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October 24, 2025

TO: Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair  
Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, Vice-Chair  
Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem  
Supervisor Joel Anderson  
Supervisor Jim Desmond

FROM: Andrew Potter  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**REFERRAL**

Attached for your information, is correspondence from Cassandra Cotton, regarding concerns of loss of CalFresh benefits due to the Federal Government shutdown.

Respectfully,



ANDREW POTTER

Attachment

cc: Ebony N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kim Giardina, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health & Human Services Agency  
Board of Supervisors Communications Received

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**From:** [C Cotton](#)  
**To:** [Government Affairs](#); [FGG, Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [CouncilMember Joe LaCava](#); [Congressman Scott Peters](#); [Office of Mayor Todd Gloria](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: Alert: November CalFresh Benefits During Federal Government Shutdown  
**Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 7:32:48 PM

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Good Evening County Staff and Distinguished Government Officials,

As a young girl, I grew up with my grandmother Evelyn Gillespie who was the Director/Founder for *Woodlawn Park Community Center* in Chula Vista who knew her county officials and they knew her. My grandmother ran the *Center* for nearly (30) years. Every Monday were senior citizen luncheons, the county provided breakfast and lunch and dinner meals for the underserved community. No one in our community growing up was ever without food.

The food pool not only came from government programs, churches, neighbors feeding neighbors were just the fabric of our community. My mother has kind of followed in her Mother's footsteps but just does it virtually with [The Road to Good Cooking](#). She is super cute...love my Mom!

As a Mother of (5), I have been an on and off again recipient of CalFresh. My daughter who is in her first year of graduate school also relies on the benefits to augment her college expenses. Having said that, what are the Federal-level drivers of this debate?

The federal legislation (H.R. 1), signed in July 2025 had key provisions which included:

- **Cost-shifting to the state:** Breaking with the long-standing federal funding model for food benefits. Starting in October 2027, California will be required to pay a portion of CalFresh benefits, based on its "**Payment Error Rate**"
- **Expanded work requirements:** Expands work requirements for "Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents" (ABAWDs), raising the age limit from 54 to 64. California has a temporary statewide waiver postponing this change until at least January 31, 2026.
- **Utility allowance changes:** Effective November 1, 2025, changes to the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) will mean that many households may no longer be able to claim a deduction for utility costs. An estimated 18,000 individuals are expected to lose all benefits and 444,000 will see their benefits reduced.
- \*Newsom fast-tracked \$80 million in state funds to help food banks, which have been facing increased demand. Text or informational resources should be going out to constituents and not email or text blaming one or the other party.

California lawmakers have proposed several bills:

- **AB 1211 (Sharp-Collins):** This bill would require the state to maintain CalFresh benefit levels using state funds if federal cuts reduce them below the January 20, 2025, amount. It also mandates a study on increasing CalFresh eligibility and benefit levels.
- **SJR 3 (Arreguín):** This is a resolution urging the U.S. Congress to avoid any cuts to SNAP (CalFresh), highlighting the potential harm to vulnerable populations and the state's economy.
- **Data privacy (AB 928):** The new law prevents the California Student Aid Commission from sharing Cal Grant recipient data with county CalFresh administrators.

Why not start the food drive this week in every community. Make sure the local news outlets share where Needy Families can visit. For those who can't travel, what are free food delivery services that can be utilized during this time. The State does not have to delay anything. Food like housing is a given right. As we approach the holiday of Giving Thanks, let us be good stewards of cost effective ways to make the Social Services system work with updated technology. American citizens should be able to receive their benefits while meeting guidelines and criterias.

Cassandra Cotton

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **CDSS Outreach Message** <[noreply@everbridge.net](mailto:noreply@everbridge.net)>

Date: Thu, Oct 23, 2025 at 5:02 PM

Subject: Alert: November CalFresh Benefits During Federal Government Shutdown

To: \_\_\_\_\_

The state can fund CalFresh benefits for the month of October. Since President Trump and Congress have failed to reopen the federal government, your CalFresh benefits will be delayed in November. You can keep using your existing benefits as usual.

No action is required.

We understand this is a difficult situation and will share more information about your November CalFresh benefits as soon as the President and Congress take action or resolve the shutdown.

If you need food now, you can [click here to find your local food bank](#).

Visit [cdss.ca.gov](https://cdss.ca.gov) for more information.

To opt-out of receiving email messages, please [click here](#).



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October 30, 2025

TO: Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair  
Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, Vice-Chair  
Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem  
Supervisor Joel Anderson  
Supervisor Jim Desmond

FROM: Andrew Potter  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**REFERRAL**

Attached for your information, is correspondence from Jennifer Norris, PhD, Executive Director for the Wildlife Conservation Board, regarding consideration of the allocation of funds for a grant to Chollas Creek at Federal Boulevard Riparian Restoration, Augmentation (Project ID: 2025129).

Respectfully,

  
ANDREW POTTER

Attachment

cc: Ebony N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dahvia Lynch, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Land Use & Environment Group  
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San Diego, CA. 92101  
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## PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Dear Board Members:

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), in addition to other responsibilities, carries out a program that includes the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat, as well as the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses.

WCB proposes to consider the allocation of funds for a grant to one project in San Diego County at the next scheduled Board meeting on November 20, 2025. The project below is listed on the Preliminary Agenda, available for your review at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) under News and Announcements.

- Chollas Creek At Federal Boulevard Riparian Restoration, Augmentation (Project ID: 2025129)

A more complete description of the project will be contained in the final meeting Agenda, which will be available at [www.wcb.ca.gov](http://www.wcb.ca.gov) ten days prior to the Board meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (916) 212-5637.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer M. Norris, PhD  
Executive Director

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
Project for Consideration by WCB  
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October 28, 2025

TO: Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Chair  
Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, Vice-Chair  
Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, Chair Pro Tem  
Supervisor Joel Anderson  
Supervisor Jim Desmond

FROM: Andrew Potter  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**REFERRAL**

Attached, for your information, is correspondence from Kurt Worden, Board President of Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District, regarding opposition to the proposed Ordinance allowing separate sale of ADUs.

Respectfully,

  
ANDREW POTTER

Attachment

cc: Ebony N. Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer  
Andrew Strong, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Public Safety Group  
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## **LOWER SWEETWATER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**2725-B Granger Avenue, National City, CA 91950**

Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Subject: Opposition to Proposed Ordinance Allowing Separate Sale of ADUs**

Dear Chair Lawson-Remer and Members of the Board,

The Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District respectfully submits this letter to express our opposition to the proposed ordinance permitting the separate sale of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in San Diego County.

Our District's mission is to safeguard life, property, and the environment through effective fire protection and emergency response. The proposed ordinance would increase residential density beyond current zoning limits, creating significant risks to public safety that our existing emergency infrastructure is not equipped to manage.

Of particular concern:

- **Emergency Response Strain:** Increased density without proportional expansion of fire stations, personnel, and equipment will lengthen response times and reduce effectiveness.
- **Evacuation Hazards:** Additional independently occupied residences will complicate evacuation planning and execution in wildfire-prone areas.
- **Access and Congestion:** More households per parcel will worsen roadway congestion, impeding fire engines, ambulances, and law enforcement.
- **Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS):** The County's Green Building Incentive Program encourages renewable energy adoption, often paired with residential BESS. While beneficial for sustainability, lithium-ion battery systems present unique fire hazards, including thermal runaway, toxic gas emissions, and

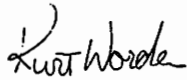


difficult-to-extinguish fires. Increased density combined with widespread BESS installations compounds the risks faced by first responders.

For these reasons, the Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District formally opposes the ordinance in its current form. We urge the County to prioritize public safety by ensuring that any housing policy changes are matched with adequate fire protection and emergency response capacity, and that the hazards of residential BESS are fully addressed in planning and permitting processes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Worden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kurt Worden

Board President

Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District