



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District No. 4

Jaime De La Cruz
District No. 5

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

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 17, 2015 ACTION MINUTES

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

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER:

- a) Supervisor Rivas led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b) Acknowledged Certificate of Posting.
- c) **PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY:

Approved proclamation designating the week of April 6, 2015 to April 12, 2015 as Public Health Week in San Benito County.

Supervisor Botelho presented proclamation to James Rydingsword for Public Health Week.

Mr. Rydingsword provided information in regards to the activities that would be taking place during Public Health Week in San Benito County and invited the public to the activities that would be taking place.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Approved and Presented Certificate of Recognition to Olga Castaneda, Office Assistant II, Behavioral Health Department for over 28 years of service upon retirement.

Chair Barrios presented Certificate of Recognition to Olga Castaneda.

Ms. Castaneda thanked and acknowledged Alan Yamamoto, Gary Ernst and Maria Sanchez for their support and encouraged throughout the years. She also thanked San Benito County for this employment opportunity given to me so many years ago.

Alan Yamamoto said that he would like to publically acknowledge the appreciation from the Behavioral Health Department for the years of service that

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Olga put in with us, we really appreciated her work and we will very much miss her.

- d) **Public Comment:** Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Section 54954.2.

James Fletcher, Division President of Benchmark Communities, spoke in regards to their current real estate projects they are developing in the City of Hollister. He said I am here today in regards to an issue regarding a tax sharing agreement and annexation fees that are being applied we believe inappropriately to our project. He said that they have met with Mr. Espinosa and County Counsel and have written letters out lining our position and they have told us that they do not have the authority in this particular matter to make a decision, that this is something that the Board needs to look at and review. He said my request is to put me on a future agenda as soon as possible would be appreciated. I will be here with my outside counsel and make a presentation and inform you of the facts as we see them and try and reach a solution equitable to all.

Chair Barrios directed the CAO to agendize this item for the meeting of April 7, 2015.

- e) **Department Head Announcements:** Information only.

CAO Ray Espinosa announced that he would like to make an adjustment in our agenda; remove Item #20 from the agenda to be brought back at a later date and move Item #21 to the first item on our regular agenda before Item #18.

Mr. Espinosa introduced the new UC Ag Extension Advisor for Area Livestock and Natural Resources in San Benito County, Devii Rao.

Ms. Rao said that she would be serving San Benito, Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. She said her focus would be livestock, natural resources and range management type issues. She said that she is very pleased to be in San Benito County and looks forward to working with the ranching community and anyone in that area that is interested in range lands.

- f) **Board Announcements:** Information only.

Supervisor Muenzer announced that he attended Ambag meeting and one of the presentations was in regards to Gasby 68 which is dealing with the net pension liability. He said that he believes that the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District is giving the same presentation at their meeting tomorrow. He said that he would like to have this agendized for our next Board meeting by Joe Paul Gonzalez as we need to have a resolution signed by Board so that we can go forward with this in our County.

Supervisor Muenzer said that Ambag staff is starting to work on 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and sustainable community strategy, which in that is their population forecast. He said that we need to get our general plan done so those numbers can be rolled into the population forecast for 2040.

Supervisor Botelho wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. He said that he had a couple of road issues that he would like to have agendized; Red Barn frontage road name issue per letter received from Supervisor in Monterey County and the conditions of our roads where the county and the city need to work together to try and develop a road maintenance program and find the funds to go forward. He said last week he participated in a legislative day for the central

coast coalition, which was for the counties from Santa Barbara all the way up through Santa Cruz. He said that they shared ideas that the coalition had for raising revenues to maintain our local streets and roads. He said out of the six counties that participated one of them does have a sells tax in place to support their local streets and roads as a self help county, the other five are evaluating it including Santa Cruz County which does have a measure going to the ballot in 2016. Supervisor Botelho said that he would like to bring the executive director of COG in to give a report to this board as well.

Chair Barrios said that through the Inter governmental they are having a special meeting on March 26th, and the idea is to bring back what a sells tax increase would look for the County. She said the city of San Juan Bautista, city of Hollister and the county of San Benito are looking at the options of ½ cent, ¾ or 1 percent whatever the case maybe how it would look in the way of revenues. She said it is all dealing with the same thing, an increase in sells tax for the sake of roads, parks the library, so maybe we can incorporate it and do it all together.

Supervisor Botelho said that Assemblyman Stone passed legislation last year that would allow the county to have a sales tax without the cities participation, meaning the unincorporated areas there was a need for a sells tax on a particular item or an issue that the community wants it could be run through without involving the city.

Chair Barrios said that we do need to discuss it further and figure out what we want to do as a county. She said that we will make sure that we agendize this.

CAO Ray Espinosa said that the outcome out of the Inter governmental he will make sure it is piggy backed on to this presentation and have hopefully for the later part of April.

Supervisor Rivas announced that he attended the Ambag meeting last week; he said that they were given a brief update and presentation from Caltrans. They updated them on the California Transportation Plan called CTP 2040, which will identify future multi model and mobility needs and reduces greenhouse emissions. He said that they would be holding workshops to gather information from the public. To get the dates of the workshops you could go to the website: www.californiatransportationplan2040.org.

Supervisor De La Cruz announced that on March 6th he attended the Hollister Heat Softball opening ceremony and on March 7th he attended the Hollister Little League opening ceremony. He said that it was a great turnout for both events and great support from parents, grandparents and the community. He said that we need more parks in our community and more facilities for the kids and that is something he would support for as long as he serves as a supervisor.

Supervisor De La Cruz announced that Chair Barrios, CAO Ray Espinosa and himself attended a series of meetings in Sacramento on the Panoche Solar project. He thanked Mr. Espinosa and Madam Chair they were on top and had all the right questions. He said that we need those revenues and those jobs and the economic activity in our community.

Chair Barrios reiterated what Supervisor De La Cruz was talking about. She also mentioned that the developer for the Panoche Valley Solar Farm and his attorney's and others were there to really state our case on how important this solar project is for San Benito County. She said that she felt it was well worth the trip; we stated all the economic benefits for San Benito County. She

said that they met with the Chief Deputy Director of the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Assemblyman Alejo and Senator Canella who was very instrumental in bringing together the environmental groups which included the Audubon California; Defenders of Wildlife; Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy Group. She said that it got very heated at times; she said that she even asked them not to oppose it. She said that they did some studies and maps where Panoche Valley for them is not the best place to put the project. She said but the maps and information were from 2013, and she said that this project started back in 2009. She said that there was an absolutely not, we are going to oppose it.

Chair Barrios said that she believes that they do not have their support but feels with all the other meeting they were able to state the importance of the Panoche Valley Solar and we are hoping that we will have some results. She pointed out that the application was made a year ago and it is still sitting there and not moving forward as it should be. She said that we are going to continue to put some pressure to have that happen, she said we need this project.

CAO Ray Espinosa added that region 4 would be looking at the permitting and addressing it this week and possibly moving it forward. He mentioned that Supervisor Barrios would be sending out a thank you letter to everyone that we met with.

Mr. Espinosa gave special thanks to Assemblyman Alejo and Senator Canella for standing up for our county and understanding the needs that we have from an economic perspective and for representing our county well.

Chair Barrios said they went to bat for us in an unbelievable way and thanked them as well.

Chair Barrios said that we are going to follow up with region 4 in Fresno to meet with them to see what else we can do to move this project along.

Supervisor Botelho mentioned that he feels that we are doing great work and is happy that we are up there speaking for the people in San Benito County. He said that it is so important that this project get going, the economic benefit is tremendous in more ways than one and to have it held up by people that don't even live in this county is discouraging.

Chair Barrios said that we are not stopping, that after meeting with region 4 we have made a commitment that we will go to the governor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

*Upon motion made by Supervisor De La Cruz and seconded by Supervisor Muenzer, **approved** Consent Agenda Items 1-17, with the exception of Items #4, #5, #6, #12 and #13, which was pulled for discussion. (5-0 vote)*

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE – T. Slavich:

- 1) **Adopted Resolution No. 2015-13**, approving a Compatible Use Application for agricultural preserve (Contract Number 75-48, Isha Institute of Inner Sciences); and **adopted Resolution No. 2015-13**, approving a Division Application for agricultural preserve (Contract Number 75-13, Erickson/Holt. (**File #7**))

CLERK OF THE BOARD – D. Thome:

- 2) **Approved** the action minutes of the December 16, 2014, February 3, 2015 regular meeting, the February 10, 2015 Board Retreat and the February 10, 2015, March 3, 2015 and March 10, 2015 special meetings.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE- R. Espinosa:

- 3) **Approved** and **authorized** the County Administrative Officer to execute and utilize the Authorization to Order Under State Contract (ATO) for the CALNET 3 contract for services provided by Verizon; and **authorized** the CAO to execute any other document necessary to receive additional services as may be determined necessary in the future under the CALNET 3 contract. (File #119)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – R. Espinosa:

- 4) **Adopt Ordinance amending Article 1 of Chapter 3.01 of Title 3 of the San Benito County Code to Specify Compensation Paid to Grand Jurors in San Benito County. (Ord. No. 934)**

This item was pulled by the public for discussion.

Bob Marden from the San Benito County Grand Jury spoke in regards to his concern in adopting this ordinance and why the Board wants to adopt this ordinance so quickly.

Steve Austin from the San Benito County Grand Jury spoke in regards to subcommittee and getting paid for meetings.

Marvin Jones from the San Benito County Grand Jury asked if the Grand Jury was investigating the county somewhere and you want to stifle their investigation, you want to control them by cutting their budget, are they after you for something what are you trying to hide.

Supervisor Botelho said that I am not aware of anything that we have to hide or any investigation that is significant to this board. The reason is that we are trying to develop some kind of management process of an item that we have to deal with, and this ordinance sets in place how the Grand Jury will be compensated going into the future. We don't know what the budget is going to be next year. The budget is put together by our staff and evaluated by all the departments working together. He said there has been a tremendous unwillingness from the Grand Jury to meet us half way. This is the largest Grand Jury budget since I have been on the board, and it is still not enough. For the sake of the budgetary process we need to have something in place that we can manage, and that is the importance of this ordinance which I will support today.

Supervisor Rivas said that is not about any type of cover up, which is absolutely ridiculous; this is about dollars and cents. We have a Grand Jury who has exhausted their budget midway through the fiscal year which has not occurred on my time on the board. It is about tightening up the fiscal rules that govern the Grand Jury. It is the Boards responsibility to be fiscally responsible and to address the problem, which is what we are doing. Therefore I will approve this ordinance and hopefully get this behind us.

Supervisor Muenzer said that two weeks ago he thought we had worked out a compromise. The members of the Grand Jury got up to the podium and spoke respectfully when it came to decision making. He said I made sure that we returned the Grand Jury to their whole budget for this year, and that when we enacted this ordinance that it was only the ground floor and we could give more in addition to this as the need arises. To hear the comments I heard today, the accusations just upset me. Is the Grand Jury more important than the Sheriff's Dept., we are barely able to keep the Library open. To sit there and accuse us of what we have been accused of this morning is insulting. We have the duty to oversee the budget for the whole county, once the budget is set then the different

departments and elected officials live under that budget. They don't like it any more than the Grand Jury.

Supervisor De La Cruz said that he thought we put a lot of effort in to reaching a compromise and apparently it is not enough. He said that he would like to develop a game plan in which it can have some type of budget policy control, which what happened today cannot happen next year. He said that he too would support his ordinance.

CAO Ray Espinosa mentioned that we did increase their budget this year by 28%, we haven't done that for any other department in our county that I can remember over the last 3 years.

Chair Barrios said that we are doing this for budget control. The budget does not control investigations, it never has and shouldn't now. She said obviously there is lack of procedures and communication and we are going to work on improving those.

BOARD ACTION: Upon motion made by Supervisor Botelho and seconded by Supervisor Rivas, **adopted Ordinance No. 934**, an Ordinance Amending Article 1 of Chapter 3.01 of title 3 of the San Benito County Code to Specify Compensation Paid to Grand Jurors in San Benito County. (5-0 vote) (File #605)

COUNTY COUNSEL – M. Granger:

- 5) **Approve the legal services agreement with the law firm of Miller Starr Regalia, in an amount not to exceed \$246,875 related to the Roberts Ranch project.**

This item was pulled by Deputy County Counsel Shirley Murphy to provide copies of pages that had not been scanned.

BOARD ACTION: Upon motion made by Supervisor De La Cruz and seconded by Supervisor Botelho, **approved** per staff recommendation. (5-0 vote) (File #160)

COUNTY COUNSEL – M. Granger:

- 6) **Approve legal services agreement with Cota Cole LLP., for work in the defense of Citadel Exploration, Inc. v. County of San Benito, et.al, Case No. CU-15-00028, for a flat fee of \$36,000.**

This item was pulled by the public for discussion.

Marvin Jones, Hollister resident, questioned how much Measure J has cost the County.

Chair Barrios said that they would check on that and report at a future meeting.

BOARD ACTION: Upon motion made by Supervisor Barrios and seconded by Supervisor Muenzer, **approved** Legal Services Agreement with Cota Cole LLP., for work in the defense of Citadel Exploration, Inc. v. County of San Benito, et al., Case No. CU-15-00028. (5-0 vote) (File #160)

HUMAN RESOURCES – G. Cochran:

- 7) **Adopted** the class specification revisions for the Executive Director of COG and **adopted** the Salary Schedule for this position as identified on the AIT. (File #630)

HUMAN RESOURCES – G. Cochran:

- 8) **Adopted** the class specification revisions for the Clerk of the Board. (File #630)

HUMAN RESOURCES – G. Cochran:

- 9) **Authorized** the hire of Karen Overstreet as Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures at Step C, effective March 30, 2015, with the terms and conditions as described in the AIT. (File #630)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – J. Horwedel:

- 10) **Adopted** Resolution and **accepted** Anderson Homes' offer of dedication of an approximately 300 sq. ft. public service easement, on a parcel located on Los Altos Drive, as reflected in the Dedicated Easement Grant Deed; **authorized** the Board Chair to sign the **Resolution No. 2015-14** and Certificate of Acceptance and Consent to record the Dedicated Easement Grant Deed; and **authorized** staff to record the Dedicated Easement Grant Deed with the County Recorder's Office. (File #105)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – J. Horwedel:

- 11) **Approved** the purchase order to Denco Sales Company of Concord California for the purchase of Sign Shop Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$26,316.01; and authorized the Public Works Director to approve purchase order. (File #105.3)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – J. Horwedel:

- 12) **Approve contract with Kathy Wood & Associates expanding previous contract scope in an amount not to exceed \$7,500; for Right-of-Way Acquisition relating to the Hospital Road Bridge replacement project; and authorize the Public Works Director to issue contract amendments, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.**

This item was pulled by Supervisor Muenzer for discussion. He said that it was time to get this project done.

Discussion ensued by Board members and staff.

Supervisor Muenzer said that he would like to have this on the Board meeting of June 19th for an update.

Chairman Barrios agreed and maybe sooner if possible.

BOARD ACTION: Upon motion made by Supervisor Muenzer and seconded by Supervisor Rivas, **approved** per staff recommendation. (4-1 vote, Botelho voted no) (File #105)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – J. Horwedel:

- 13) **Approve the Plans and Specifications, and bid documents for construction of Hospital Road Bridge project at San Benito River crossing and authorization to solicit bids for the construction.**

Item pulled for discussion.

Steve Austin, Grand Jury member, asked why it has taken 17 years to put in a bridge that you are replacing.

Arman Nazemi provided information.

Discussion ensued by Board and staff.

BOARD ACTION: Upon motion made by Supervisor Muenzer and seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz, **approved** the Plans and specifications; **authorized** Chair to sign bid documents; and **authorized** staff to solicit bids for the construction of the Hospital Road Bridge project at San Benito River crossing. (5-0 vote) (File #105)

SAN BENITO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT – C. Abreu-Woida:

- 14) **Approved** the re-appointment of Ted Thoeny as Director of the San Benito Resource Conservation District for a term to expire on the last Friday of November 2018. (File #1059)

SAN BENITO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT – C. Abreu-Woida:

- 15) **Approved** the request by the San Benito Resource Conservation District to reduce the number of board directors from seven to five members. (File #1059)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – D. Thompson:

- 16) **Adopted Resolution No. 2015-15**, approving the submission of an application for Off-Highway Grant Funds by the County Sheriff, or designated representative. (File #110)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – D. Thompson:

- 17) **Accepted** the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant award in the amount of \$29,791 and **authorized** the Sheriff to sign or his designee to sign the Grant Agreement including any amendments or modifications there in; and **approved** the appropriation increase to the Sheriff's Operations budget unit in the amount of \$29,791 and **increased** revenue in the same amount; and **amended** the Sheriff's Schedule of Fixed Assets to include a UTV Side-by-Side. (4/5 vote) (File #110)

Chair Barrios announced that they would go with items #21 and then continued with item #18 on.

REGULAR AGENDA:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – J. Rydingsword:

- 21) **Authorize letter to be sent to Community Services Development Corporation (CSDC) on behalf of San Benito County Board of Supervisors stating that there are no terms in the current lease nor have we discovered any Federal or State provisions, in regards to the lease with CSDC that defines or limits occupancy of units by qualified tenants on the property leased and managed by CSDC.**

James Rydingsword provided information in regards to letter to be sent to Community Services Development Corporation (CSDC) on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Those speaking from the public were: Irish Tapia, Community Worker, California Rural Legal Assistance, spoke in regards to the lease agreement language.

Discussion ensued by Board and staff.

Deputy County Counsel Irma Valencia provided clarification of the lease and why they were here today.

Other speakers were; Sonny Flores, Community Services Development, spoke in regards to notices already being issued and the lease agreement; Fernando Gonzalez, CSDC, thanked the Board for providing a partnership with regards to transmittal housing. We want to do whatever the Board wants. This is a good program and we want to continue it.

Further discussion ensued by the Board and staff.

Chair Barrios appointed Supervisor De La Cruz and Supervisor Muenzer as ad-hoc committee to move forward and bring back to the Board the recommendations and then we can see what we can do as to moving forward.

County Counsel Matt Granger mentioned that the Board would not be sending the drafted letter out at this time. *(File #939.1)*

CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER – J. P. Gonzalez:

18) Accept Audit Committee report from County Auditor re status of Fiscal Year 2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Joe Paul Gonzalez provided an update in regards to the CAFR. Mr. Gonzalez noted that in the minutes that accompany the transmittal, it reflects a consistent tone in regards to the independent auditor, which is, that the Auditor's office is severely understaffed to produce the CAFR and do all the work that is required of the Auditor Controllers Office.

He said this year with the help of Hayashi & Wayland, a private contractor, we were actually able to produce this report and submit by March 2nd to the Independent Auditor. The Independent Auditor now needs additional information per our meeting last Friday. Our office is working diligently to provide those answers with the resources that we have. One of the main items they are wanting is the work that has been done for projects related to Caltrans. He said that there are receivables that have to be reported in the CAFR that we are not reporting at this time because we didn't have those receivable balances from the department. So we are going to have to change our report in order to accommodate those receivables that are supportable. The Independent Auditor said that we need to produce receivables that are valid receivables that are going to be payable from Caltrans, but we are running out of time. It takes a lot of effort to change those reports because those changes run through many of the reports. This is another somewhat of a road block that has been thrown before us, which puts the road to a successful completion of the CAFR and the audit and this time.

Chair Barrios asked Mr. Gonzalez if the deadline of March 31st was going to be able to be met.

Mr. Gonzalez replied that staff is working diligently on this effort, but it requires a department to work with the auditor's office to come up with the numbers that we need to report.

Discussion ensued by Board and staff.

Public Works Interim Director Joe Horwedel said that their office is working on the figures for the Independent Auditor so that they can meet the deadline at the end of the month.

Supervisor Muenzer mentioned that he has sat on the Audit committee for the past two or three years with Supervisor De La Cruz, and going forward with next year's budget we need to address the staffing issues. He said that if we don't meet this deadline the consequences could be huge.

Supervisor De La Cruz also supported Supervisor Muenzer's position in staffing for the Auditor's office. *(File #608)*

CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER – J. P. Gonzalez:

19) Authorize the County Auditor and County Treasurer to create a Measure J Legal Defense Fund as a separate fund for accountability purposes; authorize the County Administrative Officer to enhance the County's

website and employ other means to facilitate the marketing for donations to the Measure J Legal Defense Fund; and authorize the County Counsel to administer the Measure J Legal Defense Fund budgetary unit on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Joe Paul Gonzalez provided information in regards to the creation of a legal defense fund for Measure J. He said that the legal and fiscal implications of Measure J are potentially enormous. Conferring with Counsel and the CAO's office it is believed that this is simply the beginning of a long process that is going to be very costly. It would be set up as a legal defense fund to be administered separately from any of the other funds with a separate bank account, general ledger account to be able to account for those funds separately from the rest of the county's funds. These private funds under the IRS code when donated to the government for a public purpose would be a tax deductible charitable contribution. It would provide private individuals with an opportunity to donate to the county to help the county defend the Measure J county ordinance. Any funds collected would be used to the legal defense.

Supervisor Botelho said that this was a very good idea for our county at this point of time. Under Measure J we are obligated to defend that voter initiative. He said that this was a great step forward.

Supervisor Rivas agreed with what was said. We are not creating this fund because we are in financial trouble; we are creating this fund as an idea that was originated through an organization here called San Benito Rising. They basically said that we want to help the county in defending Measure J, so we took it upon ourselves to extend their leadership and idea to create this formal fund within our county so that we could accept donations that they have already created. He said that moving forward and defending is a very important law for our county and the future of this county, we will accept those donations.

Chair Barrios had a question if the funds would show all the expenses the county is incurring.

Mr. Gonzalez replied that we could provide a transactual report of all the expended funds. All costs related to Measure J will come out of this separate budgetary fund.

Chair Barrios said that she would like to be able to show the public the costs that are being incurred as a result of Measure J passing.

BOARD ACTION: *Upon motion made by Supervisor Rivas and seconded by Supervisor Botelho, **authorized** the County Auditor and County Treasurer to create a Measure J Legal Defense Fund as a separate fund for accountability purposes; **authorized** the County Administration Office to enhance the County's website and employ other means to facilitate the marketing for donations to the Measure J Legal Defense fund; and **authorized** the County Counsel to administer the Measure J Legal Defense Fund budgetary unit on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. (5-0 vote) (File #610)*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – R. Espinosa:

- 20) Adopt Resolution adopting an exemption from the requirements of implementing a mandatory organic waste recycling program in San Benito County. (Res. No. 2015-16)**

This item was pulled from the agenda to bring back at a later date.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – B. Turner:

22) Receive progress report on the General Plan Update.

Interim Planning Director Byron Turner thanked Michael Groves and EMC for undertaking this job. We weren't sure that we were going to get anybody to do this job and to complete it in the time frame that they did. They have delivered for us and I wanted to make sure that credit was given where credit was due. They have delivered, I have the EIR in my possession and it is now my job to get it to the state, to the public and on the website and to get the CEQA started.

Michael Groves, President of EMC Planning Group pointed out that this wasn't really a long time frame for a general plan; there was a lot of work to be done. The EIR is a huge document. He provided a hand-out to the revised schedule which he went over. He said that we are currently at the 45 day public review period. The Planning Commission should hold a hearing in April to receive comment from the public on the environmental document for the general plan update. He provided information as to the process going forward and what to expect.

Supervisor Botelho said that he appreciated where we are right now.

Chair Barrios on behalf of the Board thanked Mr. Groves for undertaking such a huge job, we appreciate it. She also thanked Mr. Turner and his staff.
(File #790)

Supervisor De La Cruz, left had another commitment.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 12:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

23) County Employee Appointment

Title: Assistant County Administrative Officer

Authority: California Government Codes 54957

No. reportable action. (File #235.6

The vote of each member of the Board of Supervisors upon each matter at the foregoing meeting, unless otherwise stated, was as follows:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS:	Barrios, Rivas, De La Cruz, Botelho, Muenzer
NOES:	SUPERVISORS:	None
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS:	None

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m. to March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

MARGIE BARRIOS, CHAIRPERSON

San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Janet Slibsager, Asst. Clerk of the Board

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on 09/08/15