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**WONDER VALLEY FIRE STATION TO
STAY OPEN ANOTHER YEAR**

SAN BERNARDINO - A \$5 billion budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year was unanimously approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 13. Within this budget, a \$3 billion general fund spending protects 21,227 county positions from being laid off. Due to the uncertainty of how California's budget will affect the funding of certain county programs, County Supervisors will reconvene in the upcoming months to discuss specific allocation for new and expanding services.

While county staff recommended several expenditures to be cut from the budget, one area that Third District Supervisor Ramos strongly advocated for was the Fire Station #45 in Wonder Valley that was in jeopardy of closing down. The staffing for Wonder Valley Fire Station, along with the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's Inmate Hand Crew Program, will remain active for an additional fiscal year. Ramos encouraged his colleagues to support the funding of \$3.0 million needed to continue the operation of Station 45 and the Inmate Hand Crew Program. The motion passed unanimously.

"When public safety is at stake, we need to reprioritize certain projects we are funding," stated Ramos. "Our top priority remains the safety of the public. I look forward to working with County Fire over the next year to identify options and solutions for services in the Wonder Valley area".

The Wonder Valley crew provides services for residents in the area as well as those traveling along the I-40 corridor. The additional funding secured by Supervisor Ramos ensures those services will continue throughout the upcoming year.

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