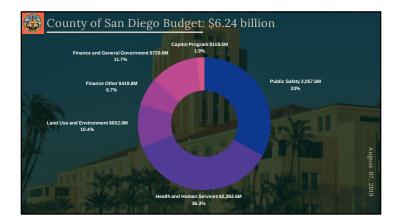


Good evening everyone. Thank you all for being here. Before we get started with tonight's presentation, I just want to recognize the Sweetwater Valley Little League. They will start their third game in the Little League Baseball West Region tournament at 7 p.m. tonight against Arizona. We wish them the best of luck as they fight to qualify for this year's Little League World Series.



- It was a great year and an honor to serve as president of the National Association of Counties.
- Over the last year I spent a lot of time travelling to different counties all over the country.
- I visited <u>22</u> states and met with many Federal officials to advocate for both San Diego County and the rest of the NACo membership, all while promoting my initiative of "Connecting the Unconnected" through centralized call systems like 2-1-1.
- At the NACo annual conference in July, I was successful in getting NACo to adopt resolutions in support of infrastructure for transboundary sewage and as well as support for a nationwide 2-1-1 system.
- I was also able to take the work we've been doing in Bonita and throughout the County pushing for more green space and created a new Parks, Open Space, and Trails committee at the national level to advise NACo on policy and funding for the protection of parks, open space and trails across America, in addition to using this body as a forum to share best practices from different counties.
- Finally, something we brought from NACo back to San Diego is our newly deployed County Flag Retirement program, which we launched the week of July 4th.
  - It was patterned after one sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that allows people to properly dispose of flags in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.
  - Flag retirement boxes have been placed at every County library in San Diego County, both in County and city libraries. Residents simply visit a library and put their flags in a box. The flags within the boxes are then collected by local Boy Scout troops and delivered to American Legion posts and Us4Warriors, a nonprofit group that helps veterans.
  - American Legion posts and Us4Warriors will then conduct flag retirement ceremonies that adhere to the U.S. Flag Code.
- Happy to report that within the first two weeks over 1,000 flags were collected at County and San Diego City libraries



- The County's budget this fiscal year is a \$6.24 billion budget that meets the needs of our residents while maintaining strong fiscal management when it comes to our long-term obligations.
- As some of you might remember, when I joined the County in 1995, we were facing incredibly difficult challenges. Back then, the County had outdated technology, old and inefficient buildings and our finances were in terrible shape.
- Slowly but surely, we addressed all those issues and over the years, the County has beefed its public safety and emergency services system. We've built new libraries, expanded parks, built a high-tech crime lab and so many other projects.
- It's that financial strength that is allowing us to address issues like homelessness and mental health that have grown in our communities.
- This budget expands County staff by 441 positions and supports programs and services to address public health, child welfare, mental health, homelessness and affordable housing. The County is making a significant investment in all these areas to serve our most vulnerable residents.
- For example, we are funding 70 Psychiatric Emergency Response (PERT) teams and expanding services for residents with severe mental illness who
  rotate in and out of hospitals and jails. We want to break that cycle and connect folks to the right level of service.
- We plan to create a network of regional crisis stabilization centers and we're looking to establish strategic partnerships with behavioral health partners who are matching our efforts.
- On the housing front, we are adding \$25 million to the Innovative Housing Trust Fund (for a total of \$50 million) to create affordable housing for low-income seniors, former foster youth, homeless families, veterans and other vulnerable populations. This investment could create 1,800 new homes. Plus, the development of excess county buildings could create another 700 affordable units.
- This budget is a perfect example of how the County's fiscal discipline has allowed us to be able to invest in programs and services that are helping the community and address today's needs.

# Overview

### Tonight's Topics:

- County Budget
- Homelessness
- Bayshore Bikeway
- County Grants
- Bonita Valley Projects
   Fixing our Roads
- Bonitafest
- Q & A



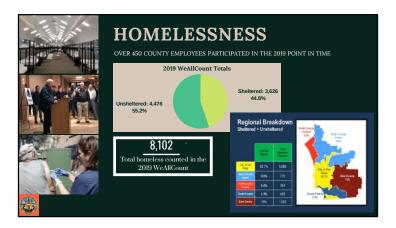
SAN DIEGO Regional Task Force on the Homeless







August 07, 2019



- Addressing homelessness in San Diego County necessitates a partnership between the Regional Task Force on the homeless, the San Diego Housing Commission, other city jurisdictions and community providers.
- This year, about 450 county employees volunteered for the Point in Time Count
- What we found was Region/City-specific totals
  - South County at 5.3% with 428 total homeless
  - Chula Vista: 242 unsheltered. 79 sheltered
- . But to really address homelessness, we need to understand the root cause of what landed them on the streets in the first place
- Co-occurring health conditions and the nature of homelessness
  - 36% said they have a physical ailment, 78% said they became homeless in San Diego (almost 80% become homeless right here in SD we know the rising rents, low vacancy rate, and low stock of housing are the perfect storm for the crisis we see today)
  - We also know Substance Use Disorder (SUD) plays a role in people becoming homeless and not sustaining housing. I'll talk more about how we are addressing the intersection of mental health and SUD.
- County Expenditures on Homelessness
  - In FY 17/18, we spent \$225m in services and housing for people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.
  - This includes permanent supportive housing and services for the most vulnerable.
- Homeless Outreach Efforts in Bonita
- We've also made efforts to improve homeless outreach right here in Bonita
  - Respect the Law Bonita Optimist Club event on 4/6/19
    - This event provided opportunity to general public to ask law enforcement, local government, and first responders about their function and the services they
      provide in the region. South Region HHSA staff provided information on public assistance programs, behavioral health and aging and independent services.
    - Agencies present: Bonita Fire Dept., Chula Vista PD, Chula Vista Senior Patrol, CA Highway Patrol, Community Emergency Response Team, Cover Now, Homeland Security/Customs. Homeland Security/Border Patrol, Nacional City PD, American Medical Response, US Coast Guard, SD Sheriff's and Bonita Senior Patrol.
- It is important to note that being homeless is not a crime which is why we do a lot of outreach to try and connect them to housing programs and other volunteering services. Since December 2016 South Region Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) in Bonita has gone out to Bonita area on 7 different occasions with Sherriff's Department and Park Rangers to offer services and provide resources to homeless individuals. Last time was 12/11/18.
  - The team included HHSA South Region HOT HSS, Park Ranger and Sherriff's Dept who responded to reports from the public stating that there were homeless encampments in the trails behind the Kaiser facility on Bonita Rd (Sweetwater Regional Park). [County Parks and Rec contact or Sherriff non-emergency line]
  - There were follow up contacts with homeless individuals in that area due to continued trespass reports by Bonita residents.
  - During Hepatitis A Outbreak, Public Health Nurse foot teams collaborated with South Region HOT (including Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD)) on **19 occasions** to provide vaccinations to homeless individuals in Bonita (Sweetwater Regional Park).
- But we recognize that to address homelessness we need more affordable housing.



- Innovative Housing Trust Fund (IHTF)
  - The County first invested \$25M into an affordable housing trust fund for projects that house people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, veterans, people with disabilities, seniors, transitional age youth, and families, will move to the front of the line for funding [Area Median Income (AMI) from 50-80 percent – 80% 85,600 for family of 4]
  - First Notice of Funding Availability allocated \$12 million to 6 developments that will create 453 units of affordable housing, and the total development cost of these projects is over \$177 million. The Board voted to approve another \$25M for this fund and it is expected to create 1800-2000 more units.
- Project One for All (POFA)
  - Part of our housing strategy is to connect with 24/7 to house population the most seriously mentally ill and
    provide housing and wraparound services that prevent more costly visits to Emergency Department's and hospital
    inpatient beds
  - In 2016, Supervisor Cox created Project One for All focuses on housing those with Serious Mental Illness and providing them with mental health treatment services to stabilize their condition and help them maintain housing.
  - Since we started POFA a few years ago, we've housed and provided wraparound services to over 800 individuals, keeping them off the street and on a path to recovery. (74% remained housed)



### Behavioral Health Services Overall:

- \$50.3 million increase (34% growth since 17/18) to budget, totaling \$709M/11% of total County budget
- Additional Psychiatric Emergency Response Team resources 70 teams to respond to people in crisis
- Crisis Stabilization Units exploring the use of these recliners throughout County to address inpatient hospitalization and over usage of emergency department.
- Adding LTC Beds 177 beds, of different levels, being added
- Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System I mentioned earlier that mental health and substance use disorder are most often linked to the root causes of homelessness.
  - At the last State of Bonita, I discussed the launch of the County's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.
  - We are excited to triple our investment in these crucial addiction services, which have ripple effects on related problems such as homelessness, mental illness, and criminal behavior. (708.4M, for 19/20, 50.3M increase, 34%)
  - The goals of Drug/Medi-Cal organized delivery system are similar to those of our overall Behavioral Health Services:
  - Volume increasing number of services available and people served
  - Clinical quality improving provider guidelines and standard for optimal success
  - Fiscal Getting the most value from our investments by helping providers adapt to system-wide changes in service provision (billing, program design, data entry, and staffing)

In the next two years, we look forward to the continued expansion of this system as our community partners and service providers continue to come into closer alignment. Growth is expected across all service lines, and positive outcomes will be seen across the region as our county residents get the help they need to tackle addiction.



#### **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Kinship:**

- In San Diego County, there are approximately 21,000 grandparents who are living with and responsible in some way for grandchildren under the age of 18.
- In some cases, grandparents have primary responsibility for their grandchildren; with either limited or no involvement from the children's parents. Often, the circumstances that led to these caregiving arrangements were not happy ones.
- Since 2011, the County and other community partners have celebrated many accomplishments. Grandparents can now receive one-on-one support from case managers at the YMCA who help them access resources. They can attend regional educational symposiums each year that provide helpful workshops and tools. And, we created an emergency fund to help grandparents cover critical expenses.
- In the past year, the County has hosted some really special enrichment events for kinship families to help strengthen bonds. One of the most fun has been "gramping" which is a family camping event for grandparent and kinship families at a County park.
- We also have been able to provide grandparents with some much-needed pampering, which we fondly refer to a "grampering." These self-care events help kinship caregivers to learn skills such as yoga and meditation, and allow them to have a stress-free afternoon while their kids are kept busy with fun activities.
- There is a GRG handbook that has been produced in English and Spanish and is available electronically at 211, to help walk grandparents and kinship providers through the many situations and decision points they may find themselves in.

#### **Choose Well:**

- We launched Choose Well in conjunction with Supervisor Jacob, that officially launched in August of 2017. Think of it as yelp for assisted living facilities.
- It is a free web site for consumers and providers that provides information on Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, or RCFEs.
- Participating RCFEs are given a Score on the website, and a profile page to highlight their services.
- The score is based on 11 Quality Measures, and participation by providers in Choose Well is strictly voluntary.
- The Choose Well website helps families and their caregivers find assisted living providers who have a track record for giving good care.
- You can learn details about more than 600 licensed assisted living settings in San Diego County and find a map to their locations and you can compare facilities side by side.
- · To learn more visit www.choosewellsandiego.org



- Currently 500 square feet of the entire 10,000-square-foot building is children area, data shows that children materials and books are used the most.
- This project increases the children's area and allows for a more open concept in the interior for all to enjoy.
- Adding 3,200 sq ft. to the new children's and teen areas, also adding 4 study rooms.
- Dates to look forward to are: August 8 east parking lot closure for staging, October community room closes, November main library closes, community room continued essential services.
- Completion Expected May 2020.



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- National City Segment:
  - was completed last year: City of National City along Harbor Drive south from 8th to Tidelands and then connecting to an existing segment of the Bikeway at Bay Marina.
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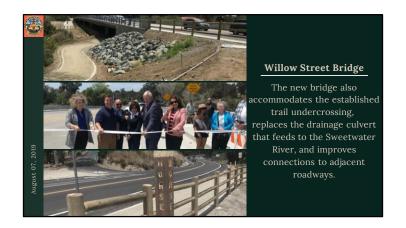
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- We are happy to share that with last fiscal year's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds and this year's Community Enhancement fund we have invested \$97,720 over the last year, and counting, to enhance Bonita and contribute to local events and traditions.
- We were able to provide our County Public Works with funds to start work on:
  - a HAWK beacon controlled crosswalk on San Miguel Rd
  - Bonita Historical Society upgraded the Museum and cultural center
  - Bonita Optimist Club worked on our South Bay Community Safety event (bike safety programming)
  - Bonitafest and parade
  - Kiwanis Kids golf tournament and community event as well as bikes for needy children
  - · supporting Generate Hope to provide safety and wellbeing to survivors of human trafficking



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- We all know how popular the trails are around the golf course and Rohr Park.
- A problem we run into every other year or so, especially with wet winters, is water running onto the trails on Sweetwater Road, causing undulations in the decomposed granite. You can see the results pictured in the slide.
- Using a combination of money from Supervisor Cox's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program and money from the Department of Public Works, the County will be investing approximately \$440k toward a project that will do several things.
- First, it will construct an AC dike, essentially a curb that runs about 1,900 feet, that will help prevent water from running onto the trails and creating the problems we've seen. There will be about 8 drains along the way that will connect to culverts and take the water under the pathway toward the existing ditch.
- This project will also install a post and rope, similar to what is pictured in the slide, to create a better buffer between the cars on the busy Sweetwater Road and the many hikers, bikers and equestrians that use the pathway.
- Construction on this project is expected to begin by Spring of 2020 and be completed in Summer.



- The Sweetwater Summit Campground is booked out at 80-90% capacity throughout the year, with most weekends seeing full occupancy.
- This project was fully funded in the FY 19/20 budget at \$4.2M.
- This is great news, as the expansion is anticipated to add 30-40 campsites to the Campground.
- In addition, the project also includes expanding the PhotoVoltaic (solar) system at the Summit. The goal for this is to have the campground produce as much energy as it uses.
- Next steps include developing the construction plans and updating the environmental analysis for the project.



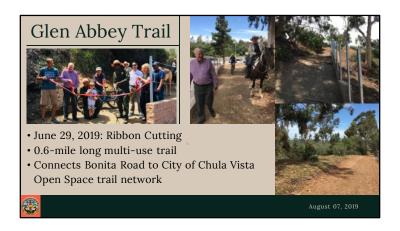
- This project will add shade sails to the Sweetwater Summit Park Amphitheater
- Project design is complete and the project will go out for public bid in August
- Construction will take place in the fall
- FUNDED AT \$250K



- Construction is already under way on the Sweetwater Bike Park, which will be the first bike skills park for the County's Department of Parks and Recreation.
- This bike park is 4.2 acres in size, and it will have jump lines for all abilities, ranging from beginner to experts. There will be an area for kids, a perimeter trail that connects to the different features, and an entry plaza perfect for meet-ups and special events.
- Construction started 5/13/2019 with S&B Engineering and Schneider Grading; we hope to open the park by the end of this year.
- As you all know, stop signs have been installed at Proctor Valley Road and San Miguel Road.
- We continue to coordinate and partner with the San Diego Mountain Biking Association on the project.
- Design and construction of the project is fully funded at \$1.9M



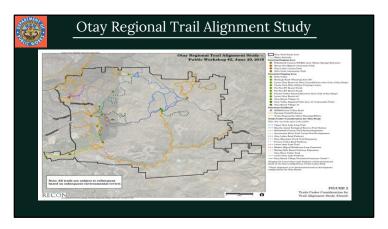
- This garden is about three acres in size and is going to offer approximately 200 garden plots and 2 ADA plots that people can reserve.
- Most plots measure 20' by 20', with 14 slightly smaller plots measuring 10' by 20'.
- Plots will cost \$150/yr for a 10' x 10' plot, and \$300/yr for a 20' x 20' plot.
- This is the fourth community garden the County has built and gardens like these are an important part of the County's vision to create healthier communities, something we call Live Well San Diego.
- The Sweetwater Community Garden project was funded with \$736,000.
- Construction started January 2019 and was completed in July 2019.
- The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has entered into a lease with the Resource Conservation District to operate the garden.
- Construction is complete, for information on how to rent a garden plot interested please contact DPR or the Resource Conservation District at rcdsandiego.org.
- The Pinery will continue to use the front portion of the site for seasonal activities.
- In September, Supervisor Cox will be proposing to allocate \$30,000 of Neighborhood Reinvestment Program money toward a shade structure in the community gathering area of the garden.



- This trail climbs about a sixth of a mile up from the Glen Abbey Memorial Park off Bonita Road and will offer spectacular views of the Coronado Bridge and Point Loma.
- From this new trail, you'll be connected to a robust trail network operated by the City of Chula Vista, connecting a major thoroughfare to paths frequented by hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians.
- On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the County cut the ribbon for the Glen Abbey Trail.
- The Glen Abbey Trail project provided a 2/3-mile long multi-use trail connecting Bonita Road to City of Chula Vista Open Space adjacent to the Glen Abbey Mortuary
- Offers exceptional views of the Coronado Bay Bridge and Point Loma



- A project to bring educational signs to Morrison Pond is nearly complete.
- Six large panel signs will be added to the trails around the pond and will discuss topics such as include; history, biology and ecology of the area
- There will also be seven smaller arboretum style signs to identify native plants in the area
- Installation will be completed in September.
- Funding for this project is \$85,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program.



## **Otay Trail Alignment Study:**

- The County of San Diego in conjunction 7 other public agencies has finished their study of a new trail system in Otay Ranch and surrounding lands. The goal of this 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!
- This is also exciting because the study identified the possibility for 151 new miles of trails, likely to be implemented in the next 10 years!



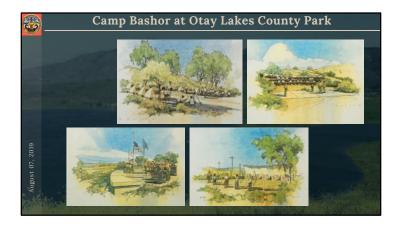
- The OVRP bike park will be the County's second bike park! Supervisor Cox has gotten the wheels moving on not just the first but also the second bike park in the County in the South Bay!
- This park will be built on a 3.2 acre site, north of the Otay River and west of Interstate 805.
- The site is relatively flat and so the County will have to use prefabricated jumps and rollers.
- This bike park will have elements for riders from beginner to advanced
- Supervisor Cox provided \$500,000 in NRP funding to begin the planning, design, and construction of the bike skills portion on this site.
- The City of Chula Vista provided \$50k from their Borst Trust Fund for environmental analysis of the project.
- Once the County completes construction of the park, the City of Chula Vista will manage and operate the bike park.
- Concept design is complete and development of construction documents is underway.
- Construction will be complete Winter 2020
- Great example of interjurisdictional cooperation:
  - Property located within City of San Diego jurisdiction
  - Property owned by City of Chula Vista
  - Project will be built by the County of San Diego
  - Thank you to CM McCann and everyone in leadership on the Chula Vista City Council for their partnership on this.
- · Per the JEPA maintenance of the bike skills park would be have to be funded by the City of Chula Vista
- Public input has been solicited and informs the project design



- The County has funded \$100,000 for a feasibility study, design and environmental analysis of a community garden within the OVRP
- The community garden site will be at least 1 acre
- Site selection has been narrowed to 3 sites to be evaluated in the feasibility study
  - 27<sup>th</sup> and Faivre (owned by City of Chula Vista)
  - Active Rec 3 (owned by County of San Diego)
  - Active Rec 5 (owned by City of San Diego)
- Additional site analysis will be conducted to select a site and move forward to concept design.



- In Otay Lakes County Park, there is a portion of open grass area that has been identified as a location for new recreational amenities.
- DPR had decided to introduce a new recreational amenity into the Park system, by creating a bouldering area.
- In bouldering, people climb on natural or man-made rocks that are less than 10 feet high without using ropes or harnesses. This growing sport allows climbers to use their hands and feet to traverse boulders for rock climbing practice or as a sport on its own. The area under the boulders will be designed to absorb and cushion the ground for falling climbers.
- This project will add climbing boulders for a variety of ages and skill levels as well as seating adjacent to the climbing area.
- Design is currently underway and will be completed Summer 2020
- FUNDED with \$250K Parks Expansion Improvement funds



- The County has entered into an exclusive right to lease agreement with the San Diego-Imperial Council chapter of the Boy Scouts for a campground facility in the Otay Lakes County Park.
- The Boy Scouts are embarking on a capital campaign to raise the balance of the funds necessary for construction of the campground. Envisioned to be included in the project is an ampitheatre, archery range, flag plaza, and campsite facilities.
- Mrs. Diane Bashor, a well-known philanthropic force in the region, has generously agreed to contribute \$1
  million toward this facility. In exchange, and per County policy, the campground will be named "Camp Bashor at
  Otay Lakes County Park."
- Also want to thank Barbara and Scott Scott for their sizeable donation from the Sefton Foundation. Thank you!
- Once finished, the facility will host Boy Scouts events and outings, and will also welcome all different sorts of user groups to enjoy the facility so groups like the Girl Scouts, Bonita Bikers, and Bonita Valley Horsemen can make use of the facility as well.
- We look forward to seeing this project become a reality.



• This map shows roads that were resurfaced last year (in green), the new roads to be resurfaced this coming year (in orange) and road that will be completed in FY20/21 (in red).



The Department of Public Works (DPW) County-wide road resurfacing program this year is \$56M. This year, the County is resurfacing 3.5 miles in the Bonita area.



# Road Repair & Maintenance Contact Numbers

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

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visit the County website at:

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



- The Bonita Museum and Cultural Center recently opened a new exhibit. "Nuestra Frontera: Our South Bay Families at the Border" showcases the stories of the multi-ethnic, Spanish-speaking families who have lived in the San Diego-Tijuana region for more than eight generations. It was created from more than 50 interviews and about 2,000 archival photos, as well as census and genealogy records. Thank you to Barbara Zaragoza, a South Bay historian who curated the exhibition. The exhibit runs through August 24, 2019
- This Fall, the museum will have an new interactive exhibit examining the Paleontology of the South Bay. So, look for it soon.



• We would like to give a special thanks to Max Branscomb. As many of you know, Max has gone through an ordeal the past few months as he's been in a terrible fight with cancer. Max said he is doing a little better every day but I want to note that despite his illness, he has continued working to pull together this year's Bonitafest to benefit the community. Thank you Max. You are in our prayers.



