



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 3.3

MEETING DATE: 05/06/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Manny Gonzalez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Henie Ring

SUBJECT:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - H. RING, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Receive presentation on Encampment Clean-up efforts and the County's Initial Encampment Clean Up on May 5, 2025.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On March 25, 2025, the Board approved a contract with Tucker Construction Inc. for encampment site cleanup services in the amount of \$215,000.00 for the period of March 25, 2025 through June 30, 2028, and approved budget adjustment transfers in the amount of \$352,000.00 for San Benito River encampment site cleanup efforts (1 Sheriff Deputy, personal property storage containers, and encampment cleanup contractor) transferring funds from the General Fund, Non-Department General to the General Fund, Sheriff and Administration.

On February 25, 2025, staff presented an update to the Board regarding expansion of the Shelter and a status on moving forward with a vendor and staff for the Clean Ups and the hiring of a Sheriff's Deputy. To proceed with the San Benito River encampment cleanup, an experienced and trained contractor is needed.

On December 10, 2024, staff presented an update on San Benito County Encampment Clean Up Policy. Information was presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2024, regarding the departments involved and their roles, the proposed policy, and funding and staffing needs. The Board approved the policy with clarification that the Administration Office would be the lead agency, granted a

full time Sheriff Deputy Position in support.

The encampment cleanup policy was adopted via resolution no. 2024-125 by the Board of Supervisors on November 11, 2024, as part of a staff presentation and discussion of the cost estimates, timelines, and updates. At that meeting, the Board passed a resolution adopting the new policy, and requested staff return on a monthly basis for updates, and to discuss the potential of renovating the conference room at the homeless shelter to add additional beds.

On October 15, 2024, the Board of Supervisors held a special meeting and received presentations on the homelessness point-in-time count and proposed enforcement/cleanup actions to address encampments in San Benito County, approving the encampment cleanup policy, delegating admin as lead agency, supporting formal communication with San Benito River private property owners to obtain their consent for encampment cleanup, funding a \$130,000 Sheriff position, and allowing one time funds of \$352,000 for cleanup and storage with contingency funds.

On August 27, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 1607, which enacted restrictions banning the use of certain public rights-of-way as sleeping or living accommodations.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

101.00.1325.1000.999.901; 101.40.1175.1000.610.101; 101.70.1295.1000.619.191;
101.70.1295.1000.619.222

CURRENT FY COST:

\$352,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS: