



## SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

### SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 12, 2009 ACTION MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of San Benito County met in the Board Chambers on the above date in *special session*. Supervisors Monaco, Loe, Barrios, De La Cruz and Botelho were all present. Also present was Assistant County Administrative Officer Rich Inman, Acting County Counsel Barbara Thompson and Clerk of the Board Linda Churchill. Chairman Anthony Botelho called the meeting to order.

#### 9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER:

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

#### REGULAR AGENDA:

1) **Discuss and approve written argument(s) in favor of the CSA (County Service Area) ballot measures.**

Assistant County Administrative Officer Rich Inman noted that the argument was in front of the Board for their review and input.

Acting County Counsel Barbara Thompson provided background information stating that this was an opportunity for the Board to comment on the written argument prepared by Chairman Botelho which was provided to the Board of Supervisors for their review.

Discussion ensued and input was provided by Board members.

**BOARD ACTION:** *Upon motion made by Supervisor Monaco and seconded by Supervisor Barrios, approved argument in favor of CSA ballot measures as amended. (Unanimous)*

*The final approved version of the argument reads as follows:*

County Service Areas (CSAs) were created within the County for the purpose of providing services to the properties located within each CSA. CSAs provide services not available to the general public in the unincorporated areas of the County and were created to ensure that residential developments would be self-sustaining. The proposed fee for each CSA has been calculated at an amount necessary to provide the services that each CSA receives. The proposed fee is the maximum fee that can be imposed and the fee, from year to year, may be less than the maximum amount. Each year during the budget process, the County will determine the operating budget for each CSA, and the fee may be adjusted accordingly.

Although the Board of Supervisors is reluctant to raise fees, without adequate revenue it is impossible to provide services to the CSAs. If the proposed fee is not approved services will

have to be reduced or eliminated. If the CSA does not pass the required fee, only services dictated by statute will be provided.

The Board will review the level of service provided the CSAs on a quarterly basis in the immediate future and will continue to do so no less than annually. The Board *will* ensure that residents receive the services paid for by these fees.

On June 12, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved this argument and unanimously supports the proposed fees. We recommend that you vote yes. *CSA File / File #105*

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to June 23, 2009 at 9 a.m.

**ANTHONY BOTELHO, CHAIRMAN**  
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Linda Churchill, Clerk of the Board