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**Agenda Item  
Special Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:  
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:  
Gregory P Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:  
Vanessa Delgado

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**Item Number: 2.A**

**MEETING DATE:** 06/30/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Noelle Magner-Figueroa

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Rachel White

**SUBJECT:**

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE**

(To be heard at 9:00 or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard).

1. Hold an appeal hearing before the Board of Supervisors regarding the Purchasing Agent's decision to the formal protest filed by appellant, Bright Future Recovery, for San Benito County Behavioral Health's Request for Proposal BH26-002; and

2. Receive the Board of Supervisors finding of fact and final decision concerning this appeal.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

**AGENDA SECTION:**

PUBLIC HEARING

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

On February 27, 2026, the San Benito County Behavioral Health (SBCBH) Department published notice of its intent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) residential treatment services in the *San Benito Link* and on the County and SBCBH websites. The RFP was released through the OpenGov procurement portal on March 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., and remained open for 21 days, closing on March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Vendors were able to submit questions through the OpenGov portal until 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2026. SBCBH posted all responses by 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026. Staff opened the electronic bids on April 2, 2026, at 9:27 a.m., and conducted an initial review to confirm completeness and responsiveness.

SBCBH convened an evaluation panel composed of two representatives from San Benito County and one individual from a community-based organization. All responsive proposals were distributed to the

panel through the OpenGov portal on April 2, 2026. Phase One of the evaluation process concluded on April 13, 2026. After the initial evaluation period, a potential conflict of interest was identified pursuant to County purchasing policy. To preserve the integrity of the procurement process, the County convened a new evaluation panel consisting of qualified evaluators, and proposals were re-evaluated between April 14 and April 23, 2026.

Based on the evaluation panel's findings and the award justification memorandum, staff initiated contract negotiations with the top ranked proposer on May 12, 2026. Following a successful meeting, SBCBH staff issued the Notice of Intent to Award via OpenGov on May 19, 2026, at 2:06 p.m.

On May 22, 2026, at 10:03 a.m., Bright Future Recovery filed a formal protest with the Clerk of the Board. Staff notified County Counsel, who confirmed the protest met procedural requirements of the purchasing policy. Staff obtained additional OpenGov system records relevant to the protest, including timestamps of the appellant's portal activity. The County Purchasing Agent conducted an informal protest resolution meeting including the appellant, SBCBH staff, Assistant County Counsel on June 12, 2026, at 10:45 a.m. Following review of the protest, supporting documentation, and evidence submitted by both the department and protesting vendor, and meeting with the parties, the County Purchasing Agent denied the protest and circulated a written decision on June 12, 2026.

On June 16, 2026, the Clerk of the Board notified SBCBH staff that a formal appeal of the Purchasing Agent's decision had been received. In compliance with County purchasing policy, the Clerk of the Board coordinated with County Counsel to schedule and provide notice to all interested parties for the instant appeal hearing this June 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard before the Board of Supervisors.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. Contract award and associated funding will be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Agenda Fact Sheet -Appeal by Bright Future Recovery](#)  
[Legal Public Notice - BH26-002](#)  
[Request for Proposal - BH26-002.pdf](#)  
[San Benito County Purchasing Policy](#)  
[Notice of Intent to Award - BH26-002](#)  
[Formal Protest Letter - Bright Future Recovery](#)  
[Protest Resolution Meeting Letter - BH26-002](#)  
[Formal Appeal of Purchasing Agent's Decision Letter - BH26-002](#)  
[OpenGov - Report for ticket 00424650](#)  
[OpenGov - Vendor Log for Bright Future Recovery](#)  
[OpenGov Time Stamp - Bright Future Recovery](#)  
[Notification to Bidder Proposal Not Accepted.pdf](#)