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County budget hearing slated for Thursday afternoon

The Board of Supervisors on Thursday, June 16, will conduct a public hearing on the Recommended Budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The hearing will be held at 1 p.m. in the Covington Chambers of the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.

The 2011-12 Recommended Budget of \$3.8 billion has been balanced without the use of reserves to meet ongoing expenses. The budget reflects the desire expressed by the Board of Supervisors last year to move the county in a new direction, characterized by taking a hard look at the county's focus, fiscal condition, infrastructure and facility needs, operating systems, personnel, and service delivery.

The budget calls for a 2.3 percent reduction in spending and a 4 percent reduction in staffing to close a \$46.6 million structural deficit. In order to avoid deeper-than-necessary service reductions in public safety and other areas, the County Administrative Office has developed a strategic plan that includes negotiating an end to the funding of health benefit increases, employee compensation reductions, and asking unions to forgo pay increases, among other measures.

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Redistricting website updated for Friday workshop

A county redistricting workshop slated for 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, will include an expert analysis of three redistricting discussion drafts, which can now be viewed on the county redistricting website at www.sbcounty.gov/redistrict.

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the board reviews, and if necessary, redraws the boundaries of the five supervisorial districts to ensure that each has approximately the same number of residents.

The 2010 Census shows the county has 2,035,210 residents, therefore each district should ideally contain 407,042 residents. The current First District exceeds that ideal by 58,496 and the Second District exceeds it by 22,955. The current Fourth District is 40,556 below the ideal, while the Third and Fifth districts are respectively 22,535 and 18,360 below.

The discussion drafts are examples of how the five districts could contain nearly equal population and conform to other redistricting criteria. The maps have been certified by the county's redistricting consultant, National Demographics Corp., to comply with the Voting Rights Act as well as guidelines for population and communities of interest.

It is important to note that the discussion drafts are not proposals or recommendations for a final redistricting plan. They are computer-generated examples intended to spur the public discussion during Friday's workshop. NDC will present its findings and be on-hand to assist the public and the Board of Supervisors during Friday's workshop.

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The primary intent of Friday's workshop is providing the public with an opportunity to present ideas on how the county's five supervisorial districts should be redrawn. The workshop will be held in the Covington Chambers of the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.

Members of the Board of Supervisors have encouraged the public to become involved in the process. The public is also encouraged to visit www.sbcounty.gov/redistrict for information about the process, data on the current districts and city populations, discussion drafts, and eventually the various scenarios and proposals under consideration by the board.

The site includes a space for the public to make suggestions about redistricting, and a link to a special e-mail address to which the public can submit actual redistricting proposals. The public can also "subscribe" to the website and receive e-mail updates when new information is placed on the site.

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- Each new district shall preserve the corresponding existing district's population and territory to the degree possible given the total criteria.
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Redistricting criteria adopted, website launched

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday adopted criteria that will guide the county through the redistricting process. Meanwhile, the county has launched a website, www.sbcounty.gov/redistrict, to keep the public informed and give residents a place to make suggestions on how districts should be redrawn.

Board members encouraged the public to become involved in the process. Additional meetings will be announced as they are scheduled.

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INTERSTATE 15/215 DEVORE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



The meeting will be an “Open House” format to allow visitors to drop by any time between 4:30 pm and 7 pm to talk to project planners, ask questions, and submit formal comments about the project.

For more information and to stay connected:



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Special Accommodations:

To arrange for documents in alternative formats, contact Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (866) 383-4631. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711 and ask to be connected to (866) 383-4631 by June 15, 2011.

Please join Caltrans and San Bernardino Associated Governments for a public meeting to review the Draft Environmental Document for the **Interstate 15/215 Devore Interchange Improvement Project**.

The project proposes to add new lanes, improve merging, add truck bypass lanes to separate trucks from passenger vehicles and connect local streets. The project is intended to relieve heavy traffic congestion, improve safety and operations and improve goods movement between the San Bernardino Valley and the Victor Valley.

Public Meeting Details:

Monday, June 20, 2011

4:30 pm to 7 pm

Kimbark Elementary School

18021 Kenwood Avenue

San Bernardino, 92407

From I-215 North, exit Devore Road and turn right;
turn left on Kenwood Avenue.

From I-15 South, exit Kenwood Avenue and turn left.



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INTERESTATAL 15/215 EN DEVORE PROYECTO DE MEJORAS A LA CONEXIÓN



La reunión se realizará con formato "Open House" para permitir a los asistentes llegar en cualquier momento entre las 4:30 pm y las 7 pm para hablar con los planificadores del proyecto, hacer preguntas y someter formalmente sus comentarios acerca del proyecto.

Para más información y para estar conectado:



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Por favor únase a Caltrans y San Bernardino Associated Governments durante una reunión pública para revisar el Borrador del Documento Ambiental para el **Proyecto de Mejoras a la Conexión de las Interestatales 15 y 215, en Devore.**

El proyecto propone agregar nuevos carriles, mejorar las uniones de carriles, agregar carriles para el paso de camiones para separar a los camiones de los vehículos de pasajeros y conectar calles locales. Se busca que el proyecto alivie la congestión del tráfico, mejore la seguridad y las operaciones y mejore el movimiento de mercancías entre el San Bernardino Valley y Victor Valley.

Detalles de la Reunión Pública:

Lunes 20 de junio de 2011

4:30 pm a 7 pm

Kimbark Elementary School

18021 Kenwood Avenue

San Bernardino, 92407

Desde la I-215 Norte, salga en Devore Road y gire a la derecha; gire a la izquierda en Kenwood Avenue.
Desde la I-15 Sur, salga en Kenwood Avenue y gire a la izquierda.



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Drowning Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility

Memorial Day marks the reopening of hundreds of public swimming pools and spas county-wide for the summer season. San Bernardino County health inspectors will begin their seasonal pool and spa inspections in order to protect the community's health and safety. Inspectors will focus on violations that impact the people who use public pools and spas.

Pool gate closures are one of a few critical violations that are noted during an inspection to minimize and prevent childhood drowning. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 4 in California. It is for this reason that San Bernardino County, Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services wants to make everyone aware that saving children from drowning is *everyone's* responsibility.

State law mandates that all public pool gates operate properly, close on their own, open outward, and latch securely so children cannot follow without your knowledge, get into pool areas and drown. Fencing for public pools should be at least 5 feet high, with bars/openings not more than 4 inches apart, and not climbable. We want to remind all those who use a pool to double check that the gate latches behind them, and if it doesn't, report it to the apartment manager, the homeowner's association board, or a responsible party so that it is repaired immediately.

There are many websites available to obtain additional information about proper fencing and keeping kids safe. For more information visit San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/rechealth/rechealthbusiness.htm>, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/chdrown.html>, The San Bernardino County Drowning Prevention Network Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SBDPN> and You Tube page at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PI-5jNnw6Is>

With summer right around the corner and more people heading to the water to stay cool, everyone needs to work together to stay safe this summer. We wish you all a safe summer swim season.

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