Safety Plan and performs reviews of regulatory traffic control devices such as signs and markings. While adherence to sign and marking standards developed by the California Department of Transportation is crucial to obtaining the compliance of most drivers, the TAC also relies on various community engagement methods such as the Tell Us Now! Mobile app, toll-free hotlines, and a customer service request program to intake reports on a wide variety of traffic concerns and ensure the concerns are addressed.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions have social, health and well-being, and environmental sustainability benefits. The Traffic Advisory Committee has made addressing sustainability a top priority by partnering with local communities and industry leaders in a public forum every two months to find timely, reasonable, and cost-effective in-road traffic solutions that reduce costly traffic delays, mitigate vehicle idling to reduce emissions, improve fire response times and regional readiness, and ensure justice in enforcement of traffic regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Department of Public Works, Road Fund. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$15,034.00 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for staff time, materials, and supplies. The funding source is the State Highway User Tax Account. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

5. **SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY AND MITIGATION RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING PROGRAM FUNDS AND CEQA FINDING (DISTRICTS: 1, 2, 4) (~~DISTRICTS: ALL~~)**

OVERVIEW

In January 2024, the San Diego region experienced successive storms from an atmospheric river event that, in the community of Spring Valley, delivered unprecedented levels of rainfall and significant flooding. Other local communities also experienced heavy rainfall and flooding. The ensuing damage resulted in a Presidential disaster declaration for San Diego County and other areas in California.

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is administering the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

program funds allocated to California by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Those funds are supporting long-term recovery efforts through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act due to the 2023 and 2024 severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides. HCD also allocated grant funding for a Mitigation Resilience Infrastructure and Planning Program (CDBG MIT-RIPP) to San Diego County (County). HCD defines mitigation activities as those that increase resilience to future disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship. These two programs, DR & MIT-RIPP are combined into one application. The County of San Diego has received a preliminary combined allocation of \$15,900,752 for the January 2024 storms. This includes \$10,210,410 under the CDBG-DR program to address long-term recovery efforts as a direct result of the 2024 floods and \$5,690,342 under the CDBG MIT-RIPP program to increase the county's resilience in future disasters. Cost estimates for CDBG-DR candidate projects approximately matched the amount of funding available. CDBG MIT-RIPP candidate projects were considered and ranked based on their ability to meet the intent of the funding, the timeline for completing work (June 2030), the program goal of benefitting census-established low-to-moderate income areas, submitting County program's priorities, and community interest. County staff developed candidate project lists, which were shared and discussed with HCD staff in advance of formal submission to improve the County's application quality and responsiveness. Projects are listed in order of priority, with rankings based on multiple scoring criteria identified by the State. HCD staff recommended that the County's application include eligible projects that exceed the initial \$15,900,752 combined allocation should additional funds become available. Accordingly, the County's application will include eligible projects totaling \$24,590,000. Final selection and award for all the projects listed below will be determined by the HCD.

As a result of the 2024 January floods in the region, and after careful evaluation of the technical requirements of the grant for eligibility, the County is proposing the following projects for submission to CDBG-DR.

- 1. Tijuana River Valley (TJRV) Smuggler's Gulch Sedimentation Basins (\$10M):** This project, located in District 1, would construct sedimentation capture basins at the south end of Smuggler's Gulch which will help capture trash and sediment carried from Mexico, flowing into the U.S. side of the Pacific Ocean.
- 2. Rio Way Culvert Repair (\$210,410):** This project, located in the District 4 community of Spring Valley, would repair portions of an existing pipe that has holes and corrosion.

To increase the region's resilience to future environmental disasters, and after careful evaluation of the technical requirements of the grant for eligibility, the County is proposing the following projects for submission to CDBG-MIT.

- 1. TJRV Saturn Boulevard (\$2.5M):** The project, located in District 1, provides short-term mitigation to address air quality issues in the Tijuana River Valley. Currently, turbulent flows of the Tijuana River at the Saturn Boulevard crossing result in releases of dissolved gases, including hydrogen sulfide, which are found within the polluted Tijuana River Water. The project will install temporary pipe extensions to reduce turbulence and the resulting aerosolization of pollutants.

2. **Lang Avenue Culvert Repair (\$200,000):** This project, located in the District 1 community of Spring Valley, would repair portions of an existing corrugated steel pipe (CSP) that has holes and corrosion.
3. **Pecan Park Lane Erosion Repair (\$1.5M):** This project is located in District 2 in unincorporated El Cajon and intended to repair severe bank erosion along a portion of Los Coches Creek.
4. **Special Drainage Area 1 Master Plan Update (\$750,000):** SDA-1 is located in the unincorporated communities of Spring Valley and Casa de Oro in District 1 and District 4, and this project will include updating the drainage facility inventory, conducting condition assessments, completing hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, and evaluating mitigation alternatives.
5. **Bancroft Drive Area Drainage Study (\$200,000):** The project, located in the District 1 community of Spring Valley, is to perform a drainage study for the Bancroft Drive area between Valencia Street and Avocado Street.
6. **Whitaker Road Stormwater Master Plan (\$250,000):** This project, located in District 2, is to develop a master plan which aims to mitigate stormwater impacts and reduce flooding and property damage.

The following additional projects are also proposed in case additional CDBG-MIT funding becomes available:

1. **Estrella Drive Drainage Improvements (\$1.2M):** This project, located in the District 4 community of Casa de Oro, intended to rehabilitate and upgrade the existing stormwater culvert impacted by tree roots.
2. **Sweetwater Road Green Street Project (up to \$6M):** Located in the District 1 community of Spring Valley, this project would implement green infrastructure, such as tree wells, along Sweetwater Road (between St. George Street and Jamacha Boulevard).
3. **San Miguel Creek Floodplain Study (\$200,000):** The project, located in the District 1 community of Bonita, would produce a detailed floodplain analysis, which provides an elevation of flooding analysis to be used by the community for purposes of protecting people, structures, and the environment.
4. **Lamar Park Green Infrastructure (\$1.34M):** This project, located in the District 4 community of Spring Valley, requests the acquisition of a privately owned parcel located adjacent to Lamar Park to develop a planned trash capture project. It would divert water from an existing culvert located immediately north of the park into a below-ground full-trash capture unit, removing approximately 1,760 gallons of trash annually from the Sweetwater Watershed.

Today's action requests the Board of Supervisors authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Land Use and Environment Group, Director of Public Works and Director of Parks and Recreation and any other County Department Director when necessary to apply for or

secure funding, to apply for and execute agreements and other documents to secure State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Infrastructure and Mitigation Resilient Infrastructure and Planning (MIT-RIPP) Program funds with the projects listed in this Board letter. To reduce complexity in the application process, the County will apply for funds for projects that will be owned and managed by the County and the San Diego County Flood Control District (District). Subsequent agreements between the County and District may be necessary to provide for the completion of funded projects by or on behalf of the District.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the requested Board action to seek available State disaster assistance funds for possible projects is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the action may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND CERTAIN RELATED LOAN OR GRANT DOCUMENTS AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, RELATED TO ANY AWARD MADE PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATION (ATTACHMENT A).
3. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CERTIFYING THE “URGENT NEEDS” NATIONAL OBJECTIVE IS BEING MET IN THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE CDBG-DR AND MIT PROGRAMS (ATTACHMENT B).
4. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Land Use and Environment Group, Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and any other County Department Director when necessary to apply for or secure funding, or their designees to accept all funds awarded and to execute all grant related documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds services and facilities to benefit the most vulnerable in our communities. The allocation of these federal grant funds is aligned with screening criteria that considers socioeconomic data, and eligibility calculations including census tract income levels. The projects deliver benefits to households that are considered Low-Moderate Income (LMI). Construction is administered in conformance with federal standards for labor practices, wage requirements, safety standards, Working Families Ordinance and are subject to ongoing reporting and verification of compliance with these federal provisions. Further, the CDBG projects require construction contractors to hire and train workers from Section 3 (low- and very-low income) households. These employment opportunities must be both gender and race neutral. Both the administration of the infrastructure construction project and the use of the newly installed facilities are focused on maximizing benefits within our underserved communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Repairing and improving culverts, addressing erosion and making improvements to protect against storm and flooding are all projects that promote the health and well-being of residents, and provide environmental sustainability benefits of the region. These improvements will help to ensure we have resilient communities and infrastructure that serves our future needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation to apply for the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery and Mitigation funds in the current Fiscal Year 2025-26. If the grant is awarded and approved for all eligible projects, today's request will result in costs and revenue of \$15,900,752. If additional grant funding is made available and is awarded for the additional projects identified in the Overview and Background sections of this Board letter, it could result in up to \$24,350,410 in costs and revenue. If awarded, appropriations and revenue for the funded projects will be included in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operational Plan and future Operational Plans for the Department of Public Works (\$11,600,410) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (\$12,750,000.00). The funding source will be the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery and Mitigation program from the State of California Department of Housing & Community Development. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

6. **SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT TO BENEFIT TRICOLORED BLACKBIRD PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

The State of California's Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Local Assistance Grant Program was created to assist local public and non-profit entities in implementing NCCPs throughout California. The Local Assistance Grant Program, administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), allocates funds for projects associated with the planning and implementation of established conservation programs such as the County of San Diego's (County) Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP). The MSCP is 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. On October 22, 1997 (1), the County Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the 50-year MSCP South County Subarea Plan, which includes the unincorporated areas in the southwestern portion of the region. In total, there are three Plan Areas within the County's MSCP, including the adopted South County Subarea, the draft North County, and the proposed East County MSCP Plan Areas.

The County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) evaluated eligible projects that are part of the MSCP in conjunction with the requirements of the Local Assistance Grant Program and determined that the Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Tricolored Blackbird Project (Project)

would meet a known conservation need and be competitive for available grant funding. Previous Local Assistance Grant-funded projects have been performed on multiple County Preserves, including Lakeside Linkage Preserve and Otay Ranch Preserve, and benefited MSCP-covered species, including coastal cactus wren and federally endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly. The Project includes managing the existing old-growth bulrush and installing cattails and nettle species to diversify the plant species and removing invasive non-native plant species at an on-site pond in Boulder Oaks Preserve (Preserve). Enhancing the pond vegetation would improve habitat for wildlife species, particularly the tricolored blackbird, a rare species that contributes to local biodiversity and is found year-round in the Ramona area. On July 17, 2025, DPR submitted an NCCP Local Assistance Grant Program (LAG) application to CDFW for the Project and received notification from CDFW on October 7, 2025, that the Project was awarded \$79,989 in grant funding. The awarded LAG funding will fully fund the Project's activities with nominal County staff time for project administration.

Today's requested action is to adopt a resolution authorizing DPR to accept up to \$79,989 of Local Assistance Grant funds from CDFW that will be expended through the term of the Project, April 2026 through March 2028. Although the County Board delegated general authority to pursue and accept grant funding on October 23, 2024 (7), a requirement of the grant application is that applicants must provide a project-specific resolution from the governing body that identifies the project to be implemented with the grant funds. In addition, today's actions will establish appropriations in DPR and authorize the Director of DPR, or designee, to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents that may be necessary to accept the grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Tricolored Blackbird Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 because the project involves minor alterations in the condition of vegetation, which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: **RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE Local Assistance GRANT PROGRAM FOR Habitat Enhancement to Benefit tricolored blackbird PROJECT.**
3. Establish appropriations of \$79,989 in the Department of Parks and Recreation, Services and Supplies, for the Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Tricolored Blackbird Project, based on funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent of the County of San Diego, to conduct all negotiations and submit all documents necessary to accept grant funds, including but not limited to, grant contracts, payment requests, and to execute the grant agreements, including any extensions or amendments thereof that do not materially impact or alter the grant programs or funding levels.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Department of Parks and Recreation's proposed efforts to accept grant funds through the Local Assistance Grant Program to enhance natural habitat in Boulder Oaks Preserve, through the enhancement activities of the Project, will benefit threatened animal species, reduce fuel loads, and enhance fire resiliency of the vegetation in the Preserve. The Project is anticipated to have a positive impact on all residents and visitors by improving water and air quality and providing wildfire protection.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action of the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grant funds through the Local Assistance Grant Program to enhance natural habitat in Boulder Oaks Preserve (Preserve) contributes to the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No. 6 to protect ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity. The Project will enhance the native vegetation in the area, thus expanding available nesting habitat for a threatened animal species and increasing the biodiversity in the Preserve.

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). If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$79,989 related to Recommendation 3. The funding source is grant funds from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). If approved, the proposed action will also adopt a resolution authorizing DPR to accept \$79,989 of Local Assistance Grant (LAG) funding from CDFW for the Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Tricolored Blackbird Project related to Recommendation 2.

The Local Assistance Grant program strongly encourages matching funds for all project proposals. Matching funds will be provided through in-kind services in the form of County staff time up to the amount of \$4,838 for the Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Tricolored Blackbird Project. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue in DPR. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

With the \$79,989 of LAG funding and \$4,838 of County matching funds for DPR staff time, the total budget for the Project will be \$84,827 if approved.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

7. **SUBJECT: GILLESPIE FIELD AIRPORT- ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND AND ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE GILLESPIE FIELD RUNWAY 17-35 REHABILITATION PROJECT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

OVERVIEW

This action is requesting the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to fund and initiate construction for the rehabilitation of Runway 17-35 at Gillespie Field, a critical general aviation and public safety County airport in East County. The \$8.4 million project will

extend runway life, improve safety, and support sustainable infrastructure. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2026 and to be completed by winter 2026-27. Gillespie Field is a County-owned and operated general aviation airport located within the cities of El Cajon and Santee. Established in 1942 as a Marine Corps facility and transferred to County ownership in 1952, the airport serves as a key gateway for San Diego's East County, supporting corporate and general aviation, flight training, maintenance, and aircraft storage. It also functions as a regional hub for emergency services and public safety operations, housing Sheriff's aerial units, SDG&E firefighting helicopters, and medical evacuation services.

To maintain Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding eligibility under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), Gillespie Field updates its Airport Pavement Management Program (APMP) every three years. The 2025 APMP identified Runway 17-35, last rehabilitated in 2006, is due for pavement rehabilitation based on age and condition. Maintaining runway conditions is critical to ensuring the safety of pilots, passengers, and ground personnel, as compromised surfaces can lead to accidents, equipment damage, and operational disruptions. The project will mill and overlay the existing runway asphalt, improve connector taxiways and shoulders, restripe pavement, and upgrade runway lighting. It will also pave service roads around both runway ends, consistent with the FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan.

The project estimated cost consists of environmental review, design, and contract administration costs of \$650,000 and construction costs of \$7,750,000 for a total project cost of \$8,400,000. The total project costs also include 15% contingency for unforeseen conditions. The funding source is FAA grant (\$4,716,287) and available prior year Airport Enterprise Fund fund balance (\$3,683,713). Previous Board actions on March 15, 2022 (23) and June 24, 2025 (06), appropriated \$600,000 and \$405,000 totaling \$1,005,000.

Today's request is to establish additional appropriations of \$7,395,000 and approve the advertisement and subsequent award of a construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder for Gillespie Field runway 17-35 rehabilitation project. The project is full cost recovery under Board Policy B-29 and will not affect other projects.

On October 23, 2024 (7), the Board granted authority to Land Use & Environment Group departments to apply for and accept grants from non-profits, local, state and federal agencies through Fiscal Year 2029-30. The FAA grant application was submitted in December 2025 and is expected to be awarded by September 2026. Upon Board approval and FAA grant award, the Department of Purchasing and Contracting will advertise and award a construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because it involves the repair and maintenance of an existing runway at a public airport, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

2. Establish additional appropriations of \$7,395,000 in the Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF) to provide funds for the Gillespie Field Runway 17-35 Rehabilitation Project based on additional unanticipated revenue from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (\$4,141,200) and available prior year AEF fund balance (\$3,253,800). **(4 VOTES)**
3. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to advertise and award a construction contract and to take other actions authorized by Section 401 et seq., of the Administrative Code with respect to contracting for the Gillespie Field Runway 17-35 Rehabilitation Project.
4. 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

Gillespie Field is one of seven airports owned and operated by the County that provide vital air transportation hubs, emergency response facilities, and economic engines to the region. 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. Construction is administered in conformance with federal standards for labor practices, wage requirements, safety standards, Working Families Ordinance and are subject to ongoing reporting and verification of compliance with these federal provisions. 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

The County of San Diego is committed to supporting the safe and efficient movement of people and goods by ensuring our airport facilities are maintained to FAA standards. Today's action supports the County's environmental, social, and economic sustainability goals. Rehabilitation of the existing runway pavement extends the useful life of the runway structure, is significantly more cost-efficient than reconstruction, and saves a significant amount of resources over full reconstruction, thereby supporting sustainability of resources. Recycled asphalt pavement is used in rehabilitation activities and is derived from sourced materials in old, deteriorated pavement. The recycled pavement material is removed, processed, and reused, ultimately saving tens of thousands of tons of aggregate from the landfill each year. Using recycled content reduces pollution, greenhouse gases, and vehicles miles traveled in the manufacture, transport, and installation of virgin materials. Well-maintained runways improve the mobility of airport vehicles and subsequently decrease vehicle maintenance and operation costs. This project will rehabilitate the top few inches of pavement to prolong the life of the entire runway structure. Implementation of sustainable construction methods, including the use of recycled content, aligns with the County's initiatives to incorporate sustainability practices in construction projects. Planning, coordinating, and implementing effective sustainability objectives and measures are crucial to reducing the County's impact and ensuring safe and healthy communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF). If approved, today's requested action will establish additional appropriations of \$7,395,000 in the AEF for this project. The total project cost for the Gillespie Field Runway 17-35 Rehabilitation Project is estimated at \$8,400,000, which includes \$7,750,000 construction costs and 15% contingency for unforeseen conditions, and \$650,000 for environmental review, design, and contract administration. The funding sources are the Federal Aviation Administration (\$4,716,287) and available prior year AEF fund balance (\$3,683,713). This project is full-cost recovery in accordance with Board Policy B-29, Grants and Revenue Contracts. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

When approved by the Board of Supervisors for advertising and award, County of San Diego construction contracts are 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, 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 the higher of either (a) prevailing wages determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations, according to the type of work and location of the project, or (b) Davis-Bacon Act locally prevailing wage rates for federally funded contracts determined by the U.S. Department of Labor.

8. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A PORTION OF DEHESA ROAD IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA AND CEQA FINDING (VAC 2024-0163) (DISTRICT: 2)

OVERVIEW

The Real Estate Division of the Department of General Services is processing a request from the owner (applicant) of Assessor's Parcel Number 516-020-22 to summarily vacate a portion of the Dehesa Road public highway easement including all the incidental rights to extend drainage structures and excavation and embankment slopes beyond the remaining right-of-way (ROW) that encumbers a portion of their property located on the south side of Dehesa Road just east of Sloan Canyon Road, and across the street from Dehesa School. The property is located in the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Community Plan Area. A summary vacation is a streamlined process by which an excess public road right-of-way, or a public service easement is abandoned. It may be requested by the County of San Diego (County) or 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 Department of Public Works has determined that the portion of Dehesa Road proposed for vacation is excess and no longer needed for present or future public use because the remaining ROW exceeds the width needed for existing traffic operations and will also exceed the minimum required half width for this classification of road. A road vacation often benefits the public by enabling improved use of the land it formerly occupied. The vacation was requested by the property owner and will reduce encumbrances that could allow for better use of

the subject properties and allow for the potential for future development at the owner's discretion.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to adopt a Resolution to summarily vacate this excess portion of Dehesa Road.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find the proposed vacation is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) because the action would result in the summary vacation of a public highway easement that is not needed for public road purposes, including the incidental rights, and will not have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effect on the environment and is therefore not a project subject to CEQA as defined in section 15378.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION TO SUMMARILY VACATE A PORTION OF DEHESA ROAD, IN THE CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (VAC 2024-0163). Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board.
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to record the Resolution for Vacation No. 2024-0163 pursuant to State of California Streets and Highways Code Section 8336.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The resolution to partially remove an encumbrance from private land that is no longer needed for public purposes will provide an overall public benefit and improve the use of the land made available by the vacation. The existing surrounding road system will continue to provide adequate access for the property and will not preclude future development.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to summarily vacate a portion of Dehesa Road and the incidental rights 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 their property for potential 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 costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

9. SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:

**SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE LXV OF THE SAN
DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO COUNTY
FACILITIES (JANUARY 13, 2026- FIRST READING; JANUARY 28,
2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON
SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On January 13, 2026 (8), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on January 18, 2026.

On October 21, 2025 (17), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to draft a Civil Liberties Enforcement and Accountability Rules (CLEAR) Ordinance based upon the Due Process and Safety Ordinance adopted by the City of San Diego City Council on October 21, 2025.

Based on direction from the Board, staff returned on November 18, 2025 (20) and then again on December 9, 2025 (20) with a draft ordinance that restricts access to non-public areas of County of San Diego (County) facilities by law enforcement without a judicial warrant or court order. It also directs the posting of clear, multilingual signage in County buildings to inform residents of their rights. Finally, it extends certain requirements to County contractors, grantees, and leaseholders, ensuring consistent and enforceable civil rights safeguards across County partnerships and funded programs. Additional direction was provided by the Board on December 9, 2025 (20) to amend the language in the draft ordinance.

Today's recommendation requests that the Board consider the introduction of an ordinance based upon the Due Process and Safety Ordinance adopted by the City of San Diego City Council including the amendments presented on December 9th. If the Board acts as recommended, then on January 28, 2026, the Board is requested to adopt the ordinance (second reading) and take related actions. If the proposed ordinance is altered on January 28, 2026, then on that date, a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Consider and adopt the Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE LXV OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO
COUNTY FACILITIES**

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action aims to promote fairness and equal treatment in the justice system by preventing discriminatory practices that disproportionately impact immigrant communities. This approach supports the County's commitment to social justice and inclusion, fostering trust and cooperation between immigrant communities and the County, which is essential for effective in keeping all of our communities safe.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action supports the County's Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access to County services to promote equity, transparency, and community trust. Multilingual signage and clear communication of rights enhance accessibility and civic engagement. Overall, the ordinance supports transparency into County operations and community partnerships.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for today's actions are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan based on existing staff time in the Department of Purchasing & Contracting and the County Communications Office based on Charges for Services to client departments and General Purpose Revenue, respectively. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

**10. SUBJECT: ADMINITRATIVE ITEM:
SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:
ADOPT ORDINANCE FOR A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION
PROGRAM (JANUARY 13, 2026- FIRST READING; JANUARY 28,
2026 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON
SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On January 13, 2026 (11), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on January 28, 2026.

A Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) is a retirement benefit that generally allows employees to continue employment (earn wages) while simultaneously initiating distributions of pension benefit payments which are set aside for the employee upon retirement. Pursuant to the Government Code (GC), only safety employees can participate in a DROP.

On December 5, 2023 (32), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with an actuarial consultant to provide cost neutral options for a DROP for County safety members that are consistent with the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL). A County of San Diego (County) DROP must be developed and implemented in accordance with the Government Code, specifically CERL. Cost neutrality of a DROP is required by CERL, which provides that a cost neutral DROP will not have a significant negative financial impact on the members, employer, or the retirement system. Specifically, a proposed DROP would be cost neutral if there are no anticipated increases in employer contributions to the retirement system, the actuarial accrued liability of the retirement fund, or the present value of retirement benefits, and it would not decrease the present value of benefits by more than 3%. The County retained the actuarial firm Foster & Foster to develop options that would be considered cost neutral and subsequently updated the Board through several memoranda.

Subsequent discussions occurred in consideration of a DROP with labor negotiators and organizations representing safety employees, including provisions for implementing a DROP, which resulted in Letters of Understanding dated May 5, 2025 and updated December 18, 2025.

On May 20, 2025 (9), the Board directed the CAO to request the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA) Board of Trustees (Retirement Board) cause an actuarial analysis be performed of the negotiated DROP pursuant to GC Section 31770.4 and begin preparation of a draft implementation ordinance for the Board's consideration in the event of a cost neutrality determination by SDCERA.

SDCERA's actuarial firm, Segal, thereafter completed the required analysis and on December 18, 2025, reported to the Retirement Board that the proposed County DROP is cost neutral, as defined.

Today's recommendations request the Board consider on January 13, 2026 and if approved, adopt on January 28, 2026, an ordinance which would modify the Compensation Ordinance to implement a DROP as negotiated and reflected in updated Letters of Understanding with affected employee representatives (Attachment B) which would become operative on March 20, 2026.

Implementing DROP requires information technology enhancements to payroll modules of PeopleSoft, the County's human resources and payroll systems, that are necessary to coordinate with SDCERA for administration of DROP requirements as negotiated, ongoing enrollment and participation, and reporting. These costs are not considered in the cost neutrality analysis as defined by CERL. The funding source is based on an assignment of Unrestricted General Fund Balance that was previously identified in Fiscal Year 2024-25 for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County provides retirement benefits to attract and retain employees, including safety. Retirement benefits support a broad community of diverse employees and retirees, providing long-term financial support well after active employment with the County concludes.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Retirement benefits help ensure the County can compete to attract and retain an appropriately sized, skilled and diverse workforce to design and implement policies, programs and services that ensure equitable and sustainable opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in Finance Other and Auditor and Controller. If approved, this request will result in one-time costs of \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 in Finance Other for payroll system updates. The funding source for these one-time costs is prior year General Fund fund balance, which was assigned for this purpose.

There will also be ongoing costs of approximately \$100,000 per year in Auditor and Controller for program administration and maintenance activities. The funding source for these ongoing costs is General Purpose Revenue based on existing staff resources. There will be no additional staff years.

Under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL), Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) is considered cost neutral if there is no increase in employer contributions, actuarial accrued liability, or present value of benefits, and there is no decrease in the present value of benefits of more than 3%. However, there are other potential costs to the County that fall outside of the legal definition of cost neutrality. In addition to the program administration and system update costs mentioned above, the most significant potential outside cost is an increase in payroll costs due to the increased retention of higher paid employees and deferral of the need for new employees earning a lower salary. The County's total payroll is estimated to be \$0.7 million (0.2%) higher in the first year of DROP implementation and \$15.5 million (4.3%) higher at five years, compared to estimates of where payroll would be without DROP implementation. Actual impacts to total payroll will depend upon the number of DROP participants. Funding for the County's ongoing costs will be identified as part of the development of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and in future years.

There are also potential cost savings to the County. These include reduced pension benefit costs for new hires, lower overtime costs due to the reduction of vacant positions, and savings in recruitment and training costs.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

11. SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION (1/28/2026- FIRST READING; 2/10/2026- SECOND READING, UNLESS THE ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Compensation Ordinance, enacted by the Board of Supervisors, establishes procedures for compensating County of San Diego employees. The Department of Human Resources recommends updates based on organizational needs to attract and retain a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce. Today's proposed amendments support this goal.

Today's recommendations are for the Board to approve the introduction of the amendments to the Compensation Ordinance (first reading). If the Board takes action as recommended, then on February 10, 2026, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is altered on February 10, 2026, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the adoption of the ordinances.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On January 28, 2026:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading):
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

If, on January 28, 2026 the Board takes action as recommended in item 1 above, then, on February 10, 2026:

2. Approve the adoption of the Ordinance (second reading):
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

If the proposed ordinance(s) are altered on February 10, 2026, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for adoption of the ordinance(s).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Department of Human Resources is committed to ensuring equity in classification and compensation. Today's recommended amendments to the Compensation Ordinance will help the County of San Diego attract, retain, and support a skilled, adaptable, and diverse workforce, enabling the delivery of efficient, high-quality services to residents and visitors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed amendments to the Compensation Ordinance support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by promoting sustainable economic growth through just and equitable wages and benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

12. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendment to the Conflict of Interest code for North County Transit.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Approve the Conflict of Interest code for North County Transit.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County government includes standing and special boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent, bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than cities, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform

Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the amended Conflict of Interest code submitted by North County Transit. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This Board Letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

13. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," Board Policy A-77, "Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election," and Board Policy I-1, "Planning and Sponsor Group Policies and Procedures."

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER

Appoint Amelia Tsering to the Commission on THE Status of Women and Girls, Seat 13, for a term to expire January 28, 2028.

Re-appoint Diane Moss to the Resource Conservation District, Seat 4, for a term to expire November 29, 2030.

VICE-CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

Appoint Sarah Hillier to the CSA No. 026: Rancho San Diego Local Park District Advisory Board, Seat 1, for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Appoint Tobin Riley to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat 18, to complete the unexpired term, set to expire May 21, 2027.

Appoint Luke Bennett to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat 19, to complete the unexpired term, set to expire May 21, 2027.

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees", and re-appoint Susan Tostado-Pope to the PAST GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, Seat 2, for a term to expire December 31, 2027.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees, and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions, and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego's ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by "encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

14. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)**OVERVIEW**

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Note and file.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

FISCAL IMPACT
N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

15. SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE CRISIS INCLUDING SATURN BOULEVARD INFRASTRUCTURE AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HEALTH STUDY (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The Tijuana River Valley (TJRV) and surrounding South Bay communities continue to experience severe impacts from untreated sewage, urban runoff, and toxic airborne emissions, resulting in recurring contamination of coastal waters and nearby neighborhoods. These conditions continue to pose significant risks to public health, environmental resources, and economic activity across affected cities and unincorporated communities.

In response, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board), has proclaimed a local emergency and in coordination with regional, State, and federal partners, has advanced a series of actions. Since the Board's most recent update, efforts have focused on advancing studies and implementation planning intended to better quantify impacts and inform near- and long-term response strategies.

On September 30, 2025 (3), staff returned to the Board with updates on multiple actions, including air quality interventions, the County Pollution Crisis Chief position, planning for the epidemiological health study, and the Saturn Boulevard feasibility study. At that time, staff committed to continuing work through the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to refine implementation plans for priority initiatives, ensuring alignment with Board direction and community needs.

Building on prior Board actions including the adoption of a five-point response framework, under the leadership of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Tijuana River Sewage Crisis, staff have made progress on a number of key initiatives as directed by the Board. These include

identifying a path forward for an epidemiological public health impact study, initiation of an economic impact study to assess losses associated with the sewage crisis, and advancement of a feasibility study for infrastructure improvements at Saturn Boulevard to mitigate harmful emissions.

Since November 2025, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Tijuana River Sewage Crisis has convened on a monthly basis to receive updates, discuss emerging issues, and provide guidance on the coordination and implementation of priority actions related to this ongoing environmental

and public health crisis. Today's item, presented by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Tijuana River Sewage Crisis, provides an update on the epidemiological public health impact study and the feasibility study for infrastructure improvements at Saturn Boulevard, directs the Chief Administrative Officer to refer the items to the Unlocked Reserves Framework, and authorizes a competitive procurement for a long-term health study.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND CHAIR PRO-TEM PALOMA AGUIRRE

1. Receive this update on ongoing efforts to strengthen the County's response to the Tijuana River sewage crisis including long-term epidemiological study, retrospective health study, and the infrastructure project at the Saturn Boulevard hotspot.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include the following items within the Unlocked Reserves Framework:
 - a. \$2.0 million for the long-term health study, contingent on the remaining funds in the amount of \$4.0 million being contributed from other funders;
 - b. \$250,000 for a retrospective health study; and
 - c. \$2.5 million for the capital costs to construct a temporary pipe extension at Saturn Boulevard. Should alternative funding be identified, the \$2.5 million will support immediate needs for the Tijuana River Valley.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Competitive Solicitation for a long-term health study, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of two years, with three option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to begin working with the City of San Diego and the United States Navy on an agreement to move forward in partnership for the environmental, permitting, design, and construction work and access, implementation, and maintenance necessary for the temporary infrastructure pipe extension project at Saturn Boulevard.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Residents of South Bay communities, including Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, National City, Bonita, and East Otay Mesa, have been disproportionately affected by the Tijuana River sewage crisis. The November 2024 Assessment of Chemical Exposures by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and County of San Diego found that nearly two-thirds of

surveyed households reported physical health symptoms and a decline in quality of life linked to contamination from the Tijuana River Valley. These impacts are concentrated in neighborhoods with higher proportions of low-income and vulnerable populations, highlighting disparities in environmental health outcomes within the region.

The initiatives presented in today's item support the County of San Diego's (County) efforts to better understand the health impacts of this crisis and address inequities through focused interventions within communities facing the greatest health risks. Through focused deployment of resources, implementation of environmental and health protections, and ongoing study to guide responsive strategies, the County is working to reduce exposure disparities, improve public health outcomes, and ensure safer, healthier environments for all residents.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions advance the County of San Diego's commitment to sustainable development by protecting public health, conserving water resources, and supporting responsible land management. These measures correspond with Sustainability Goal #4, which emphasizes health and well-being for all residents; Sustainability Goal #5, which focuses on the protection and stewardship of water resources; and Sustainability Goal #6, which promotes land management practices that maintain ecosystem integrity, preserve habitats and biodiversity, and support soil health while enhancing opportunities for outdoor access countywide.

Through collaboration with local, State, and federal partners, the County's efforts focus on addressing both the ongoing effects of the Tijuana River Valley sewage crisis as well as its underlying causes. By prioritizing environmental restoration, safeguarding natural resources, and mitigating public health risks, these actions ensure that residents, visitors, and future generations can continue to benefit from the region's diverse landscapes and ecological resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will be included in the Unlocked Reserves Framework which will result in a total one-time cost of \$4.75 million in Fiscal Year 2025-26 including \$2.0 million for the long-term health study, \$250,000 for the retrospective health study, and \$2.5 million for a temporary pipe extension at Saturn Boulevard. Funds for the long-term health study are contingent on \$4.0 million of the study's total cost of \$6.0 million being contributed by other funders. Should alternative funding sources be identified for the pipe extension project, all or a portion of \$2.5 million will support immediate needs for the Tijuana River Valley. The funding source is prior year Unrestricted General Fund Balance made available as unlocked reserves. There will be no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The Tijuana River sewage crisis continues to affect local economic activity, particularly small businesses and tourism-dependent operations in coastal and border-adjacent communities. Conditions in these areas have contributed to operational challenges and instability for local commerce.

By directing resources and implementing targeted interventions, the County of San Diego is working to stabilize commercial activity, reduce business disruptions, and support the long-term economic resilience of affected communities.

16. SUBJECT: UNLOCK RESERVE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AIR PURIFIERS FOR RESIDENTS SUFFERING FROM AIR POLLUTION IMPACTS CAUSED BY THE TIJUANA RIVER POLLUTION CRISIS (DISTRICTS: 1)

OVERVIEW

The Tijuana River Valley pollution crisis is an ongoing, extraordinary public health crisis that continues to expose District 1 residents to contaminated air and water. Despite years of intergovernmental coordination and repeated analysis, residents remain unprotected and continue to face immediate and compounding harm. Families are living with chronic sewage exposure, repeated hydrogen sulfide events, prolonged beach and community closures, and daily disruptions to their quality of life. While responsibility for the source of pollution spans jurisdictions, the County's responsibility to protect its residents is clear, and at present, District 1 residents are not being adequately protected.

Recent studies from University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego State University (SDSU) have documented measurements of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) 4,500 times higher than typical urban levels. Public health studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with the County also indicate: 92% of survey respondents do not feel safe in the areas where they live; 64% experienced new or worsening physical symptoms, 65% of participants feel their mental health symptoms are related to the sewage crisis i; and 70% report disruptions in their social activity, sleep schedule, and more. ii

In 2024, due to increasing concerns about air pollution impacts on public health, the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) created the Air Improvement Relief Effort (AIRE) program where residents affected by air pollution would receive one air purifier and two replacement filters.iii Residents living in the City of San Diego communities of Otay Mesa West, San Ysidro, Egger Highlands, and Nestor as well as the City of Imperial Beach are eligible for the program. However, in order to truly bring relief to suffering residents, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommends multiple air purifiers per residence.

The AIRE program has demonstrated clear benefits for community members. In December, the SDAPCD launched a survey with current participants. Respondents noted improved well-being including better sleep, less eye irritation, fewer headaches, improved breathing, less coughing and throat irritation, fewer allergies and asthma symptoms. 88% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the purifiers. 80% of respondents say the purifier reduced sewage-related odors in their homes and 86% said the application and delivery process was easy or very easy.iv

Continued funding is necessary to sustain and expand its impact. In December 2025, the SDAPCD Governing Board unanimously approved extending the program into 2026 and committed \$1 million in bridge funding. With additional investment, the program can expand from one to three air purifiers per household, consistent with CDPH guidance to reduce indoor H₂S exposure. Elevated H₂S levels are linked to odors and symptoms such as headaches, nausea, and respiratory distress. v Expanding the AIRE program will improve indoor air quality and provide critical relief to affected residents.

Using unlocked reserve funds to expand AIRE aligns with the County's responsibility to protect public health during emergencies and prolonged pollution events. Air purifiers provide proven,

immediate reductions in indoor pollutants and address urgent health needs that cannot wait for a future budget cycle. Ongoing sewage spills, infrastructure failures, and heavy rainfall continue to create acute risks for South Bay communities already facing disproportionate environmental pollution impacts. Acting now prevents further inequities and reinforces the County's commitment to equitable public health protection.

Until long-delayed infrastructure upgrades in both the United States and Mexico are completed, South Bay communities will remain exposed to airborne pollution. Supplying impacted households with air purifiers demonstrates responsive leadership and a commitment to safeguarding public health. Breathable air is a fundamental human right and the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors must continue taking decisive short-term actions to protect public health while advancing long-term solutions to permanently resolve the Tijuana River pollution crisis.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR PRO-TEM PALOMA AGUIRRE

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to add the AIRE program to the Unlocked Reserves framework in an amount of \$4,000,000.
2. Direct the CAO to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) providing \$4,000,000 to the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) for expansion of its air purifier distribution program in the Tijuana River Valley, known as the Air Improvement Relief Effort (AIRE).

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

People living near the Tijuana River Valley face ongoing exposure to polluted air and environmental hazards. These impacts fall most heavily on communities of color and neighborhoods with fewer economic resources compared to other parts of the region. This item directs the County to continue advocacy and leadership that will help collect the data to press forward on immediate solutions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This board letter aligns with the County's sustainability goals to protect the environment and promote our natural resources, diverse habitats, and cultivate a natural environment for residents, visitors, and future generations to enjoy. It also aligns with County Sustainability goals, including: (4): 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 (5): Protect water in all forms. (7): Reduce pollution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will be included in the Unlocked Reserves Framework which will result in one-time cost of \$4.0 million in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the agreement with the Air Pollution Control District for AIRE program expansion. The funding source is prior year Unrestricted General Fund Balance made available as unlocked reserves. There will be no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The impact of beach closures has a devastating impact on coastal communities through decreased visitors and street traffic. The long-term health impact of chronic exposure to transboundary pollutants and chemicals may also impact economic growth and flourishing of communities across San Diego County.

17. SUBJECT: MODERNIZING COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO CAPTURE MILLIONS IN ONGOING TAXPAYER SAVINGS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) is preparing for a difficult fiscal year driven largely by significant reductions in federal funding. As the County approaches the upcoming budget cycle, maintaining public trust requires demonstrating that every reasonable efficiency, consolidation, and cost-saving measure has been identified and pursued before any service reductions are considered.

Over the past several years, the way County employees work has fundamentally changed. Accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the County rapidly expanded remote and hybrid work, increased reliance on mobile devices, and adopted secure, software-based communications tools such as Microsoft Teams to maintain operations and public access to services during unprecedented disruption.

This item advances modernization by accelerating the County's transition to enterprise software-based communications. By standardizing modern tools that are already widely in use and responsibly phasing out legacy systems that were maintained during the transition for continuity, the County can align its technology spending with how work is actually performed today. These actions are expected to capture between \$1.5 and \$7 million in yearly taxpayer savings without reducing public access to County services or disrupting operations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR LAWSON-REMER AND VICE-CHAIR MONTGOMERY STEPPE

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop and implement a plan for the adoption of an only one phone number standard for staff and define an exception process.
2. Direct the CAO to develop and implement a plan to replace desk phones with the adopted County Technology Office enterprise standard for softphones and define an exception process.
3. Direct the CAO to develop and implement enterprise-wide policies for the timely return of unused devices.
4. Direct the CAO to develop and implement a plan to replace fax machines with virtual fax applications and eliminate the use of analog phone lines and fax machine hardware.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Modernizing County communications technology and reducing ongoing operating costs help preserve resources for the essential services that residents rely on every day. By aligning technology investments with current work practices and capturing ongoing savings, the County strengthens its ability to sustain health, safety, and economic stability programs, particularly for communities disproportionately impacted by rising costs of living and potential service disruptions. This approach ensures that modernization improves efficiency without reducing public access to services, supporting more equitable outcomes across all communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Modernizing County communications technology reduces reliance on energy-intensive legacy hardware and physical infrastructure. Expanding software-based tools supports more efficient operations and advances the County's sustainability goals by reducing unnecessary equipment, maintenance, and resource use.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. Anticipated savings resulting from implementation of policies will be incorporated into future Operational Plans. There will be no change to net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

18. SUBJECT: FIGHTING THE RISING COST OF LIVING BY OPPOSING NEW TAXES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

San Diego County is one of the most desirable places to live in the country with its temperate weather, vibrant economy, and beautiful landscape. 3.3 million people are lucky to call San Diego County their home. However, many are being priced out by the high cost of living. Years of mismanagement by the State of California, coupled with structural economic issues like the housing shortage, are exacerbating the affordability crisis. Californians pay some of the highest taxes in the country: state income and payroll taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, gas taxes, school bonds, vehicle registration, and more. Working and middle-class families, young professionals, seniors, and small businesses are being crushed by the cost of living and tremendous taxes they pay.

The County of San Diego (County) has collected increasing, record amounts in property taxes year after year. This was reflected in the County's largest budget ever being adopted, totaling \$8.63 billion for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY). The County does not have a revenue problem, and residents already pay exorbitant taxes. The County should actively oppose new and unnecessary taxes.

The Documentary Transfer Tax (DTT), also known as the property transfer tax, is a tax on all real estate transactions. It applies a tax of \$0.55 per \$500 on the sale price of property under state law. This is typically a line item for real estate sales. For example, a property that sells for \$1 million would have a DTT of \$1,100. This default rate of \$0.55 is set by state law. It can be

raised by a city or county through a ballot measure. Cities and counties that have raised this tax have seen disastrous effects on their real estate markets and local economies. Raising the DTT typically results in a sharp drop in real estate transactions, reduced development and construction, and below expected revenue from the tax. Proposals to raise the statewide default rate from \$0.55 to \$30.55 would result in a 5,455% increase of the DTT. If the tax rate was increased 5,455%, the \$1,100 one would pay on a \$1 million home would suddenly become \$61,100. This would dramatically increase the price of not just single-family homes, but office space, commercial space, and multi-family housing, which could have unintended consequences on our local economy.

A proposal has also been made to change state laws to allow individual counties to collect payroll taxes. Currently, counties cannot levy and collect payroll taxes. Payroll taxes are paid by the employee and employer to the state and federal governments. Payroll taxes are a massive overhead cost for businesses and raising these costs will make it harder for businesses not only to hire new employees, but also to retain their existing workforce. Larger businesses may reconsider operating in San Diego County, and small businesses will have harder time growing and staying afloat.

The County of San Diego should oppose new and unnecessary taxes. The County has a healthy revenue source that has continuously increased. Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to add to the Legislative Program opposition to legislation that will increase the DTT and the ability for counties to levy and collect payroll taxes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program opposition to legislation that will change state law that would increase the current Documentary Transfer Tax of fifty-five cents (\$0.55) for each five hundred dollars (\$500).
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program opposition to legislation that will change state law to allow counties to levy and collect payroll taxes.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

19. SUBJECT: PROTECTING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY REPEALING STATE SENATE BILL 357 (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

In 2023, State Senate Bill 357 (SB 357), authored by Senator Scott Wiener, went into effect, repealing California Penal Code Section 653.22, which prohibited loitering with the intent to engage in prostitution. The stated intent of SB 357 was to reduce profiling and prevent discrimination. However, the law has had severe unintended consequences that have created a haven for human traffickers, hindered law enforcement's ability to intervene, and enabled the ongoing exploitation of vulnerable individuals, including minors, on public streets.

Across the state, local jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies have reported a rise in visible street prostitution, open exploitation, and human trafficking in the wake of the implementation of SB 357. Without this enforcement mechanism, law enforcement officers now lack the ability to intervene in suspected trafficking cases unless a more serious criminal offense has already taken place. This has significantly limited early intervention opportunities and allowed trafficking networks to operate more freely in public spaces, often without fear of consequence.

Particularly in urban corridors of California, children and adults are being trafficked in broad daylight with virtually no legal recourse for law enforcement to intervene. In many of these cases, the lack of proactive enforcement tools has resulted in missed opportunities to identify and support victims before they are further harmed. The inability to act preemptively has not only endangered those being exploited but has also contributed to deteriorating safety conditions, increased public concern, and strained the resources of local jurisdictions attempting to respond through non-criminal avenues.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to include in the County's Legislative Program direction to seek a change in State law to reinstate Penal Code Section 653.22 that would restore law enforcement's ability to act on visible signs of trafficking and coercion, and to help disrupt exploitation before it escalates further.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add a legislative proposal to the County's Legislative Program Sponsorship Proposals section, consistent with Board Policy M-1, that would seek a change in State law to reinstate Penal Code Section 653.22 or similar statutory authority prohibiting loitering with the intent to engage in prostitution.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

SB 357 was enacted with the goal of reducing profiling; however, it has disproportionately harmed the very populations it intended to protect. Survivors' advocates and law enforcement agencies have observed that the removal of loitering laws has allowed traffickers to act with impunity, particularly targeting vulnerable women and girls. Repealing SB 357 would restore a critical intervention point for law enforcement and social service providers to interrupt cycles of exploitation and offer victims a pathway to safety and services.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Repealing SB 357 aligns with the County's Sustainability Goals by promoting public health and safety, social well-being, and equitable access to services. Street-level trafficking and exploitation result in physical and psychological harm, increase strain on emergency services, and contribute to unsafe community environments. Empowering law enforcement and outreach providers to intervene proactively supports long-term health and safety outcomes, particularly in underserved neighborhoods disproportionately affected by trafficking and criminal exploitation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

20. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE DELIVERY AND EXECUTION OF RELATED FINANCING DOCUMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, 2026 SERIES A, MULTIPLE CAPITAL PROJECTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On June 24, 2025 (6), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan, which included appropriations for: (a) \$11.9 million for the Stormwater Program for the design and construction of large-scale (regional) green infrastructure and other stormwater projects to meet statewide stormwater mandates; (b) \$30.5 million for various Major Maintenance projects; (c) \$14.0 million for Climate Action Plan projects; and (d) \$14.3 million for the acquisition of a helicopter. On October 21, 2025 (5), the Board approved an additional \$23.8 million for the helicopter, increasing its total cost to \$38.6 million (collectively, the “Project”).

Appropriations have been established in Fiscal Year 2025-26 through the Operational Plan and the mid-year Board action of \$95 million for completion of these projects. The proposed funding source will be proceeds of the sale from the execution and delivery of Certificates of Participation (COPs) by the Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement (as defined below). County of San Diego (County) staff briefed the Debt Advisory Committee (DAC) at the November 10, 2025 DAC meeting regarding the Project and the proposed funding through the issuance of COPs (the “2026A COPs”). DAC voted unanimously for staff to move forward with this financing. In the same way that San Diego County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation (SANCAL) has assisted the County in prior financings, SANCAL will act as sublessor under a Facility Lease (as defined below) relating to the 2026A COPs.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Adopt the Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER SITE LEASE, A MASTER FACILITY LEASE, A MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, A NOTICE INVITING

BIDS, A PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT, APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, 2026 SERIES A (MULTIPLE CAPITAL PROJECTS) EVIDENCING PRINCIPAL IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000,000, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the financing documents and delivery of the 2026A Certificates of Participation will allow for successful completion of the Projects. Today's action will continue equitable distribution of facilities that provide critical services for some of the region's most vulnerable and under-served populations.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of engaging the community, sustainable facility construction, improved access and removal of barriers for persons of all abilities, and resiliency by ensuring the capability to respond to the needs of our region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request were partially included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan in Finance Other with the remainder added through mid-year Board action. If approved, staff will proceed with the sale and delivery of the 2026A Certificates of Participation (COP's), either through competitive or negotiated sale, evidencing an aggregate principal amount of Base Rental Payments (as defined in the Facility Lease) not-to-exceed \$100,000,000, related to the multiple capital projects. Proceeds will be used to fund i) estimated costs for the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project in the amount of \$94.5 million ii) \$0.9 million for underwriters' discount, title insurance, and other costs of issuance. The remaining estimated, not-to-exceed amount of approximately \$4.6 million is to account for any changes in the bond market between now and the time of pricing the 2026A COPs as well as cover the April 2026 interest payment. If sold through a competitive sale, the 2026A COPs will be awarded to the purchaser presenting the lowest interest rate in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids as of the time of sale. If conditions permit, the County of San Diego (County) could switch to a negotiated sale of the 2026A COPs.

If approved, this recommendation will result in annual Base Rental Payments of approximately \$6.9 million beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 through Fiscal Year 2046-47. Required Base Rental Payments will be appropriated in future Operational Plans. The actual amount of the annual and total Base Rental Payments will be known when the County prices the 2026A COPs and the actual interest rates and costs are finalized.

The proposed lease structure requires that the amount of annual Base Rental Payments (representing annual debt service payments on the 2026A COPs) shall reasonably equate to the current fair rental value of the leased property. The County-owned land and improvements to be leased to support that conclusion will include two office buildings in the County Operations

Center, which in the aggregate have been determined by County staff to have more than sufficient fair rental value for such purpose. The leased property will be finalized prior to the sale of the 2026A COPs.

Pursuant to California Senate Bill No. 450, which requires certain public disclosures in connection with the proposed financing, a good faith estimate of the finance charge for the 2026A Certificates of Participation includes all costs of issuance (including rating agency fees, bond counsel, disclosure counsel, municipal advisory services, title insurance, and related expenses) as well as the underwriter's discount, and is estimated to be \$840,000.

There will be no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

21. SUBJECT: ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND GOOD FISCAL PLANNING BY ALIGNING THE UNLOCKED RESERVES PROCESS WITH THE QUARTERLY BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND ANNUAL BUDGET CYCLE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On September 9, 2025 (23), the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted updates to the San Diego County Administrative Code relating to General Fund Balances and Reserves, effective as of October 9, 2025, that are aligned with the Government Finance Officers Association's best practice standards. These reforms are intended to maintain strong fiscal reserves while responsibly deploying one-time resources—known as “Unlocked Reserves”—to protect core services and respond to extraordinary fiscal risks.

Unlocked Reserves are designed to function as a strategic, one-time fiscal tool in periods of heightened uncertainty, particularly when federal or State actions threaten County-administered programs. At the time the policy was adopted, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop a proposed framework for the first year of Unlocked Reserves based on County strategic priorities, identified service gaps, and anticipated impacts from federal and State actions such as House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1). The framework was to incorporate consultant findings, input from relevant ad hoc subcommittees, previous memos, and any memos submitted by Board offices, and return to the Board with the proposed framework for deliberation and adoption no later than January 2026. Therefore, this item is being added to the January 28, 2026 docket agenda.

Since this Board's original direction in September 2025, the County has continued to experience changes in the financial landscape. The Governor's initial State budget proposal did not include backfills for significant federal reductions under H.R. 1, increasing the likelihood that counties will be required to absorb programmatic and administrative impacts without additional support. In parallel, federal and State agencies continue to revise implementation timelines, eligibility requirements, and administrative guidance, creating uncertainty around the timing, magnitude, and duration of impacts to County services.

Given these developments, it is fiscally prudent to ensure that decisions regarding the use of Unlocked Reserves are integrated into the County's established budget planning and oversight processes. Aligning Unlocked Reserves with the annual budget cycle and the quarterly budget adjustment process ensures that one-time resources are evaluated holistically, alongside updated revenue assumptions, ongoing cost pressures, and competing priorities, rather than in isolation. Absent this alignment, one-time Unlocked Reserves risk being allocated without full visibility into the County's broader fiscal tradeoffs and emerging budget pressures, increasing the likelihood of fragmented or misaligned investments.

Today's action provides additional direction to the CAO to continue the work previously authorized by the Board, in coordination with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning, and to bring forward recommendations for the use of Unlocked Reserves through the same transparent, public, and deliberative processes used for other major fiscal decisions. This action does not preclude the use of Unlocked Reserves in the near term; rather, it ensures that any proposed appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025–26 can continue to be considered through the quarterly budget adjustment process, while larger or longer-term allocations are evaluated as part of the annual budget. This approach preserves flexibility, strengthens fiscal discipline, and supports responsible long-term planning as the full scope of federal and State impacts becomes clearer.

This item is being submitted as a late agenda item due to time-sensitive changes in federal and State implementation timelines. Immediate Board direction is necessary to ensure Unlocked Reserves are aligned with the County's broader fiscal planning framework and deployed in a manner that protects core services while maintaining long-term fiscal stability.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND VICE-CHAIR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to develop proposals to utilize Unlocked Reserves for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26, in coordination with and with the advice and guidance of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning (Subcommittee), and to present recommended appropriations to the Board for consideration as part of the quarterly budget adjustments.
2. Direct the CAO to work with the Subcommittee, with input from community stakeholders through the County budget process, to develop a set of programs and appropriations to be recommended for FY 2026–27 funding by one-time use of the Unlocked Reserves alongside the FY 2026–27 Chief Administrative Officer's Recommended Budget. This work with the Subcommittee shall be completed with sufficient time for the CAO to include the Subcommittee's advice and guidance in the recommended budget. The programs will be identified as line-items with an explanation of the rationale for utilizing one-time Unlocked Reserves.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Aligning decisions about Unlocked Reserves with the County's established budget and quarterly adjustment processes promotes more equitable fiscal decision-making by ensuring one-time

resources are evaluated in the context of the County's full set of obligations, service levels, and community needs. This approach helps prevent fragmented or uneven investments and supports consistent consideration of how funding decisions affect populations that are most vulnerable to service disruptions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Aligning the County's Unlocked Reserves funding framework with the County's budget process allows for better planning, reduces the risk of unnecessary service cuts, and supports a resilient public sector capable of withstanding economic and environmental disruptions over time.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendation. There will be future fiscal impacts when staff returns to the full Board through the budget development process and/or via quarterly budget adjustments. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

22. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
R.G v. County of San Diego;
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2022-00040767-CU-PO-CTL
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
A.G v. County of San Diego;
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2023-00008439-CU-PO-CTL
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
T.H v. County of San Diego;
San Diego Superior Court Case No.: 37-2021-00032808-CU-PO-CTL
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Talavera v. County of San Diego, et al.;
United States District Court Case No.: 23-CV-2162-TWR-SBC
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Mickail Myles v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court,
Southern District Case No. 15-cv-1985-BEN-BLM

F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Whitney Antrim v. County of San Diego, et al.:
San Diego Superior Court, Case No.: 37-2023-00016017-CU-WT-CTL