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Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Item Number: 3.2

MEETING DATE: 01/27/2026

DEPARTMENT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

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SUBJECT:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Discuss the County Board of Supervisors' top 2026 board policy priorities and provide staff direction as desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 15

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On January 28, 2025 the Board of Supervisors discussed top policy priorities for 2025 with a goal to select focus areas so staff members, board members, and the public are aware of the county board's top policy priorities and for staff resources to be prioritized toward achieving the select policy priorities.

The Board identified the following priorities, and elected to focus on the top five priorities for the annual year 2025:

1. Housing Policy reform: look at General Plan, Affordable Housing, other options
2. Road Improvement
3. Homeless encampment/Trash clean up
4. Tourism/Economic Development/ Revenue as a whole
5. State mandate: County a charter County instead of general law

6. Fire contract
7. Hospital
8. Hiring a CAO/ Difference between CAO-CEO
9. Political climate/addressing infrastructure needs
10. Employee retention
11. Health/Safety/Education
12. Communication: communication infrastructure law enforcement
13. Quality of life

In 2025, the Board of Supervisors achieved several significant milestones, including:

- **Affordable Housing Initiatives:** Received a comprehensive presentation on non-profit affordable housing and farmworker housing development and participation.
- **Infrastructure and Road Improvements:** Completed multiple road improvement projects on Shore Road, Seely Avenue, Union Road, Fairview Road, Cienega Road, Frazier Lake Road, and various road segments in San Juan Bautista.
- **Homeless Encampment and Environmental Cleanup:** Removed approximately 28.6 tons of debris from encampments along the San Benito River, enhancing public safety and environmental health.
- **Fire Contract:** Approved the extension of the Fire Services Contract with the City of Hollister through 2029, ensuring continued fire protection for the community.
- **Hiring a CAO:** Hired a new County Administrative Officer (CAO) to strengthen executive leadership and adopted a County Ordinance defining the qualifications, executive powers, duties, and functions of the County Executive Officer, reinforcing accountability and operational efficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss the County Board of Supervisors' top 2026 board policy priorities and provide staff direction as desired.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Board Priorities](#)
[2025 Board Priorities](#)