



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
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**Item Number: 1.7**

**MEETING DATE:** 09/27/2022

**DEPARTMENT:** COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Gracie Rodriguez

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Ray Espinosa

**SUBJECT:**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - R.ESPINOSA**

Receive updates on various pending issues, including but not limited to affordable housing, development applications (Betabel, landfill, expansion, Lands of Lee) code enforcement, governance handbook, roads, park projects, lobbying efforts, grants, current elections measures, initiative education, and recruitment efforts for the purposes of developing goals for the remainder of 2022. Provide staff direction (not as to any specific issue), but as to future agenda items, and goals of the Board.

SBC FILE NUMBER:119

**AGENDA SECTION:**

REGULAR AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

San Benito County strives to provide the community with collaborative and affordable public services through diversity, innovation, and transparency. Over the years, the County has had multiple accomplishments that have demonstrated the County's commitment to its mission. County staff, in alignment with the County's Strategic Plan, which provides a blueprint for investments of resources, time, and energy to meet the needs of our community and establish five key focus areas, is bringing forth this item for discussion of goals the board is striving to accomplish for the end of the year. Below are brief updates on items the Board may wish to discuss and acknowledge.

**Affordable Housing**

The Affordable Housing Committee has been meeting regularly and will have a special meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, to finalize the recommended changes. Staff is working diligently to attempt

to bring an amended ordinance for the Boards Consideration by the end of 2022.

## **Governance Handbook**

The Board of Supervisors has attended two workshops to create and develop an effective governance handbook that the Board would utilize as guiding principles. The county staff aims to bring forth a final version for the Board to consider and implement.

## **Lobbying**

The County contracts with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP., which advocates and lobbies on the County's behalf at the state level. In addition, they are familiar with Government law and strategic advice regarding the legislative and administrative process and provide services as needed. They will be meeting with the Board to discuss board legislative priorities.

## **Grants: California Consulting**

The board contracted with California Consulting beginning of this year and has been working collaboratively with the county departments in going after grant funding that can further assist with county services and projects.

- AB2766 Motor Vehicle Emission Reduction Grants - Submitted, Tentative award notification mid-October
- Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant - Submitted, tentative award notification mid-late September
- Highway Safety Improvement Program - working with Resource Management Agency
- Safe Street and Road for All - working with RMA
- CALRecycle Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant - Looking into and collaborating with Integrated Waste Management

### **Future grants to consider looking into:**

- State Parks - Recreational Trails - Estimated release Fall 2022
- State Parks - Land, Water and Conservation - Estimated release Fall 2022
- American the Beautiful Grant Spring 2023
- Grants that can assist with San Justo Reservoir, Clear Creek, Safety communication equipment and so forth

## **November 8 Election Measure Information and Education**

The county staff has dedicated a county webpage, "[November 8 Election Information](#)," with information on measures P, Q, and R.

## **RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

## **CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:**

N/A

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

N/A

**STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

No

**BUDGETED:**

N/A

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

N/A

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

NA

**CURRENT FY COST:**

NA

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**BOARD ACTION RESULTS:**

Discussion item only, no action taken.

**ATTACHMENTS:**