

Hi Boys and Girls,

My name is Bennie Benitoite. I am a "Big-Eared Kangaroo Rat". My soft fur is tan on my back and white on my tummy. I am famous for my BIG round ears and long tuft tail. I can grow up to 13 inches from the tip of my nose to the end of my tail. I have made San Benito County my home because it has warm and sunny hillsides.

The very special blue rock I am holding is called "Benitoite" which is unique like me. Both of us are only found in San Benito County.

I am very proud of San Benito County and all it has to offer. **Let's explore all of the great parks together.**

You can bring this picture of me along; take a picture of you and me exploring the best of your San Benito County Parks. **Send or email your picture to:** parkrec@cosb.us. Or ask your parents to drop it off at the SB County Administration Office, 481 4th Street, Hollister by July 15th.

Bennie Benitoite

PSST: Best photos go to newspaper!

