



# SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Margie Barrios*  
District No. 1  
Chair

*Anthony Botelho*  
District No. 2

*Robert Rivas*  
District No. 3  
Vice-Chair

*Jerry Muenzer*  
District No. 4

*Jaime De La Cruz*  
District No. 5

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County Administration Building – Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

## SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 10, 2015 ACTION MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of San Benito County met in the Board Chambers on the above date in *special session*. Supervisors Barrios, Rivas, De La Cruz, Botelho and Muenzer were present. Also present were County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa, County Counsel Matt Granger and Clerk of the Board Denise Thome. Chair Barrios presided.

### 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER:

- a) Supervisor Botelho led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b) *Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, acknowledged Certificate of Posting.*

### CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) **Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation.  
Subdivisions (a) and (d)(1) of Section 54956.9  
Name of Case: Citadel Exploration, Inc. v. County of San Benito., et.al, filed in the California Superior Court for the County of San Benito,  
Case No. CU-15-00028.**

Chair Barrios opened public comment.

Andy Hsia-Coron indicated that he was part of the et.al. in the lawsuit. He stated that the other side had opportunity to make their case in the election, noting that they outspent the Yes on Measure J group 14 to 1. He stated that the people spoke and the industry did not like what the people said. He suggested the Board use Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger as their legal team in the suit as they were the ones that drafted it.

Thomas Bishop spoke of his neighbors that depend on pure water resources i.e., Calera Winery and Blossom Hill Winery. He hoped they could work in a partnership together to defend the county.

Ann Marie Sayers believed that the people of San Benito County knew what they wanted and had stated so. She felt they should use the legal team that wrote Measure J and that it could work collectively.

Lori Iacopi stated that she voted for Measure J and hoped that everyone would work cooperatively. She felt that those that wrote Measure J would be the best to defend it and defend the people of San Benito County.

Mary Hsia-Coron stated that Measure J embodies a better future for San Benito County and they had entrusted it to the County to protect and defend. She wanted assurance that they would follow through with the trust.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened into special session at 9:57 a.m.

*No reportable action. File #235.6*

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:58 a.m. to March 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**MARGIE BARRIOS, CHAIR**

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**ATTEST:**

Denise R. Thome, Clerk of the Board