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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, August 25, 2026**

Item Number: 3.2

MEETING DATE: 08/25/2026

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Noelle Magner-Figueroa

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Rachel White

SUBJECT:

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT - R. WHITE

Receive informational presentation regarding the County's Opioid Settlement Funds.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 810

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

California's opioid settlement funds (OSF) come from multistate lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies accused of fueling the opioid epidemic through misleading marketing, downplaying risks, and reckless distribution. California has signed agreements with companies such as *Allergan*, *CVS*, *Janssen*, *Kroger*, *Walgreens*, *Walmart*, *Teva*, and *Mallinckrodt*, as well as separate bankruptcies like *Mallinckrodt* and *Endo*.

Payments are made to participating cities and counties that opted in to these agreements (San Benito County being one who opted in). Settlement and bankruptcy funds are broken down into the following allocations:

- 15% for the State of California,
- 70% to cities and counties, and
- 15% to original lawsuit filers.

The funds that are dispersed from the Opioid Settlement Funds are intended to support opioid

remediation activities which provide the care, treatment, and other programs intended to address the misuse and abuse of opioid products. San Benito County uses the OSF under two accounts Abatement Account Funds and the Subdivision Funds. Abatement Accounts Fund must be expended on future opioid remediation activities focused on prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services in California communities. Subdivision Fund shall be used to fund future opioid remediation projects and reimburse past opioid-related expenses, which may include fees and expenses related to litigation against a relevant Opioid Defendant.

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is the state's designated oversight entity for these funds. Cities and counties must submit annual reports to DHCS detailing expenditures and compliance. All local OSF remain with the County Executive Office. The Behavioral Health department works as the liaison between the county and DHCS. The department works with any department wishing to utilize the OSF ensuring the use aligns with DHCS policy and mandates and assists in getting formal approval from DHCS for the usage of the proposed funds. The Behavioral Health Department is currently the responsible entity for submitting these reports on behalf of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

San Benito County has been receiving Opioid Settlement Funds since fiscal year 2022-2023.

The County will receive funds over the next 18 years expected to last until 2038. Each fiscal year the County should receive approximately \$85,000 to \$120,000 annually.

Fiscal Year	Amount Received	Source
2022-2023	\$231,200.77	Janssen and the Big Three
2023-2024	\$143,397.53	Janssen and the Big Three
2024-2025	\$640,055.97	Janssen, Big Three, Settlement Agreement
Grand Total	\$1,014,654.27	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive informational presentation regarding the County's Opioid Settlement Funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Opioid Settlement Funds](#)
[OSF Presentation](#)