



# Welcome to the 2018 State of Bonita Address



# 2018 State of Bonita Address

Supervisor Greg Cox

August 14, 2018

2

## **District 1 Staff:**

- Danny Melgoza – Chief of Staff
- Luis Monteagudo – Deputy Chief of Staff/Communications Director
- Khea Pollard – Health and Human Services Policy Advisor/Community Representative
- Marshall Anderson – Policy Advisor and Grant Coordinator
- Victor Avina – Policy Advisor and my liaison to the community of Bonita
- Jen Ha – Intern, Senior at San Diego State University, double majoring in Political Science and Religious Studies

## **Office of Congresswoman Davis:**

- Jessica Mier, Community Representative

## **Office of Councilmember McCann:**

- Samantha Trickey, Senior Council Assistant

## **Sweetwater Authority:**

- Jose Calderon-Scott, Sweetwater Authority Governing Board Member, Division 5
- Gwen Shoecraft, Public Affairs Representative

## **Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District:**

- Chief Tim Isbell

- Deputy Chief Mike Sims
- Director Tom Pocklington

**Department of Parks and Recreation:**

- Matthew Bohan, District Park Manager
- Josh Bugiel, Region Manager
- James Stowers, Supervising Parks Ranger

**Department of Public Works:**

- Mark Perrett – DPW Capital Improvement Program Manager
- Murali Pasumarthi, DPW Traffic Engineering Manager
- Lawrence Hirsch – DPW Utility Coordination

**County Library:**

- Susan Moore, Deputy Director, San Diego County Library
- Charles Jarman, Head of Capital Projects, San Diego County Library
- Christopher Curley, Branch Manager, San Diego County Library

**Sweetwater Community Planning Group:**

- Harriet Taylor, co-chair
- Steve Stonehouse, co-chair

**Sweetwater Valley Civic Association:**

- Mike Seiler, President

**Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District:**

- Kurt Worden

**San Diego Sheriff's Office:**

- Lieutenant Fred Magaña
- Sergeant Joe Barry
- COPPS Deputy Joe Garay
- Crime Prevention Specialist Julio Garcia

**California Highway Patrol**

- Officer Pete Thepkulchon

**Homeless Outreach Member:**

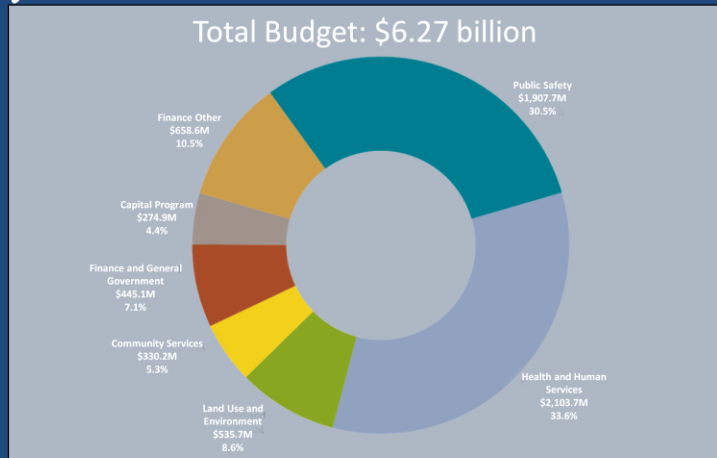
- Raul Soriano

# County of San Diego Budget

## 2018-19 Budget at a Glance

### Budget by Functional Area – All Funds

- The County has approved a \$6.27 billion budget for fiscal year 2018-19, up from last year's \$5.79 billion budget.
- County workforce is 17,580 employees, up slightly from 17,404 last year.
- The biggest increases in this year's budget is in helping the homeless and those with substance abuse and mental health issues.



- The County has approved a \$6.27 billion budget for fiscal 2018-2019.
- County workforce is 17,580.
- This year's budget focused heavily on helping the homeless and those with substance abuse and mental health issues, addressing the affordable housing crisis, improving the quality of life in neighborhoods and protecting natural resources.

# Homelessness



- The County budget has increased this year, most of which is dedicated to our health and human services agency.
- The County has allocated: \$658M in Behavioral Health Services, broken down into \$372M for Mental Health and \$185M for Alcohol & Drug services and supports.
- Much of this increase in funding has to do with our new approach to providing alcohol and drug services through the **Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System**. The County is tripling its spending from **\$54.6 million to \$179.6 million** annually to improve the success rate of those receiving behavioral health support services.
- We know that many people we find on our streets are struggling with both mental health and alcohol and drug use. These investments will support a holistic look at those in need by coordinating **HOUSING** and **SERVICES** to keep people off the streets, and out of our trails.
- I'm proud to say that this increase in Behavioral Health Services funding also supports initiatives like Supervisor Cox's **Project One for All** that focuses on housing those with **Serious Mental Illness** and providing them with mental health treatment services.
- Since we began **Project One for All**, we have housed **761 individuals with wraparound services**.

# Homelessness



LIVE WELL  
SAN DIEGO



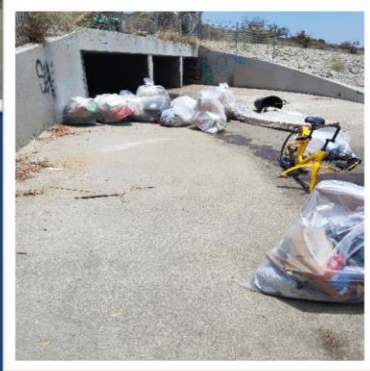
- The County is doing a lot to focus on the programs and services that will make a positive difference in people's lives.
- But we also know these services and programs cannot succeed without **HOUSING** solutions to keep individuals and families off the streets, permanently.
- According to the 2018 Point in Time Count data, **25 percent of San Diego County's homeless** population are considered chronically homeless. These are folks who experience consistent periods of homelessness overtime, and are the most difficult to house. This is a 1 percent increase from the 2017 report.
- This tells us the need for permanent, supportive and affordable housing solutions is at an all-time high.
- **That's why, in July of last year the County established a \$25M trust fund** that can be used to create more affordable housing.
- This represents a total of 503 units which will house more than 1,000 people.
- These projects will be built throughout the County and will serve vulnerable populations from low-income families, homeless veterans, and seniors, to the seriously mentally ill.
- And on a parallel track, we are looking at county properties for consideration for affordable housing sites.
- These are just some of the County's efforts that, combined with those of cities and the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, will reduce the number of homeless individuals in our region.

# Homeless Encampment Cleanup

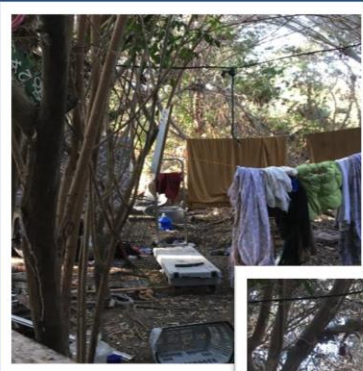


Before

Sweetwater  
Channel



After



Before

Sweetwater  
River  
Park

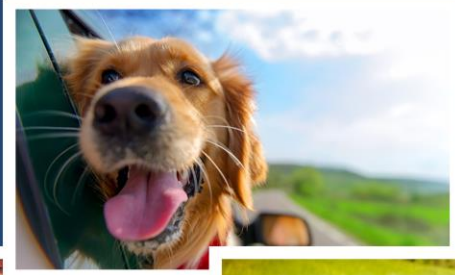


After

- We are removing all barriers to access in order to get HOUSING and SERVICES to those who need it. We use our Homeless Outreach Team – **which you all know as the HOT Team** – resources to reach the most vulnerable populations where they are.
- That's why the County is investing \$500,000 in **HOT Team resources** and funding a permanent team of Park Rangers and Public Works staff that will support outreach efforts on the street and in remote locations like our parks and trails. We want to make sure people get connected to resources that will help them become self-sufficient.
- I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge a member of our South Region HOT Team Supervisor Raul Soriano (HHSA Specialist).
- Our HOT Team combines an HHSA Specialist, a Sheriff Deputy and a Park Ranger that go out to encampments areas to offer services and provide resources to those in need.
- Park Rangers regularly patrol our parks, trails and open spaces and Department of Public Works staff monitor County maintained infrastructure to identify and address concerns related to homeless activity. In fact, the County has undertaken 23 encampment cleanings in District 1 in the last year, including a weeks-long cleanup in the area between the 805 and Plaza Bonita Road.
- But if you see an encampment, make sure you report it. If you see something in a County Park, call Sweetwater Region Manager Josh Bugiel at 858-966-1363. If you see something outside a County Park, call the Sheriff's non-emergency line at 858-565-5200. Both contacts can be found in your community resource guides.



# Animal Services Update



- The County Department of Animal Services had contracts with six cities, including the City of San Diego, which expired on July 1 of this year.
- Should the County decide to move forward with outsourcing animal welfare, in the unincorporated areas, it would be with the intention to provide services that are BETTER for both the animals and the community.
- We are hopeful the Bonita animal shelter will be retained and our office will urge the administration to make upgrades to the facility, including new indoor dog kennels to reduce noise, as well as making other animal friendly and neighborhood friendly improvements.

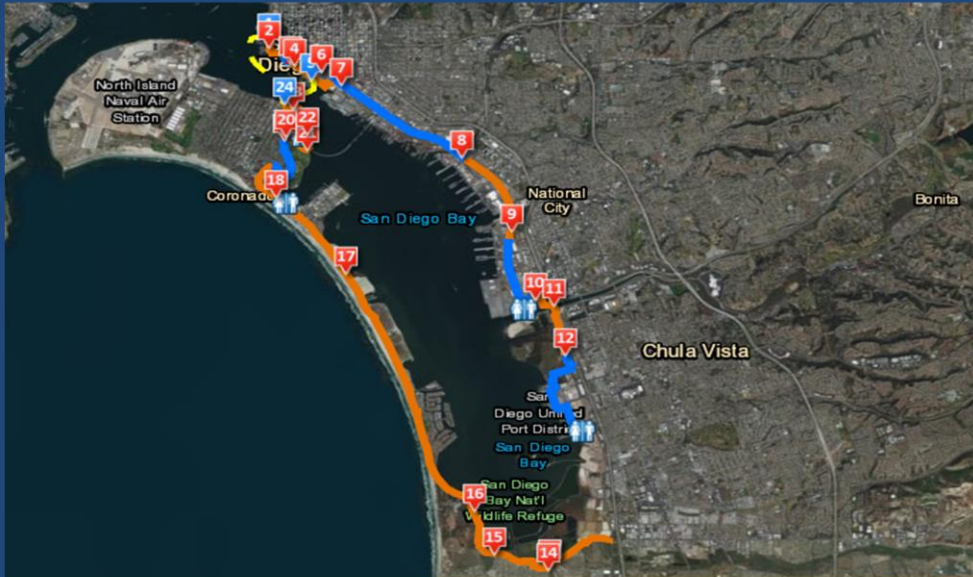


# Bonita Library Expansion



- As the Supervisor announced last year, the County will expand the Bonita library by approximately 3,200 square feet to create a larger children's and teens area and add 2-3 study rooms.
- These upgrades will better prepare us for the steadily increasing percentage of circulated children's material.
- The Department of General Services is currently in the process of selecting a contractor through a design/build award. Once design is finalized, expect construction to commence by June of 2019 with a completion date of July 2020.

# Bayshore Bikeway



- This past February, work was completed on construction of the Bayshore Bikeway through the City of National City along Harbor Drive south from 8<sup>th</sup> to Tidelands and then connecting to an existing segment of the Bikeway at Bay Marina.
- Also as part of this work, all wayfinding signage along the entire Bayshore Bikeway was updated to help people find their way.
- We continue to work with the Port District to develop the ultimate alignment for this segment of the Bayshore Bikeway, currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental stage.
- The Barrio Logan segment of the Bayshore Bikeway, from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to Park Boulevard (tract 7 to 8), achieved a major milestone in April with the approval of its environmental document. Construction is expected to begin in 2019 and be completed in 2020.
- With the completion of these two projects, 80 percent of the planned 24-mile bikeway will be completed as a bike path separated from the roadway.

# Funding for Community Organizations

Bonita  
Museum  
•••and•••  
Cultural  
Center



- In the last 12 months, at Supervisor Cox's urging, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$63,000 in community funds to Bonita organizations. With grant funding for:
  - Bonitafest Melodrama/Teatro Pastorela— with funding to support the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonita Fest;
  - Bonita Historical Society—which oversees organization and activities at the Bonita Museum
  - As well as the Kiwanis Club of Bonita Foundation — to support community events like the annual Rootin' Tootin' Bonita Chili Cook-Off
- Thank you to all of our civic organizations, for the work you do to keep this community thriving.

# Department of Environmental Health



- The County's Vector Control Program conducted two mosquito-fighting larvicide drops last week to help protect the public after recent heat waves and high tides increased mosquito populations in parts of the county.
- Here is what you need to remember to stay safe from diseases transmitted by mosquitoes: **Prevent! Protect! Report!**
  - **Prevent:** Dump out or remove any item inside or outside of homes that can hold water, such as plant saucers, rain gutters, buckets, garbage cans, toys, old tires, and wheelbarrows.
  - **Protect:** Protect yourself from mosquito-borne illnesses by using insect repellent when outdoors, or by wearing long sleeves and pants
  - **Report:** Report increased mosquito activity, or neglected, green swimming pools and other mosquito-breeding sources, as well as dead birds to environmental health's Vector Control Program listed on your community resource sheets.

# Palm tree removal



- The County recently spent about \$120,000 to remove 48 dead or dying palms trees from western end of Sweetwater River Valley.
- A lot of the palm tree deaths are coming from the South American Palm Weevil. At this time, there are no effective controls for this pest. It is believed that this pest is primarily moved through natural means.
- If you think your trees may contain this pest, the County advises you to contact an arborist to assess if the particular tree can be saved or not.





# Road Resurfacing

Road Name	Limits		Total Length (miles)	Estimated Completion
	To	From		
ALAMEDA WY	VALLEY RD	WILLOW ST	0.24	Fall 2018
ALISO CT	ALISO WY	CUL-DE-SAC	0.06	Fall 2018
ALISO DR	ALAMEDA WY	AVENIDA SAN MIGUEL	0.18	Fall 2018
ALTA LOMA DR	BONITA MESA RD	PUTTER DR	0.20	Fall 2018
ANDERSON ST	SUNNYSIDE DR	NANNETTE ST	0.19	Fall 2018
AVENIDA PALO VERDE	BONITA MESA RD	CRELA ST	0.09	Fall 2018
AVENIDA SAN MIGUEL	BARDAGUERA PL	VALLEY RD	0.54	Fall 2018
BALSAMINA DR	WILLOW ST	ALISO DR	0.16	Fall 2018
BARDAGUERA PL	WILLOW ST S	CUL-DE-SAC	0.15	Fall 2018
BRIARWOOD RD	SWEETWATER RD	COUNTY LIMIT	0.56	Fall 2018
CRELA ST	AVENIDA PALO VERDE	ROYAL PL	0.12	Fall 2018
CRELA ST	SARASONA WY	ROYAL PL	0.12	Fall 2018
DUFFY WY	BONITA MESA RD	CUL-DE-SAC	0.13	Fall 2018
MARGARET ST	SWEETWATER RD	SYLVIA ST	0.20	Fall 2018
MESA VISTA LN	MESA VISTA WY	CUL-DE-SAC	0.02	Fall 2018
MESA VISTA WY	SWEETWATER RD	BONITA MESA RD	0.25	Fall 2018

These roads are to be completed in Fall 2018.



# Road Resurfacing

Road Name	Limits		Total Length (miles)	Estimated Completion
	To	From		
NANNETTE ST	SYLVIA ST	COUNTY LIMIT	0.11	Fall 2018
PALO CT	CRELA ST	CUL-DE-SAC	0.04	Fall 2018
PRAY CT	PRAY ST	CUL-DE-SAC	0.05	Fall 2018
PRAY ST	SWEETWATER RD	CUL-DE-SAC	0.58	Fall 2018
PUTTER DR	BONITA MESA RD	CUL-DE-SAC	0.33	Fall 2018
PUTTER PL	PUTTER DR	CUL-DE-SAC	0.02	Fall 2018
RACINE CT	SYLVIA ST	CUL-DE-SAC	0.06	Fall 2018
ROYAL PL	BONITA MESA RD	CRELA ST	0.14	Fall 2018
SARASONA WY	BONITA MESA RD	CRELA ST	0.12	Fall 2018
SUNNYSIDE DR	MARGARET ST	CUL-DE-SAC	0.15	Fall 2018
SWEETWATER RD	WILLOWS ST	COUNTY LIMIT	0.77	Fall 2018
SYLVIA ST	MARGARET ST	COUNTY LIMIT	0.31	Fall 2018
VALLEY RD	SWEETWATER RD	COUNTY LIMIT	0.16	Fall 2018
VALLEY VISTA RD	MESA VISTA WY	CINEGA DR	0.23	Fall 2018
WILLOW ST	ALAMEDA WY	AVENIDA SAN MIGUEL	0.24	Fall 2018
WILLOW ST Y	WILLOW ST	BARDAGUERA PL	0.04	Fall 2018

These roads are to be completed in Fall 2018.

# Road Repair and Maintenance Contact Numbers

For additional information on the County's multi-year road resurfacing program, please contact DPW at **(858) 694-2212** or visit the County website at:

[http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/roads/Resurfacing\\_Program.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/roads/Resurfacing_Program.html)

**Pothole Repair Hotline – Toll Free:**  
**1-877-684-8000**

**After-hours Answering Service:**  
**1-800-907-7755**

16

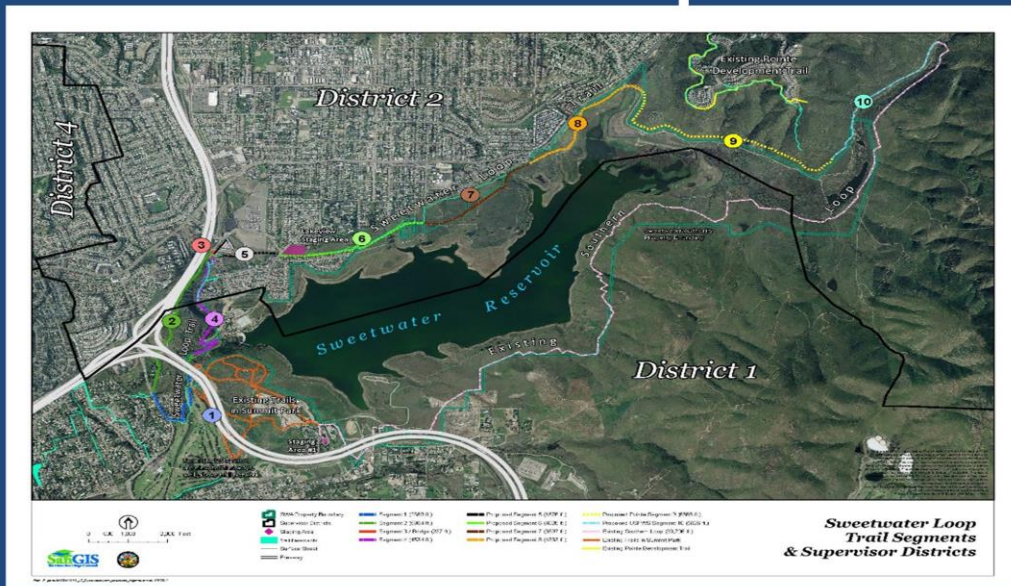
Any residents with concerns about County maintained roads can use the provided numbers to talk to DPW staff about existing maintenance concerns or planned major maintenance work. You will also find this information in your Community Resource Sheet.

# Willow Street Bridge



- The current status of the Willow Street Bridge is as follows:
- The East side of the bridge (Stage 1) has been completed and, traffic it currently driving on that portion.
- The West side of the bridge (Stage 2) is under construction. The pile foundations and bridge columns for Stage 2 are complete. Falsework is currently under construction (Falsework is the temporary wood and steel structure used to create forms for the concrete bridge and support it until the concrete cures and is self-supporting)
- Road construction of the west side of Sweetwater Road and Willow Street is underway.
- All pedestrian paths and trails are open. Rerouting paths and trails will be done as needed but, the paths and trails will remain open during construction.
- The West side of the bridge will be completed February/March 2019
- Project completion April 2019

# Sweetwater Loop Trail



- For more than 10 years, Supervisors Cox and Jacob have been working to complete a loop trail around the Sweetwater Reservoir.
- Trail segments on the south and west sides of the reservoir are complete.
- Segments 5 through 10 along the north and east sides remain to be constructed.
- Supervisors Cox and Jacob have been meeting with Sweetwater Authority (SWA) Board Members to discuss ways to implement and complete the Sweetwater Loop Trail on their property.
- Their staff has consistently raised concerns over having horses ride the trail there because of manure and perceived potential impacts to water quality.
- While the County doesn't believe equestrian use has the potential to impact overall quality of the water, the Department of Parks and Recreation has been meeting with SWA to discuss this matter and attempt to reach agreement.
- SWA Governing Board will consider this Loop Trail at their meeting on 8/22.
- We are requesting to move forward with no equestrians, but allow for hikers, bikers, and joggers to enjoy the trail with their pets on a leash.
- If you have any interest in a loop being built around the Sweetwater Reservoir, we encourage you to attend the Sweetwater Authority meeting on August 22 at 3:30 p.m. at their offices at 505 Garrett Avenue in Chula Vista.

# Sweetwater Bike Park



- Design is **60% complete**
- We continue to coordinate with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association on this project, discussing maintenance and operations of the site.
- On June 20, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved authority to advertise and award construction contract.
- DPR is pre-qualifying contractors with experience in bike park construction to bid on the project
- Construction will begin this fall and be completed in spring 2019.



# Sweetwater Community Garden



- Design is 90% complete.
- Approximately 200 garden plots at the Pinery site on Sweetwater and Bonita Road
- July 11, 2018: BOS approved authority to advertise and award a construction contract
- Construction start in fall 2018; completion winter 18/19
- Revised/New Lease with Pinery for continued their use of remainder of property approved
- County is seeking to enter into an agreement with a non-profit organization to operate the community garden
- Design and construction of the project is funded with \$615,000
- People interested in a plot will be able to sign up directly through the chosen operator's website.
- The pumpkin patch and the Christmas tree farm operations will continue unaffected, except for the shared use of the parking lot.

# Sweetwater Shade Structure



The amphitheater at the Sweetwater Summit Campground is built into a hillside that provides a view of the Sweetwater reservoir and mountains. This venue can be rented out for weddings and events or used for educational programming. Although there is a shade trellis over the stage area, there is currently no shade over the seating area. The Sweetwater Summit Amphitheater Shade Structure Project will provide shade over the amphitheater seating area. The added shade will make the amphitheater more comfortable for visitors during the day and is expected to increase usage of the facility for events.

- Construction to start Winter 18/19
- Project will be completed by Spring of 2019.



# Morrison Pond Interpretive Signs



- The project will bring an educational component to Morrison Pond
- Design, Fabrication and installation of 6 interpretive signs
- Topics to include; history, biology and ecology of the area
- After the community garden, this was the top priority of the Sweetwater Community Planning Group for park projects.
- Supervisor Cox provided \$85,000 in Neighborhood Reinvestment dollars to fund this project.

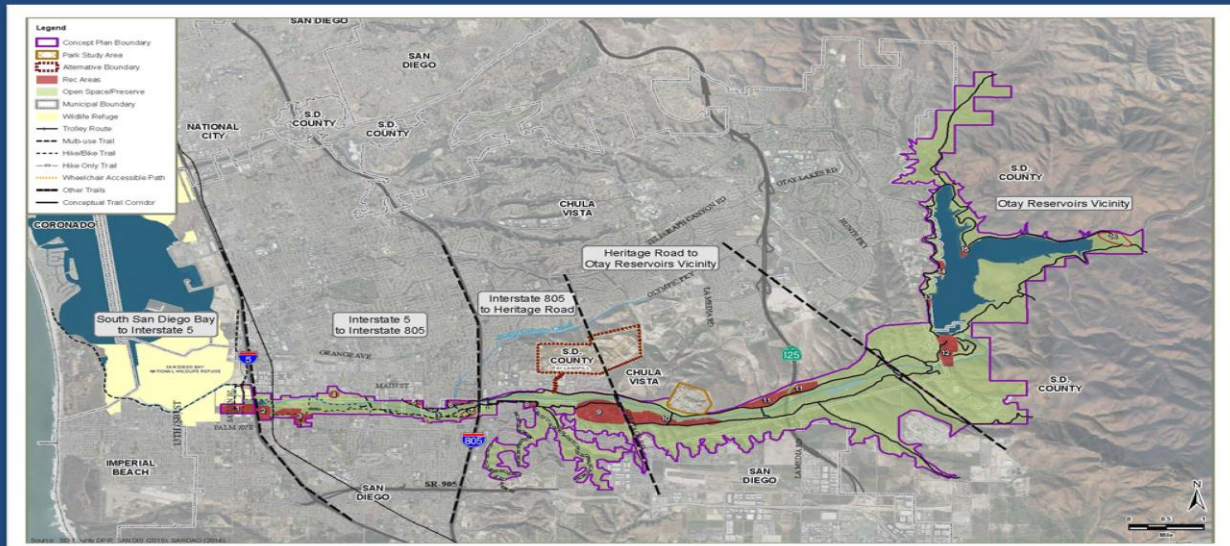
# Glen Abbey Trail



The Glen Abbey Trail project will provide a 1-mile long multi-use trail connecting Bonita Road to City of Chula Vista Open Space through the Glen Abbey Mortuary

- The trail has a narrow easement width of 10' and features steep topography. The project will require about 300 linear feet of retaining walls.
- County has received a City of San Diego access easement for construction.
- Anticipate construction start later this year and completed in 2019.

# Otay Valley Regional Park

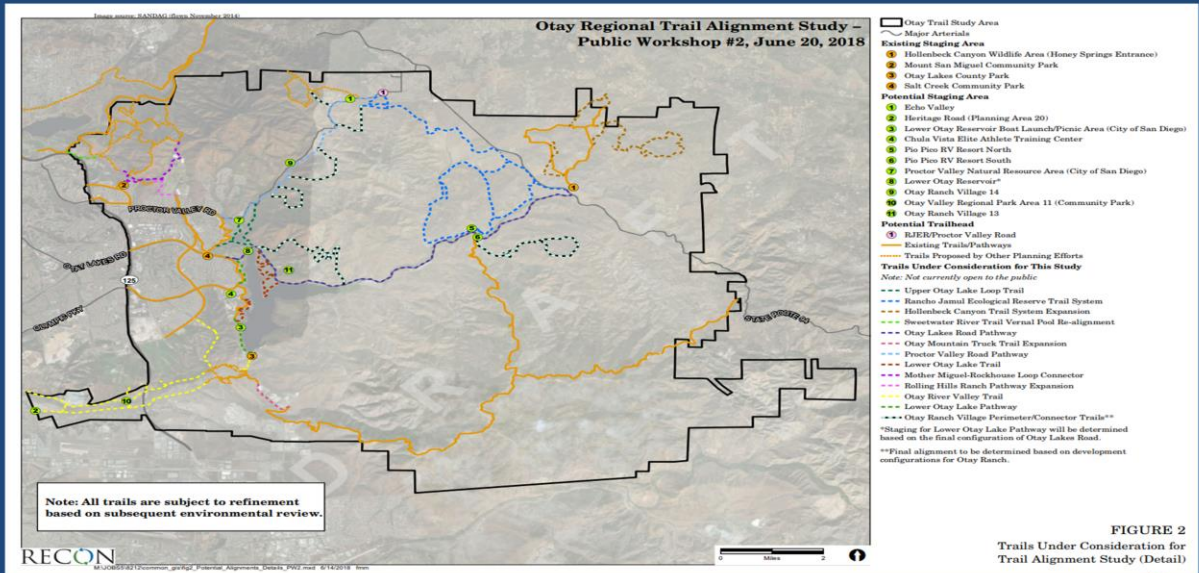


The Otay River Valley is a beautiful river valley surrounded by dense urban development.

- Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) extends about 11 miles along the Otay River from the San Diego Bay to the Lower and Upper Otay Lakes.
- OVRP covers 8500 acres and contains seventeen vegetation communities that function as habitat to a variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, including sensitive and endangered species.
- Over 200 species of birds have been seen in the park, including: snowy egrets, least Bell's vireo, coastal gnatcatchers and southwestern willow flycatchers.
- There are currently 9 miles of trails in western OVRP (from I-5 to I-805), with 4-miles of equestrian trails between Beyer Blvd and I-805 and more planned for eastern OVRP. Trail users can find these trails on the Easy2Hike mobile application.
- The Swiss Park staging area and trail connects the Otay Valley Regional Park multi-use trail system to the 24 mile Bayshore Bikeway loop in the city.
- When complete, OVRP will include active recreation amenities, interpretive centers, overlooks, staging areas, a network of trails and preserve land.



# Otay Regional Trail Alignment Study



## Otay Trail Alignment Study:

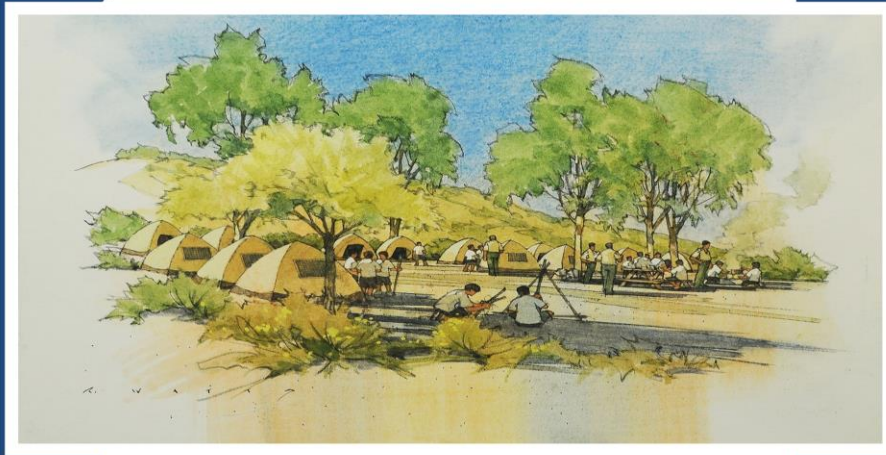
- The County of San Diego – in conjunction 7 other public agencies – is conducting a planning study of a new trail system in Otay Ranch and surrounding lands. The goal of the planning effort is to create a coordinated and sustainable trail system that provides quality recreational trail connections to the Otay Ranch Preserve and other public lands, while balancing the need to protect sensitive environmental resources. This area represents 72,523 acres of land – that’s about 2.4 times the size of San Francisco!
- Two public workshops have been held, the most recent of which was in June of this year, to solicit public input. Revisions based on public comments are underway and a final study document will be completed before the end of 2018.

# OVRP Bike Park



- The County of San Diego has provided \$500,000 to begin the planning, design, environmental and construction of the bike skills portion on this site.
- OVRP Recreation Area 6 has been identified as a potential location for a bike skills park
- It would be located immediately adjacent to the existing Rios staging area and would connect to the western OVRP trail network.
- Approx. 8 acres of low quality habitat/disturbed area are under consideration for the development of a bike skills park. Would be the second in the County and second in the South Bay!
- As this site has ample space for a bike skills park, there is also discussion adding a 3 acre Community Garden. The County is discussing this potential with Chula Vista
- As the project is within OVRP, the County will be working with the cities of Chula Vista and San Diego to implement the bike skills park and the possible community garden.

# Otay Lakes Regional Park Campground



Boy Scouts to complete design and environmental and to construct the proposed improvements to the Otay Lakes County Park.

- These improvements are envisioned to include:
  - Archery Range
  - Flag plaza
  - Camporee & Activities Field
  - Campground area
  - Ampitheater
  - Zipline

Supervisor Cox provided funds for the environmental work on this project and is currently working with the Boy Scouts to seek sponsorships for the construction of the project.



- County of San Diego won 41 national NACo Achievement Awards for Innovative, Efficient Programs



As a Supervisor, Greg often talks about the great work performed by our County employees and he's very proud of our County staff and the programs and services we provide.

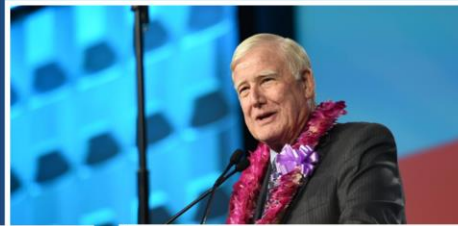
But it's not just US saying that. We've received great outside recognition for our programs and services.

This past year alone, the County of San Diego won 41 national awards for outstanding programs presented by the National Association of Counties (otherwise known as NACo).

These awards include innovative programs to serve:

- Children & Youth (Cultural Responsiveness Academy)
- around Civic Engagement (Resident Leadership Academy)
- in Health & Human Services
- and for military and veteran outreach





And speaking of NACo, last month, Supervisor Cox was sworn in as President of the National Association of Counties.

For those that may not be familiar with the association, NACo is a national organization representing all 3,069 counties across America.

NACo advocates with a collective voice on national policy that affect counties in areas such as health, infrastructure, transportation, and public safety - amongst other areas.

Supervisor Cox has had the honor and privilege of serving in different leadership roles over the past couple of years, making frequent trips to Washington to meet with White House officials, as well as Congressional leaders, to weigh in on legislation and explain the important role counties play in delivering services to all Americans.

As President this year, Supervisor Cox will be using his platform to ensure residents are able to connect to services – services during and after a disaster, or just connecting to everyday services available in counties throughout America. He calls this initiative, “Connecting the Unconnected”.

The end goal is to connect residents to services so they can Live Well and Thrive.

# Individual & Family Preparedness

---

- 1) **Make a Plan** for your home, car, work, school and pets.
- 2) **Build an Emergency Supplies Kit** (“Go Kit”) and keep it updated.
- 3) **Be Informed** by having a hand-crank or battery-power radio and knowing the risks in your community.

# Emergency Supplies

- Make sure you have a 3 to 5 day supply of water – ideally two weeks.
- Pack supplies in a portable container.
- Consider having disaster kits in your home, car, and office.



An Emergency Supplies Kit is a collection of necessary items that you would want in case of a disaster. You probably have most of these items already. You need to gather them up and put them in an accessible location.

Your emergency supplies kit should contain supplies to last you 3-5 days, ideally two weeks. That's a lot of supplies!

It's important to put these items in something that is easily transported. Ideally, you would have a disaster supplies kit at home, work and in your car because you never know when a disaster may strike.

# Be Informed

- [www.ReadySanDiego.org](http://www.ReadySanDiego.org)
- Download the SD Emergency App
- Register with AlertSanDiego



Here are a few County resources to help you in your preparedness.

ReadySanDiego.org – a website to help you prepare, plan and stay informed.

AlertSanDiego: Sign up your cell phones to get Reverse 9-1-1 calls.

# Bonitafest 2018: “Living Together in Peace”

- 9/21 Twilight Trail Parade
  - Sunnyside Saddle Club Equestrian Arena, Rohr Park
- 9/22 Bonitafest Performing Arts Festival
  - Bonita Vista High School
- 9/26 Opening Night of Bonitafest Melodrama
  - Sweetwater Community Church

- September 21, 6 p.m. Bonitafest Twilight Trail Parade. VIPs ride at the head of the parade in golf carts. The parade is a democratic, anyone-can-join-in affair that features golf carts for VIPs, horses, bikes, runners and walkers. It starts at the Sunnyside Saddle Club Equestrian Arena in Rohr Park and ends at the Bonita-Sunnyside Public Library. There is a small street party, concert and book-giveaway at the end. Tons of fun!
- September 22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bonitafest Performing Arts Festival and Street Fair. Bonita Vista High School parking lot at the corner of Otay Lakes Road and East H Street.
- September 26, 7:30 p.m. Opening Night of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Bonitafest Melodrama. Sweetwater Community Church, 5305 Sweetwater Road.



## Maestro Jahja Ling Exhibition, Sept. 1 – 30



September 1 - 30th the Bonita Museum & Cultural Center will introduce an exhibition showcasing the life and career of Maestro Jahja Ling, San Diego's preeminent orchestra conductor laureate and Bonita, California resident. From Jakarta, Indonesia to San Diego, California, the exhibition will chart Maestro Ling's brilliant career in the United States and around the world.

The world premiere exhibition includes personal items, musical scores, videos of performances, and photographs from the Maestro's time with Leonard Bernstein at Tanglewood Music Center and with symphonies in Cleveland, Ohio, Saint Petersburg, Florida, and San Francisco, California.

Visitors to the exhibition will also learn why Jahja Ling fell in love with the peaceful community of Bonita, California, where he currently lives.

Events during the exhibition:

### **Gala Event**

Saturday, September 1, 5:30 PM at the San Diego Country Club  
An evening dinner gala with Maestro Ling and wife Jessie Ling. The

evening will include a dinner, interview and musical performance by the Maestro.

**Family Day in the Museum with Maestro Ling**

Saturday September 8th at 11am

Maestro Ling will be in the museum to walk visitors through the exhibition and to tell stories about conducting and playing music.

The Bonita Museum is a free public museum located in South Bay San Diego at 4355 Bonita Road, Bonita California 91902. Hours: Wednesday thru Saturday 10am to 4pm. For more info, visit [BonitaHistoricalSociety.org](http://BonitaHistoricalSociety.org).

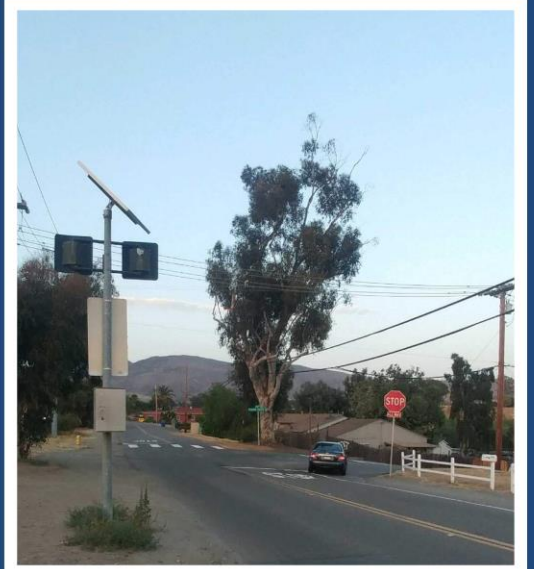


# SR-125



- As many of you have experienced, there has been an increase in vehicular traffic affecting those who live on or near Proctor Valley Road, San Miguel Road, and San Miguel Ranch Road.
- Supervisor Cox shares in the belief that this is in part due to drivers who seek to circumvent tolls on State Route 125, otherwise known as the South Bay Expressway.
- In fact, a recent traffic study pointed to an approximately 9,753 average daily trips taken on San Miguel Road, alone.
- Our staff has been working to improve conditions on San Miguel Road and I'd like to touch on a few of those.
- But before I do, I want to thank:
  - Jim Groth, Judy Tieber, Mike Clowers and Donna Hodges for participating in a sort of traffic-subcommittee for San Miguel Road. You can see those superstars on TV on the screen here. They've been great advocates for improvements in this area.

# San Miguel Road Traffic Improvements



- We've installed the long-awaited 3-way stop intersection at San Miguel Road and Proctor Valley Road. I hope this has been helping calm traffic at this intersection.

Photo Credit: Mike Clowers

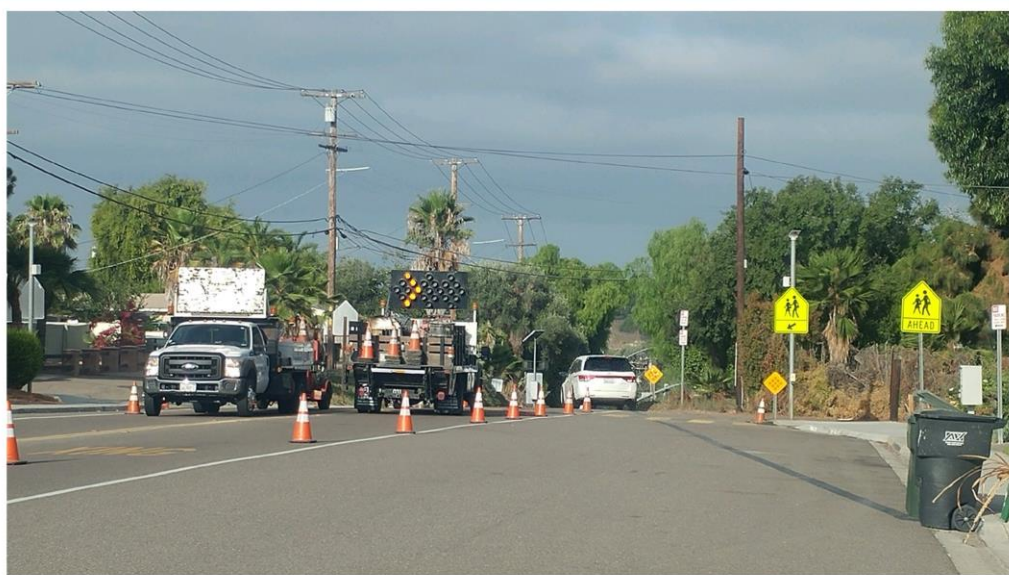
# San Miguel Road Traffic Improvements



- We have officially certified the speed limit on San Miguel Road which allows it to be radar enforced.
- This gives CHP officers better tools to enforce the posted speed limit.
- We have a speed study in the works to post a speed limit on Proctor Valley Road as well.

Photo Credit: Mike Clowers

# San Miguel Road Traffic Improvements



- A big concern has been safety at the wide part of San Miguel Road across from Sunnyside Elementary School.
- DPW is working on design options for the wide stretch and we will be soon convening a meeting with the aforementioned Traffic Subcommittee to review that design.
- In addition, the County is seeking funding from the State's Active Transportation Program to install a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk, or HAWK beacon, in front of Sunnyside Elementary School. This crosswalk will significantly enhance children's safety who walk to school and cross San Miguel Road, in addition to eliminate the need for a safety patrol to manage crossing San Miguel Road.
- Supervisor Cox will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to allocate a portion of his discretionary funding to the County's Department of Public Works (DPW) for the preliminary design costs for the crosswalk. This will aid in the project getting on the street as soon as possible, while we wait to hear back this fall on the status of the grant funding.
- In the meantime, DPW is replacing beacons in the street that aid the crosswalk's visibility in addition to adding beacons to the yellow, pentagonal pedestrian crossing signs. These will be replaced and installed by the end of August.





August 6, 2018

Ms. Kim Kawada  
Chief Deputy Executive Director  
San Diego Association of Governments  
401 B Street, Suite 800  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Ms. Kawada:

As the Supervisor representing the First District in the County of San Diego, which encompasses the communities of Bonita, Chula Vista, Otay Mesa, and East Otay Mesa, I am writing to express my deep concern over traffic in Bonita and the Sweetwater Valley. Many residents believe the excess traffic in the community is due to drivers seeking to avoid tolls on State Route 125, also known as the South Bay Expressway. As a result, I respectfully request that SANDAG staff develop a strategy that encourages more usage of State Route 125, to reduce traffic in this area.

The South Bay Expressway was created to alleviate traffic congestion and provide for a faster way to travel in and around the South Bay. Unfortunately, numerous concerns have been raised regarding an increase in traffic near residential areas from those who travel through the Valley in an attempt to circumvent tolls. This is primarily affecting those who live on or near Proctor Valley Road, San Miguel Road, and San Miguel Ranch Road. In fact, a recent traffic study pointed to approximately 9,753 average daily trips taken on San Miguel Road alone.

It is my understanding that reducing or removing any tolls could cost up to \$400,000 in traffic studies, requiring approval from the SANDAG Board of Directors who would also need to identify a new funding plan to pay off the balance of \$204,510,000 in outstanding debt. As a reduction or elimination of tolls seems unlikely to occur anytime soon, I would respectfully request that SANDAG initiate an incentive-based pilot project aimed at encouraging more use of State Route 125, thereby alleviating traffic on residential thoroughfares. Enhanced signage, marketing, and the utilization of discounted receivers and toll credits would accommodate better transit and improve the quality of life in the region.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

  
GREG COX  
Supervisor, First District

County Administration Center • 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335 • San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 531-5511 • Fax (619) 235-0644 • [www.gregcox.com](http://www.gregcox.com)  
Email: [greg.cox@sdcounty-tsa.gov](mailto:greg.cox@sdcounty-tsa.gov)

- These are some of the things my office has done to improve conditions as they exist today.
- I have also met with SANDAG leadership to discuss what a path forward would look like for changing SR-125 tolling.
- I was told that any removal or reduction in tolls could cost up to \$400,000 in traffic studies and require approval from the SANDAG Board.
- Additionally, the Board would need to identify a new plan to pay off roughly \$204.5 million in outstanding bonds for the project.
- I have requested that SANDAG initiate an incentive-based pilot project aimed at encouraging more use of State Route 125.
- Enhanced signage, marketing, and the utilization of discounted receivers and toll credits would accommodate better transit and improve quality of life in the region.
- I know it's not ideal but my hope is that this will make a noticeable difference in the amount of traffic impact born by this community.





# Thank you for attending

*To keep up with the latest updates, please follow me on:*



Facebook: <http://facebook.com/gcoxsdcounty>



Twitter: @SupervisorCox