



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
AGENDA ITEM  
TRANSMITTAL FORM**

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**Item Number: 1.11**

**MEETING DATE:** 08/12/2025

**DEPARTMENT:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Vanessa Delgado

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Esperanza Colio Warren

**SUBJECT:**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Approve dissolution of the Fire Department Ad Hoc that was created by the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2025 to create a new Fire Department.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The Board of Supervisors created the Fire Department Ad Hoc on April 8, 2025 and assigned Supervisors Curro and Velazquez to the ad hoc to work on the creation of a County Fire Department and make recommendations to the board.

The County of San Benito has contracted with the City of Hollister for Fire Protection Services since 2013. The current contract term is January 2019 through December 31, 2025, however on June 20, 2024, the City of Hollister issued a written letter advising of a 270-day termination clause. In January 2025 the County Board of Supervisors and Hollister City Council created ad hoc committees to collaborate together on finding solutions to the current fire protection services contract. On February 3, 2025, the city issued a letter eliminating the 270-day termination clause.

On March 25, 2025, the County received a 270-day termination notice from the City of Hollister ending fire services on December 20, 2025. Due to the tight time frame associated with the 270-day termination notice with fire services ending on December 20, 2025, it was necessary for County staff to begin the process of creating its own fire department. A new County Fire Department Ad hoc began facilitating the process.

On June 10, 2025, the Board of Supervisors held a special meeting to review the provisions outlined in the draft amendment #1 to the Fire Protection Services Agreement with the City of Hollister and approved the amended contract with a new end term of June 30, 2029. Due to the approval of the amended Fire Protection Services Agreement the Fire Department Ad Hoc is no longer needed.

On June 24, 2025 the Board requested an item to dissolve the Fire Department Ad Hoc that the Board of Supervisors created on April 8, 2025 to create a new Fire Department.

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

N/A

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

N/A

**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**

Yes

**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**

No

**BUDGETED:**

N/A

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

N/A

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

N/A

**CURRENT FY COST:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**