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VETERANS PARK COMMISSION

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Board of Supervisors Chambers 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023
VETERANS PARK COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING-
OCTOBER 19, 2026
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.A. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Acknowledge the Certificate of Posting for the October 19, 2026, Special Meeting of the Veterans Park Commission. SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

Certificate of Posting 2026-10-19.pdf

4.B. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Approval of the Minutes from the following Veterans Park Commission Special Meetings: 1) November 3rd, 2025, 2) December 15th, 2025, 3) June 8th, 2026, 4) August 27th, 2026. SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

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2026-06-08_VPC_MINUTES DRAFT.pdf

2026-08-27_VPC_MINUTES DRAFT.pdf

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5.A. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Nomination of Chair and a Vice-Chair for the Veterans Park Commission.SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

5.B. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Approve the meeting schedule of the Veterans Park Commission for the 2027 calendar year. Meetings to continue on a quarterly basis on the 1st Monday of the month, with the exception of July 2027 where that Monday falls on the observation of Independence Day and will be deferred to the following Monday.SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

Veterans Park Commission 2027 Calendar.pdf

5.C. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Present a report of the necessary repairs for Veterans Park.SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

20260630 - BOS Agenda Item #3.G.pdf
2026-2027 Interim Proposed Budget (CEO) - Approved (Veterans Park).pdf
20260630 Minutes (pgs 11-13) - BOS Agenda Item #3.G.pdf
Urgent Repairs for Veterans Park.pdf

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 - Dom Zanger
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DISTRICT 3 - Mindy Sotelo
DISTRICT 4 - Angela Curro
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Agenda Item
Special Meeting of the
Veterans Park Commission
Monday, October 19, 2026

Website:
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Gregory P Priamos

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Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 4.A

MEETING DATE: **10/19/2026**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Olivia Gonzales

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Adolfo Gonzalez

SUBJECT:

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AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acknowledgement of the Certificate of Posting for the October 19th, 2026, Veterans Park Commission Special Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:
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San Benito County Veterans Park Commission
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Hollister, CA 95023

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Olivia Gonzales
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Parks Commission, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

   Mindy Sotelo, District 4 Supervisor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

   Stephanie Reck, Senior Planner, conducted roll call.

   Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, was present.

   Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, was present.

   Bryan Morse, Hollister VFW Representative, was present.

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, was present.

A quorum of commissioners was present.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Angela Curro; seconded by Mindy Sotelo to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Bryan Morse, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None

4.A **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-**
Acknowledge the Certificate of Posting for the November 3, 2025, Special Meeting of the Veterans Park Commission.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 127

4.B **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-**
Approve the draft Veterans Park Commission minutes of the October 6, 2025, Regular Meeting.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 127

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5.A **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE - PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-**
Receive update regarding the status of the cell tower lease.
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Steve Loupe, Public Works Administrator, provided the update following research of the Verizon cell tower lease. The research shows that, as of October 2025, Verizon pays the county $2,979.26 a month, “which equates just under $36,000 a year,” which goes into a segregated fund within the General Fund that can be routed to the Veterans Park Fund.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding how long Veterans Park has had the lease for and if the yearly revenue received increases each year, to which Staff answered since 2007 and that the price the County has received increases 3% each year. Further question from Supervisor Sotelo regarding the nature of a “segregated fund” going into the General Fund’s pot was discussed, to which Staff

stated that “it is put into a separate account within the General Fund…” but it appears that for the last three (3) years, the revenue received has not been put into the segregated account for Veterans Park. Supervisor Sotelo asked if the money has been put into the General Fund, then it is “essentially gone?” Staff answered that would likely be the case. Supervisor Sotelo then asked if the Commission could request the money from the Verizon lease to be put into a Veterans Park specific account, to which Staff suggested the Commission to make a motion for the request to be sent to Admin and County Counsel for their determination.

Supervisor Curro asked if there is any General Fund money going to the Veterans Park, to which Staff affirmed that is the case; however, parks in general, including Veterans Park, “run in a deficit.” Supervisor Curro then asked if Staff knew how much of the General Fund was being used for Veterans Park per year, further posing the question: if $36,000 per year is not going to the park, “or has not been going for the last three (3) years,” then is there is any documentation stating that it should be going to Veterans Park and if so, is there a way to get said funds retroactively? Staff affirmed that they would work with County Counsel to determine the right course of action moving forward.

Maria Spandri noted that the separate account was created following the cell tower going up, citing a previous Commissioner’s statement. Maria Spandri then noted that there were six (6) repeaters on the cell tower in the original contract; however, given that there are more repeaters currently, Maria Spandri then questioned if Verizon was being charged more for the additional repeaters. Maria Spandri then asked if there is a way to bid the facilities to another telecommunications company to ensure Veterans Park is receiving the highest amount possible, to which Staff responded that would not be possible since Verizon owns the facility. Staff then stated that there has been correspondence with a Verizon representative and that Verizon is working on the status of the contract with the County and that the County should expect to receive an update by the end of the week. Maria Spandri then expressed curiosity about how long Veterans Park has not been receiving funds from Verizon directly, stating that she has been on the Veterans Park Commission since 2015 and that “we have not had our funds go to a separate account for us,” and additionally questioning what those allocated funds have been used for in the past, whether for maintenance or operations. Staff stated that the fund in the past would be for “Veterans Park uses,” and that they would investigate when the transition away from Veterans Park started. Supervisor Sotelo then pointed to the original Verizon lease agreement explicitly stating that the yearly income since 2007 “will become a revenue source for Budget Account 1001-700 Vets Memorial Park.” As such, Supervisor Sotelo asked if the revenue prior to said three (3) years has always been going into Budget Account 1001-700 Vets Memorial Park, to which Staff responded that they were only able to go back those three (3) years, further emphasizing not knowing when the transition happened.

5.B **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE - PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR-**

Receive updates from representatives of the leagues and clubs that use Veterans Park and their roles within Veterans Park.

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Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, opened the discussion. Before the first organization provided their updates, Maria Spandri thanked the leagues and organizations for coming to this meeting and explained that their input with regard to improvements is critical as they are the ones who use the park. Maria Spandri then asked the leagues and organizations to provide their schedules, leadership contacts and elections, etc., further affirming the Commission's desire to know what is happening with the park, so the Commission knows how to help. Supervisor Curro further noted that another goal with this meeting is creating proper workflows to ensure proper protocols for documenting agreements, data, orders, etc. is established, further ensuring proper historical records exist for future Supervisors and Commissioners alike.

San Benito Babe Ruth League

Sean Penzo, President of San Benito Babe Ruth and a Hollister resident, presented the following updates:

1. The 2025 Fall Ball Program and the Bambino Baseball season have finished; the league is going into their off-season, so there will be no scheduled activities and programs for the rest of the year.
2. The league will be having tryouts for next season at the end of January 2026.
3. At the end of June 2025, there was "substantial damage" to the underground sprinkler lines, which is a "pretty much annual occurrence" due to the Babe Ruth League being at the end of the line on the Veterans Park's well.
    a. Volunteers helped to repair damage.
    b. Archived irrigation plans helped figure out where all the water lines were.
4. A volunteer electrician recently came out and put security lighting on the 3rd base side of the field.
    a. Now there is security lighting on both the 1st and 3rd base lines of the field.
    b. Towards the outfield has yet to be done due to insufficient funds.
        i. Sean Penzo noted that perhaps funds from the Verizon cell tower can help with future expenses.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding whether the restrooms are serviceable. Sean Penzo stated that they do not use the restrooms at the moment, so there are portable restrooms, two (2) of which are ADA-compliant for the Bambino Program. Sean Penzo noted that the portable restrooms are easier to maintain because of vandalism issues and a lack of consistent maintenance.

Maria Spandri asked if the plumbing was working, to which Sean Penzo responded that he was not sure, since the restrooms had been locked up for a while. Supervisor Sotelo then asked who maintains the well, to which Staff responded that it is a County well but is supplied by the City of Hollister. As such, Staff stated that they would investigate the pressure issues with this well and hopefully get a contractor to fix it. Supervisor Sotelo then noted that documentation of which organizations the City of Hollister provides water for would be helpful for water issues that come up for any of the organizations.

With regards to security lighting, Maria Spandri stated that she had an electrician from Watt Electric to provide a quote for upgrading the lighting at the field to LED lights with the hopes of finding grants for the lights. Supervisor Sotelo then asked Sean Penzo to elaborate on the homeless issues with the park. Sean Penzo noted that there have not been such severe issues that they have needed to call the Sheriff as Babe Ruth League will mention when the kids need the fields, but that there have been instances of the homeless people going through the trashes on the field and not picking up afterwards.

Additional conversation at a later point between Sean Penzo and Maria Spandri regarding the maintenance on the septic tank for the restroom, to ensure it does not back up into the snack bar. Supervisor Sotelo asked if the whole park is on septic or if it is just the Babe Ruth League; it is the latter.

Public comment in chambers by George Nava.

No comments via Zoom.

City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Department

Armando Medina, Recreation Coordinator for the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Department, presented an overview of the City's involvement, which include:

1. Overseeing and supporting park operations, scheduling, and maintenance coordination for both the large and small fields, and the skatepark.
2. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, field rentals, facility maintenance, and coordinating community sporting events at the large and small fields.

Armando Medina additionally provided updates on monthly PG&E and pest control costs and discussed methods to mitigate graffiti damage.

Raul Garcia, Recreation Coordinator for the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Department, stated that they finished scheduling their Co-ed, Men's and Women's, and Junior Giants leagues. Afterwards, Raul Garcia stated that the current concerns with the park are potholes in the parking lot, striping of the parking spaces, and the lack of lighting in the parking lot and skate park.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding what fields the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Department supply water to, to which Raul Garcia stated that he was under the impression that the County supplied water, especially since there is no water bill for the city. Supervisor Sotelo then asked if all fields were subject to pest control and what pest control entails. Armando Medina stated that the City of Hollister Parks and Recreation Department only conducts pest control for the large and small fields and that it includes pest abatement and odor control. Supervisor Sotelo suggested that all areas of the park should be involved in pest control so that if the pests are abated in one area, they do not tear up another area. Raul Garcia asked if there was a schedule of all the teams who use the other areas of the park to coordinate the best times to do so. Supervisor Sotelo then asked what the PG&E rates are, which Raul Garcia answered that it is:

- $60/hour for recognized local leagues (was previously $24/hour),
- $48/hour for non-profits, and a non-refundable $253 incidental fee, and
- $60/hour for special or commercial events, with a $500 deposit.

Public comment in chambers by Lee Roselle.

No comments via Zoom.

Hollister Heat Girls Fastpitch

Gina Annotti, President of Hollister Heat Girls Fastpitch, had no updates following the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2025; however, Gina Annotti stated that Hollister Heat does their own pest control and that they do not pay for lights or water, citing that the County well is broken and they have been using City water. Gina Annotti additionally stated that Hollister Heat has new bathrooms; however, there is confusion about whose responsibility it is to maintain those restrooms, whether County or City. Gina Annotti also provided information regarding their softball season timelines.

Public comment in chambers by Sean Penzo.

No comments via Zoom.

Hollister Little League

Eric Alker, President of Hollister Little League, provided the following updates:

1. The fall season ended, and they were up 60 kids this past year “with all the new homes and commuters coming in.”
2. The league is running at a deficit, costing the organization nearly $300/player; however, fundraisers and sponsorships help keep the organization afloat.

a. Restroom maintenance costs the organization $12,000/year,
b. ADM pest control costs $2,300/year,
c. PG&E costs $800-900/month during peak season and $500/month during off season,
d. The ADA-compliant portable restroom and handwashing station costs $2,000/year,
e. $60,000 for field repairs after a main water line break, and
    i. Hollister Little League is working with the City of Hollister to potentially recuperate some of those expenses.
f. A $33,000 increase from the prior year to use school district fields.

Regarding issues the organization is facing, Eric Alker stated that there have not been any issues with the water lines, but there have been issues with maintaining the restrooms. There have also been problems with the dumpsters not being locked properly, poor maintenance of the fields, and a lack of adequate lighting. Additionally, there has been correspondence with the County about getting a recycling bin out to the field, as they have an organic and garbage bin, but no recycling. Hollister Little League has an ADA-compliant portable restroom because their bathrooms are not ADA-compliant.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding how sad it is that the School District's increased rates are affecting the kids in this way. Supervisor Sotelo then suggested that organizations being affected in this way, like Hollister Little League, should express their concerns to the City of Hollister and/or the School District. Eric Akler stated that concerns about the potential bankruptcy of Hollister Little League in the next half decade have been expressed to the School District but was told that there is nothing that can be done.

No public comment in chambers or via Zoom.

Hollister Tremors

Aghas Igbinovia, Board Member, Technical Director, and Coach Coordinator for the Hollister Tremors stated that "the registration numbers are growing," hosting around 1,100-1,200 kids over the organization's two (2) seasons and creating a special needs program. Aghas Igbinovia then noted that they have spent around $30,000 on field maintenance replacing pipes and sprinklers, landscaping, and on referees and an additional $5,000 on water maintenance. Aghas Igbinovia additionally cited issues with pest control, not having enough trash receptacles nor a recycling bin, not having a proper snack shack, no lighting in the parking lot, and issues with the restrooms. The last update provided is that Hollister Tremors is fortunately in fiscal shape.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding how often the Veterans Park field is used for practices and games, to which Aghas Igbinovia stated that some Hollister Tremor teams practice at Veterans Park, but the organization is also renting fields during the fall time during recreational season, particularly at Sunnyslope Elementary School and Rancho San Justo Middle School. Supervisor Sotelo also asked if there are lights on these fields, and Aghas Igbinovia stated that there are not, but would love both lights and bleachers on their field. Supervisor Sotelo also asked if Hollister Tremors hosts tournaments at their field, and Aghas Igbinovia said no because of the lack of lighting and adequate restrooms on the field. Maria Spandri then asked if Hollister Tremors pay for water and Aghas Igbinovia said they do not.

No public comment in chambers or via Zoom.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding how thankful they were to the community and the organizations who use this field to come out and provide invaluable information.

Public comment in chambers by Fred Mancebo, Gina Annotti, and Eric Alker.

No public comment via Zoom.

After hearing updates from all the organizations and subsequent public comments, Steve Loupe, Public Works Administrator, provided the following updates:

1. The County has finished the restroom near the playground and are currently working on the restrooms on the picnic side of the park, and
2. The parking lot repavement, restriping, and lighting plans are finished and are awaiting construction,
    a. There may not be enough money for all repairs, so deciding which issue will be prioritized will be something the Commission will discuss in the future.

Discussion from Commissioners regarding how to adequately organize all the information that was presented to the Commission tonight and subsequently schedule future construction as to not impede the organization’s seasons. Information that would be helpful in this regard would be amount of people participating in each program per year, contact information for high-ranking people in each organization, when elections are, dues paid for electricity and water if applicable, etc.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, asked if such a document does not currently exist, for documentation stating that money from the Verizon cell tower that has been segregated into the General Fund will be going to the Veterans Park Fund, to eventually be adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Steve Loupe stated that deciding which improvements would take precedent once the Veterans Park Commission has the amount of available funding would be a future agenda item, potentially for January's meeting.

Maria Spandri stated that looking into lighting for the Hollister Tremors and in the back fields of the San Benito Babe Ruth League should be on a future agenda. Maria Spandri also suggested the creation of a by-law for appointing an American Legion Rider Veteran on the Veterans Park Commission, which prompted a discussion about how the membership of the Veterans Park Commission was made up of three (3) veterans and two (2) San Benito County Supervisors, noting that the San Juan Bautista VFW does not want to participate in the Veterans Park Commission.

7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No commissioner announcements were provided.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Mindy Sotelo; seconded by Angela Curro to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Bryan Morse, Maria Spandri
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Parks Commission, called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

   Bryan Morse, Hollister VFW Representative, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

   Abraham Prado, Director of Planning and Building, conducted roll call.

   Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, was present.

   Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, was present.

   Bryan Morse, Hollister VFW Representative, was present.

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, was present.

A quorum of commissioners was present.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, motioned to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting.

Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Angela Curro; seconded by Mindy Sotelo to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Bryan Morse, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5.A **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Provide recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the creation of an agreement to accept the lump sum prepayment option amount of $429,015.00 with Verizon and its funding partner to purchase the rights to keep the cell tower at its current location with an easement over the space that Verizon currently occupies, or alternatively;
2. Provide recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the creation of an amendment to the current lease to decrease the monthly rent to $1,900.00 per month to begin on January 1, 2026, and end on 2050, add a Rent Escalator of Two Percent (2%) every year beginning on January 1, 2027, and add four (4) additional five (5) year renewal terms.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 105

Steve Loupe, Public Works Administrator, presented an overview of Verizon's proposal and explained that the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors will be provided at the following Board of Supervisors meeting on December 16, 2025. Trevor Stevens, Verizon Representative, aided in answering the Commissioner's questions.

No public comment in chambers or via Zoom.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding where the values of the lump sum and the proposed decreased rent price of $2,979.26 to $1,900.00 per month came from. Trevor Stevens provided an explanation about the reduced rent prices, citing a desire to maintain relationships with current landlords, but technological

advancements have allowed telecommunication companies, like Verizon, to not rely as heavily on “macrocell sites,” or conventional cell phone towers. Trevor Stevens additionally noted that following Sprint’s bankruptcy, a lot of the unassumed assets of the company were the aforementioned macrocell sites, representing a shift in supply and demand. Regarding the values themselves, Trevor Stevens said that Verizon has a formula that generates the numbers.

Supervisor Curro mentioned that one concern when presenting the Commission’s recommendation to the Board of Supervisors would be where the previous revenue that should have been received went. Staff confirmed that the original lease’s funds were supposed to be going to a “Veterans Park Fund,” to which Supervisor Curro mentioned that the County may be in debt to the Veterans Park/Commission if said funds were not allocated properly.

Supervisor Sotelo asked for clarification on the terms of the two (2) recommendations. Staff stated that currently Verizon would pay $2,979.26 per month until at least January 1, 2027, or as late as 2032, when the original lease agreement from 2007 ends, given that Verizon nor the County terminates said lease agreement. If the Commission recommends the second proposal, Verizon’s contract would extend to another 25 years to 2050. With regards to the lump sum option, Trevor Stevens stated that this sum would be related to a perpetual terminated lease, which terminates after a certain point, but would likely not extend for more than 99 years. Supervisor Sotelo then asked for clarification on how the park would be financially secure following the lump sum proposal, to which Trevor Stevens said that career funding partners would ensure continued revenue is brought to the cell tower. Supervisor Sotelo additionally asked if the cell tower brings safety hazards to children who visit the park, to which Trevor Stevens said, “absolutely not.”

Supervisor Curro then noted a provision of the lump sum amount comes with a “50% revenue share,” requesting Counsel’s involvement in the negotiations to ensure Veterans Park “gets the best bang for the buck.” Supervisor Sotelo then confirmed that once the recommendation is provided to the Board of Supervisors, contract negotiations with Verizon would begin, which would require Counsel’s involvement.

Maria Spandri asked for additional clarification on whether a potential easement would include physical ground space. Trevor Stevens stated that it could be ground space or tower space, but an easement expansion would be limited to 500 sq. ft. Maria Spandri then noted requiring both physical and aerial space raises concerns. Staff confirmed that if any physical ground changes were to occur, then something would need to offset that change, which would be negotiated with Verizon. Maria Spandri then asked questions regarding maintenance of the facilities, to which Staff and Trevor Stevens stated that the County and Verizon maintain their own respective facilities. With regard to Verizon’s facilities, Trevor Stevens stated that they contract local companies.

Maria Spandri expressed that the biggest concern is not selling pieces of the park to the highest bidder, as that was a stipulation with the local Veterans overseeing the park and its maintenance. Supervisor Curro then mentioned how including the term "easement" within the eventual contract with Verizon would ensure that the Commission would not be selling land off, as an easement merely grants the right for an entity to use a portion of the property rather than being sold off. Maria Spandri then restated the safety concern, to which Trevor Stevens mentioned that there are studies that government organizations like the FCC have signed off on affirming that the cell towers do not operate at harmful frequencies, which would be provided to the Commission.

Supervisor Sotelo then asked what timeframe Verizon is looking for so the Commission can make a solid recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, to which Trevor Stevens stated that Verizon would prefer to have a decision from the County by the end of 2025 as starting January 1, 2026, Verizon will be restructuring their company. Trevor Stevens stated he would advocate for more time on the County's behalf to Verizon, but that there was no guarantee once 2026 starts. Maria Spandri then expressed that with the quarterly meetings, it does not provide enough time for the Commission to make a decision, especially since the notice Verizon sent was in November 2025. Supervisor Curro reassured Maria Spandri's concern about the timeframe, especially since the Board of Supervisors agenda packet for the December 16, 2026, meeting is "over 3,000 pages," and that this is not something that should be rushed into.

Further noted by Supervisor Sotelo and Maria Spandri is not knowing how much footprint is available around the existing cell tower to expand upon, nor if the area that would be expanded upon is currently used by any of the local organizations that rely on Veterans Park.

Supervisor Curro noted that she was late for a prior commitment and left the meeting afterwards. Maria Spandri then stated that the Veterans Park Commission would not be able to provide direction to the Board of Supervisors.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed three (3) to zero (0).

Moved by Maria Spandri; seconded by Mindy Sotelo to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 3 - 0
Voting For: Mindy Sotelo, Bryan Morse, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None
Absent: Angela Curro

SAN BENITO COUNTY
VETERANS PARK COMMISSION

Angela Curro	**Mindy Sotelo**	**Richard Gallagher**	**Maria Spandri**	**Vacant**
Board of Supervisors	Board of Supervisors	Hollister VFW	American Legion (Chair)	San Juan Bautista VFW

Board of Supervisors Chambers 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

VETERANS PARK COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING-
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2026

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Password: 825706
Join via audio: +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Parks Commission, called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

   Richard Gallagher, Hollister VFW Representative, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

   Stephanie Reck, Senior Planner, conducted roll call.

   Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, was present.

   Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, was present.

   Richard Gallagher, Hollister VFW Representative, was present.

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, was present.

   A quorum of commissioners was present.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, motioned to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting.

Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Mindy Sotelo; seconded by Angela Curro to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Bryan Morse, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None

4.A **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - D. KATADA-**
Acknowledge the certificate of posting for the June 8, 2026, Special Meeting of the Veterans Park Commission.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 127

5. CLOSED SESSION

Matters discussed during Closed Session include existing and pending litigation, personnel matters and real property negotiations. Reportable actions taken by the Commission during Closed Session will be announced during open session. (Gov. Code Section 54957.1(a) and (b), Ralph M. Brown Act.)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.
Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Mindy Sotelo; seconded by Angela Curro to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Bryan Morse, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None

SAN BENITO COUNTY
VETERANS PARK COMMISSION

Angela Curro	**Mindy Sotelo**	**Richard Gallagher**	**Maria Spandri**	**Vacant**
Board of Supervisors	Board of Supervisors	Hollister VFW	American Legion (Chair)	San Juan Bautista VFW

Board of Supervisors Chambers 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

VETERANS PARK COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING-
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 27, 2026

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or email sreck@sanbenitocountyca.gov.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Parks Commission, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

   Richard Gallagher, Hollister VFW Representative, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

   Stephanie Reck, Senior Planner, conducted roll call.

   Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, was present.

   Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, was present.

   Richard Gallagher, Hollister VFW Representative, was present.

Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, was present.

A quorum of commissioners was present.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mindy Sotelo, District 3 Supervisor, motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda. Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Mindy Sotelo; seconded by Angela Curro to Authorize.
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Richard Gallagher, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None

4.A **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - D. KATADA-**
Acknowledge the certificate of posting for the August 27, 2026, Special Meeting of the Veterans Park Commission.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 127

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5.A **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - D. KATADA-**
1. Receive information on urgent maintenance and capital improvement needs at Veterans Memorial Park;
2. Discuss and prioritize projects for inclusion in future state and federal budgetary funding requests;
3. Provide direction to staff regarding acquiring cost estimates, project maps, immediate maintenance items, and other needs as desired; and
4. Provide direction on recommendations to go before the Board of Supervisors as desired.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 127

Esperanza Colio-Warren, County Executive Officer, presented an overview of the bathroom upgrades and issues with the hazard trees on site. Mindy Soleto, District 4 Supervisor, additionally presented an overview for the requested Special Veterans Park Meeting, to which she cited funding may be available for projects in the park if presents priorities to the Board of Supervisors, then to State Representatives. Graciela Rodriguez, Senior Administrative Analyst, emphasized that Staff has an opportunity to identify shovel- or almost shovel-ready projects for state budgetary requests and congressional district spending.

Public Comment in chambers by Edward Escamilla and Shawn Penzo.

No public comment via Zoom.

Discussion among the Commissioners regarding whether the picnic side or general maintenance of Veterans Park has been discussed in previous meetings. Richard Gallagher stated that prior administrators would primarily present financial reports, updates on maintenance, and the status of rentals. Richard Gallagher additionally brought up the issue of the wells not working, noting that "is in pieces," and "all over the ground." Supervisor Sotelo stated that the County is committed to ensuring the park is taken care of properly moving forward as two (2) Supervisors, the CEO, and County Counsel all present at the meeting. The Veterans on the commission expressed that they would like to be a part of the positive change at this park and receive updates regularly in between meetings moving forward. Supervisor Sotelo stated that there is to be a commitment from the Public Works Administrator and the Clerk of the Veterans Park meeting to be in contact with the Veterans Park Commission Chair, Maria Spandri, regarding agenda items for future meetings. Supervisor Curro stated that this is her first year on the Veterans Park Commission and asked fellow commissioners how the park got into the condition that it is in, citing false promises and previous administrators not setting aside promised funds in an appropriate manner. Supervisor Sotelo asked CEO Esperanza Colio-Warren to provide a comprehensive update as the CEO knows more information about everything the Commissioners have discussed thus far.

CEO Esperanza Colio-Warren stated that the hazard trees, park fencing, and park maintenance, including graffiti cleanup, need to be addressed immediately; however, that there are also issues with the bathrooms being on septic and not connected to sewer, pavement surfacing, and adding a second parking lot entrance. The CEO stated that Staff are working to assess the septic tank short-term and explore the possibility of connecting to city sewer long-term. The CEO additionally stated that Staff are also working on pavement resurfacing and a second parking lot entrance for proper circulation. Graciela Rodriguez stated that projects listed for future funding include parking lot repavement, parking-wide (solar) lighting, construction or improvement of a second park entrance/exit, improvement or replacement of the middle green restroom, ADA-compliant sidewalk access for the picnic area, and improvements to the Bertha Briggs building. Richard Gallagher suggested that the entities using the park fence for advertising should be charged rent, which would provide a funding source for the park. Supervisor Curro later stated that some of the signs are funding the games and the users of the baseball field, noting that there is an agreement for signage being posted at the park for fundraising purposes. Richard

Gallagher responded that there are rogue signs at the park, which Code Enforcement should address.

Staff reemphasized their request for directions on which items to prioritize funding for at the park. CEO Esperanza Colio-Warren emphasized that grant funding is exclusively for improvements and not for maintenance, and with that to save some of the available funding for maintenance purposes. The CEO additionally noted that impact fees received from the development projects within the County may also be used for the necessary repairs as the park is experiencing some of its current issues from overuse from the recent population influx. During discussion of the priority items, Supervisor Sotelo reiterated that the need for this Special Meeting of the Veterans Park Commission was to put together "a wish-list" to send to the County's State Representative for funding. Supervisor Curro mentioned that the Commission may have missed the window for state funding as they were in final negotiations at that time; however, if the Commission has adequate time to review financials, they can come up with "a really strong plan" for the next round of funding.

Maria Spandri stated that her top priorities were the holes in the pavement, ADA-compliant restrooms, lighting for the park, and adding the second entrance into the parking lot. Maria Spandri suggested having an electric sign to recognize players of the baseball leagues that use the park rather than signs on fences that can be damaged by the wind and be subject to being constantly replaced. Supervisor Curro stated that her top priorities were ADA-compliant restrooms and pavements, the second entrance, and lighting. CEO Esperanza Colio-Warren stated that she will work with Maria Spandri and Richard Gallagher to take a walkthrough of the park, so everyone is on the same page regarding what items need to be prioritized.

5.B **ADMINISTRATION - E. COLIO WARREN-**

Receive update on Verizon Cell Tower in Veterans Memorial Park, 1023 Memorial Drive, San Benito County (APNs 056-250-038 and 056-250-039).
SBC FILE NUMBER: 127

Esperanza Colio-Warren, County Executive Officer, stated that the County has received over $540,000 from the Verizon Cell Tower and has been deposited into the account specifically for Veterans Park.

No public comment in chambers or via Zoom.

Discussion among the Commissioners during the previous item's discussion.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, asked that nominating a Vice-Chair be on the next meeting's agenda. Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, additionally requested to change the Veterans Park Commission to have monthly meetings between the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Staff so the commissioners know exactly what the County is working on.

Esperanza Colio-Warren, County Executive Officer, suggested Staff provide a report with all available funding for the park from project impact fees and additional funding from the Verizon Cell Tower to cross-reference with a list of all the items that need to be addressed with respective quotes. After comparing the available funding and the items that need attention, the Commission will vote on what should get immediate funding.

Supervisor Sotelo suggested meeting more often than at the quarterly meetings to ensure improvements to Veterans Park are being made in a timely manner.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Maria Spandri, Chair of the Veterans Park Commission, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Angela Curro, District 4 Supervisor, seconded this motion.

Motion passed four (4) to zero (0).

Moved by Maria Spandri; seconded by Angela Curro to Authorize
Motion Passed: 4 - 0
Voting For: Angela Curro, Mindy Sotelo, Richard Gallagher, Maria Spandri
Voting Against: None

BOARD MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 - Dom Zanger
DISTRICT 2 - Kollin Kosmicki
DISTRICT 3 - Mindy Sotelo
DISTRICT 4 - Angela Curro
DISTRICT 5 - Vacant

Agenda Item
Special Meeting of the
Veterans Park Commission
Monday, October 19, 2026

Website:
www.sanbenitocountyca.gov

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:
Gregory P Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:
Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 5.A

MEETING DATE: **10/19/2026**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Olivia Gonzales

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Adolfo Gonzalez

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Nomination of Chair and a Vice-Chair for the Veterans Park Commission.**SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

AGENDA SECTION:

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

As per Supervisor Curro's Future Agenda item from the August 27th, 2026, Special Meeting, a Vice-Chair of the Veterans Park Commission shall be appointed. Additionally, a Chair of the Veterans Park Commission shall be appointed, so both officers are nominated at the same time and Staff know the established point of contact for the Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the majority vote between the Veterans Park Commissioners for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission are to be those granted those titles, should they choose to accept them.

ATTACHMENTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 - Dom Zanger
DISTRICT 2 - Kollin Kosmicki
DISTRICT 3 - Mindy Sotelo
DISTRICT 4 - Angela Curro
DISTRICT 5 - Vacant

Agenda Item
Special Meeting of the
Veterans Park Commission
Monday, October 19, 2026

Website:
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:
Gregory P Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:
Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 5.B

MEETING DATE: **10/19/2026**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Olivia Gonzales

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Adolfo Gonzalez

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Approve the meeting schedule of the Veterans Park Commission for the 2027 calendar year. Meetings to continue on a quarterly basis on the 1st Monday of the month, with the exception of July 2027 where that Monday falls on the observation of Independence Day and will be deferred to the following Monday.**SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

AGENDA SECTION:

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Staff to provide a draft of the 2027 Veterans Park Commission Schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the meeting schedule for the 2027 calendar year. Meetings are to continue on a quarterly basis starting on the first Monday of January, except for July's meeting which will be on the second Monday due to the holiday. Veterans Park Commission Meeting times are be adjusted to 5:30 p.m. from previously established 5:00 p.m. to eliminate confusion between the start times of the Veterans Park Commission and the Parks and Recreation meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Veterans Park Commission 2027 Calendar.pdf

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETINGS 2027

Veterans Park Commission Meeting Dates	Meeting Time
January 4, 2027	5:30 p.m.
April 5, 2027	5:30 p.m.
July 12, 2027	5:30 p.m.
October 4, 2027	5:30 p.m.

Meeting: Quarterly starting in January on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M.*

**First Monday of July 2027 is the observation of Independence Day, so the meeting is to be moved to the following Monday.*

Meeting Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 Fourth Street
Hollister, CA, 95023

BOARD MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 - Dom Zanger
DISTRICT 2 - Kollin Kosmicki
DISTRICT 3 - Mindy Sotelo
DISTRICT 4 - Angela Curro
DISTRICT 5 - Vacant

Agenda Item
Special Meeting of the
Veterans Park Commission
Monday, October 19, 2026

Website:
www.sanbenitocountyca.gov

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:
Gregory P Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:
Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 5.C

MEETING DATE: **10/19/2026**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Olivia Gonzales

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Adolfo Gonzalez

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - A. GONZALEZ-Present a report of the necessary repairs for Veterans Park.**SBC FILE NUMBER: 127**

AGENDA SECTION:

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2026, County Executive Officer Esperanza Colio Warren presented the 2026-2027 Interim Proposed Budget (Item 3.G). As part of this item, the Board unanimously approved $352,000 in one-time funding for urgent repairs at Veterans Park, which is split into two distinct categories.

First, $87,000 was allocated for general park repairs, which includes a required back-flow repair, an electrical upgrade, tree trimming, ADA sidewalk improvements, and painting and repairing the brick around the BBQ pits.

Second, $265,000 was allocated for baseball field improvements, specifically for a restroom remodel, fencing around the Babe Ruth field, and parking lot repairs. A detailed breakdown of these approved projects is provided in Veterans Park Repair Attachment.

This report serves to update the Veterans Park Commission on the current progress, timelines, and execution status of each approved repair project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The $352,000 urgent park needs will be funded by Park Impact Funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Veterans Park Commission accept the report of the necessary repairs for Veterans Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

20260630 - BOS Agenda Item #3.G.pdf
2026-2027 Interim Proposed Budget (CEO) - Approved (Veterans Park).pdf
20260630 Minutes (pgs 11-13) - BOS Agenda Item #3.G.pdf
Urgent Repairs for Veterans Park.pdf

BOARD MEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 - Dom Zanger
DISTRICT 2 - Kollin Kosmicki
DISTRICT 3 - Mindy Sotelo
DISTRICT 4 - Angela Curro
DISTRICT 5 - Ignacio Velazquez

Agenda Item
Special Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Website:
www.sanbenitocountyca.gov

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:
Gregory P Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:
Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 3.G

MEETING DATE: **06/30/2026**

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Esperanza Colio Warren

SUBJECT:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - E. COLIO WARREN
1. Receive a presentation on Measure D; and
2. Receive a presentation regarding Roads Projects; and
3. Receive a presentation regarding the Roads and bridges CIP Budget; and
4. As required under California Government Code Sections 29064 and 29124(a), tentatively approve the FY 2026-27 CEO Recommended Budget including total appropriations of $239,747,773.00 supported by revenues of $210,967,589.00, and cancellation of Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned Fund Balance of $28,780,184.00; and
5. Authorize continuation of existing capital projects previously appropriated by the Board of Supervisors and commenced on or before June 30, 2026, so long as appropriations are included in the tentatively approved FY 2026-27 CEO Recommended Budget; and
6. Authorize the Auditor-Controller in coordination with the County Executive Officer to make Transfers Out as included in the tentatively approved budget as authorized under Government Code Section 29124 (a)(2): and
7. Direct the County Executive Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors to commence Budget Hearings in advance of the FY 2026-27 Budget Adoption.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 149

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The County enters the FY 2026–27 budget cycle with opportunities to strategically align resources with community priorities while continuing to navigate a dynamic fiscal environment. State and local

governments remain generally stable but are facing slower revenue growth, higher service costs, labor cost pressure, infrastructure needs, and uncertainty regarding federal funding. Nationally, the federal fiscal outlook remains constrained by large deficits and rising debt- service costs, while inflation and interest rates continue to affect county operating and capital costs.

Current Economic and Fiscal Conditions
The federal fiscal outlook remains challenging. The Congressional Budget Office projects a $1.9 trillion federal deficit in FY 2026, equal to 5.8% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), rising to $3.1 trillion by 2036. Federal debt held by the public is projected to rise from 101% of GDP in 2026 to 120% of GDP in 2036. Rising net interest costs are a major driver of long-term federal spending growth.

In addition to broader economic pressures, counties continue to experience increasing personnel costs, healthcare expenditures, insurance premiums, technology investments, and deferred infrastructure needs. These factors are considered as part of the County's annual budget development process.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide the Board of Supervisors with an overview of the County's Interim budget, including fiscal considerations affecting the development process. The Interim Budget includes appropriations for ongoing County operations pending adoption of the Final Budget.

This workshop provides the Board with an opportunity to review the proposed Interim Budget and to provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Measure D

San Benito County currently permits commercial cannabis cultivation within the unincorporated areas of the county. Existing county regulations establish cultivation acreage limits and authorize commercial cannabis operations subject to county and state licensing requirements. Measure D allows for amendments to Article V of Chapter 5.03 of the San Benito County Code to establish a revised cannabis business tax structure based upon cultivated acreage.

The proposed tax could range from $1,000 to $10,000 per acre of cultivation area. Revenue generated from the tax may be allocated by the County to support essential services, including law enforcement, fire protection, road maintenance, and other governmental services. Measure D does not increase taxes on county residents. The proposed tax applies solely to commercial cannabis cultivation operations located within the unincorporated areas of San Benito County.

Measure D requires the Board to adopt a resolution establishing the cultivation tax rate within the voter-approved range and for the Board of Supervisors to set the cultivation tax rate within the voter-approved range by resolution.

No new requested positions and no new capital projects or capital asset purchases will be authorized until the Board adopts the budget on or before October 2, 2026.

The General Fund appropriations are $77,231,402, supported by $71,248,589 in revenues, $2,900,000 in Cancellation of Assigned Operational Contingency Reserve Fund Balance, and $3,082,644 in Unassigned Fund Balance assumed to carry forward from FY 2025-26.

The San Benito County CEO Recommended Budget can be found on the county's Budget and Finance page.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive a presentation on Measure D; and
2. Receive a presentation regarding Roads Projects; and
3. Receive a presentation regarding the Roads and bridges CIP Budget; and
4. As required under California Government Code Sections 29064 and 29124(a), tentatively approve the FY 2026-27 CEO Recommended Budget including total appropriations of $239,747,773.00 supported by revenues of $210,967,589.00, and cancellation of Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned Fund Balance of $28,780,184.00; and
5. Authorize continuation of existing capital projects previously appropriated by the Board of Supervisors and commenced on or before June 30, 2026, so long as appropriations are included in the tentatively approved FY 2026-27 CEO Recommended Budget; and
6. Authorize the Auditor-Controller in coordination with the County Executive Officer to make Transfers Out as included in the tentatively approved budget as authorized under Government Code Section 29124 (a)(2): and
7. Direct the County Executive Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors to commence Budget Hearings in advance of the FY 2026-27 Budget Adoption.

BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Tentatively approved the FY 2026-27 CEO Recommended Budget, Authorized continuation of existing capital projects previously appropriated by the Board of Supervisors, Authorized the Auditor-Controller in coordination with the County Executive Officer to make Transfers Out as included in the tentatively approved budget, and Directed the County Executive Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors to commence Budget Hearings in advance of the FY 2026-27 Budget Adoption per staff recommendation. (4/0 vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

Agenda Fact Sheet - FY 26/27 Proposed Budget Presentsation.pdf
FY 2026-2026 Letter to BOS
Presentation - Measure D Forecasts
FY 26-27 Roads and Bridges CIP Budget
Presentation - Parks Funding Sources
Presentation - 2026-2027 Interim Budget Presentation
Ag Commissioner Budget FY26-27
Ag Extension Budget FY26-27
Aid to Indigents Budget FY26-27
Animal Control and Vet Services Budget FY26-27
Assessor Budget FY26-27
Auditor Budget FY26-27
BOS Budget FY26-27
CEO Budget FY26-27
COB Budget FY26-27
Community Program Budget FY26-27
County Counsel Budget FY26-27
CRE Budget FY26-27
Disaster Recovery Budget FY26-27
General Fund Contribution Budget FY26-27
GIS Budget FY26-27
Grand Jury Budget FY26-27

HR Budget FY26-27
IT Budget FY26-27
Library Budget FY26-27
OES Budget FY26-27
Planning Budget FY26-27
Probation Budget FY26-27
Public Defender - Budget FY26-27
Public Works Budget FY26-27
Sheriff Budget FY26-27
Treasurer Tax Collector Budget FY26-27
Veterans Services Budget FY26-27
CIP Projects Roads and Bridges FY 26-27
2026-2027 Interim Proposed Budget (CEO)
CIP Projects Facilities and Parks FY 26-27


COUNTY OF SAN BENITO
2026-2027 INTERIM
PROPOSED BUDGET
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

PARKS BUDGET AND GRANTS

Available Park Impact Funds: **$6,290,269.41** as of June 22, 2026.

County of San Benito Parks						
FY 26-27 Park Projects	**Budgeted**	**Expensed to date**	**Probable Construction Costs**	**State Grants**	**Parks Impact Fees Committed**	**Funding Gap**
Riverview Regional Park Development	$ 5,771,000.00	$ 2,411,385.00	$ 26,767,574.00	$ 2,400,000.00	$ 3,371,000.00	$ 20,996,574.00
Riverview Regional Park Development (Parking Lot)	$ 750,000.00	$	$ 1,200,000.00	$ 750,000.00	$ -	$ 450,000.00
Sunnyside Park Development	$ 700,000.00	$ 377,054.00	$ 2,200,000.00	$ 400,000.00	$ 300,000.00	$ 1,500,000.00
Veterans Park- Picnic Area Restroom Remodel	$ 70,000.00	$ 33,500.00	$ 36,500.00	$ -	$ -	$ 36,500.00
Veterans Park- Lighting, Resurfacing, Signage and Striping	$	$	$ 2,200,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 2,200,000.00
Historical Park- Potable Water System	$	$	$ 100,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000.00
Historical Park Right-Hear Accessibility System	$	$	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 20,000.00
Total Cost	$ 7,291,000.00	$ 2,821,939.00	$ 32,524,074.00	$ 3,550,000.00	$ 3,671,000.00	**$ 25,303,074.00**

* Need funding to maintain current parks

Urgent Parks Needs

The following items are urgent repairs needed at the Veterans Memorial Park and Historical Park:

Veterans Memorial Park: $87,000

- Required back-flow repair $6,000.
- Electrical upgrade: Replacing tube lighting with LEDs $2,000
- Tree trimming around $15,000
- Painting and repairing the brick around barbecue pits $4,000
- ADA side walks $ 60,000

Baseball Fields: $265,000

- Restroom remodeling, $50,000. The park serves over 200 people, with only one set of restrooms
- Fencing around Babe Ruth Field is about $15,000.
- Additional repairs needed on parking lots $200,000

Historic Park: $30,000

- ADA walkway or a closer parking for the restrooms $30,000

***Total $382,000. Please note that these amounts are just estimates prepares by staff.**



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appointing a new Vice-Chair to assigning supervisors to the vacant committees and commissions.

Moved by Kollin Kosmicki; seconded by Angela Curro to adopt Resolution per staff recommendation.
Motion: 4 - 0 - 0
Voting For: Dom Zanger, Kollin Kosmicki, Mindy Sotelo, Angela Curro
Voting Against: None
Voting Abstain: None
Absent: None

3.G **COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - E. COLIO WARREN**

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County Executive Officer Esperanza Colio Warren provided background information on the interim proposed budget and the addition of emergency projects at the parks.

Public Works Administrator Abraham Prado provided a presentation regarding Cannabis Tax Measure D, Measure D Ballot Title, section 7.02.050(F) Cannabis Business permit, status as of June 30, 2026, Measure D revenue forecast scenarios, forecast for revenue potential based on currently licensed acres, revenue potential at the 2025 countywide canopy cap, revenue potential at the 2027 countywide canopy cap of 1,500 acres, revenue potential at the 208 countywide canopy cap at 2,000 acres, and Measure D revenue forecast scenarios at the full approved canopy acreage.

There was discussion among the board and staff regarding how the tax revenue is collected, the status of the ordinance for Measure D and timeline, procedures and timelines for state issued licenses, revenue collection on cultivating vs the amount that was planted, cost of state application per acre, time limit to cultivate for applicants, maximum cultivation for one cultivator, county fee charges for permitting, and state fees versus county fees.

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Engineering Manager Adolfo Gonzalez provided information on the Roads and Bridges projects, provided status information on Limkiln Rd., and Hospital Bridge.

There was discussion among the board regarding differences between document provided on the agenda and the updated documents provided to the board today.

Capital Project Manager Salman Kazmi provided information regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list, the only General Fund project of the Library, non-general projects, and park projects.

There was discussion among the board and staff regarding funding for Sunnyside Park, and the differences when the lists get updated.

County Executive Officer Esperanza Colio Warren provided a presentation regarding the county reserves, new positions requested from the General Fund, new positions requested from non-general fund, Sheriff's Proposal, Sheriff incentive bonus for new hires, night shift differential, the freezing of 5 positions accruing overtime for the current staff, no additional funding needed for the Sheriff's proposal, information on the parks budget and grants, urgent park repairs needed, the calendar of events, and bringing back information on the cost plan.

There was one public comment from David Kegebein.

There was discussion among the board regarding allocating the $382,000 for park maintenance, using the Verizon Lease revenue for the Veterans park maintenance, the amount of potential overtime cost for the Sheriff, including both Deputy Sheriff and Correctional Officers in the proposal, the lighting at the Veterans Park, covering all urgent park needs with park impact needs, when the $3.3 Mill for the Regional Park will be used, including the bathroom issues at the vets park, the potable water at the historical park, prioritizing the projects at the Veterans Memorial Park, status of funding for the road crew, maintenance of existing roads, re-evaluating the road crew structure and possibly adding contracts to do the additional work, healthcare premiums not included in the Sheriff's proposals, and incentive bonus restrictions.

Moved by Kollin Kosmicki; seconded by Angela Curro to tentatively approve the FY 2026-27 CEO Recommended Budget, Authorize continuation of existing capital projects previously appropriated by the Board of Supervisors, Authorize the Auditor-Controller in coordination with the County Executive Officer to make Transfers Out as included in the tentatively approved budget, and Direct the County Executive Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors to commence Budget Hearings in advance of the FY 2026-27 Budget Adoption per staff recommendation.
Motion: 4 - 0 - 0
Voting For: Dom Zanger, Kollin Kosmicki, Mindy Sotelo, Angela Curro
Voting Against: None
Voting Abstain: None
Absent: None

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting of August 11, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM

Date: 08/11/2026

Signed by:
Dom Zanger
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Dom Zanger, Chair

Veterans Park Repair

Veterans Memorial Park			
Item	**Estimated Cost***	**Contracted Amount**	**Status**
Required back-flow repair	$6,000	$4,150	Contract signed, work has not started yet; contracted amount may change
Electrical upgrade -- Replace tube lighting with LEDs	$2,000		Contract signed, work has not started yet; schedule to be determined
Tree trimming	$15,000	$21,600	Contract signed, work to take place starting November 30, 2026 and to end no later than December 11, 2026
Painting and reparing the brick around barbecue pits	$4,000	N/A	Work being done in-house
ADA sidewalks	$60,000	—	Need to obtain estimate and assessment of work
Total	$87,000	$25,750	

*These preliminary figures represent high-level estimates and will be updated upon receipt of formal contractor quotes.

Veterans Park Repair

Baseball Fields			
Item	**Estimated Cost***	**Contracted Amount**	**Status**
Restroom remodelling (small baseball field restroom)	$50,000	—	RFQs need to be sent out; however, need to obtain assessment and cost estimate
Fencing around Babe Ruth field	$15,000	—	Reviewing quotes
Additional repairs needed on parking lots	$200,000	—	Provided estimate only covers patchwork; a separate project to repave the parking lot, add a second gate, and add lighting is estimated to cost $2,200,000
Total	$265,000	$0	

*These preliminary figures represent high-level estimates and will be updated upon receipt of formal contractor quotes.