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Board Approves Temporary Moratorium on Drug Treatment Facilities

SAN BERNARDINO—April 10, 2012—San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford released the following statement today following the Board’s approval of an urgency ordinance placing a temporary moratorium on drug treatment facilities in unincorporated areas.

“The temporary moratorium will give County staff time to thoroughly study the impacts these treatment facilities have on residential communities and how the County can, within the confines of state and federal laws, enact regulations to protect our neighborhoods from those impacts,” Rutherford said.

Rutherford brought the issue to the attention of San Bernardino County Land Use Services, which recommended the temporary moratorium, after residents in her district expressed concerns about the overconcentration of drug treatment facilities in their community.

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Budget Allocation Paves Way for Road Improvements

SAN BERNARDINO—April 10, 2012—Portions of three roads in three different Second District communities will get facelifts this summer thanks in part to the \$8 million Pavement Improvement Program the Board of Supervisors carved out of an austere budget last year, according to contracts approved by the Board on Tuesday.

“Road maintenance in our unincorporated communities is a core responsibility of County Government, and the fund the Board created last year is allowing County Public Works to catch up on some long overdue upkeep,” Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

The three road segments set for repaving are Club House Drive between Alpine Lane and Grass Valley Road in Lake Arrowhead, Live Oak Drive between Highway 330 and Highway 18 in Running Springs, and Arrow Route between Beech Avenue and Almeria Avenue in unincorporated Fontana. Respectively, the projects will cost \$599,000, \$1 million, and \$969,000 for a total of about \$2.6 million.

The Live Oak Drive project will also include improvements to 34 sewer manholes. The Running Springs Water District asked the County to wrap the manhole improvements into the project and allocated \$24,140 to cover the additional costs. In addition to Pavement Improvement Program funding, the County will use about \$718,000 from Measure I to pay for repaving Live Oak. Measure I funds come from a half-cent sales tax voters agreed to establish in order to fund local transportation projects.

Meanwhile, the Arrow Route project will also include the construction of about 720 feet of sidewalk to connect existing sidewalks in the unincorporated Fontana community. The project budget includes \$97,795 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the sidewalk extension.

Construction on all three projects is scheduled to begin later this month and should be completed by June. Drivers should anticipate some minor delays during the construction period.

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County launches web-based eProcurement for vendors

Online access for businesses looking to provide products and services to the County of San Bernardino is making a giant leap forward with the County Purchasing Department's launch this week of the new online Electronic Procurement Network system.

ePro is a major technological advance and will increase the speed, efficiency, cost savings and reporting capabilities of the County's acquisition processes.

ePro's state-of-the-art system offers web-based vendor registration, bid notification, online solicitations, and electronic purchase orders. The easy-to-use system also gives County vendors the ability to respond to bids online, adjust proposals prior to the closing date as often as needed in response to addendums or market changes, upload certifications and bid documentation, and attend bid openings remotely.

"Implementation of the ePro system will provide a faster and more efficient platform from which to manage purchasing countywide while reducing costs for both the county and suppliers," said Laurie Rozko, the County's Director of Purchasing.

Effective immediately, vendors can register online to do business with the County. Access is available through the County Purchasing website at:

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/purchasing/eprocurement/eproguide.aspx>

Vendor workshops are planned throughout April in four locations; San Bernardino, April 4th at the Registrar of Voters Training Room, 777 East Rialto Ave; Rancho Cucamonga, April 11th at the Aging & Adult Services Office, 9445 Fairway View Place Ste 110; Victorville, April 18th at the Transitional Assistance Department, 15010 Palmdale Road; and Yucca Valley, April 25th at the Community Services Department, 57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy. All workshop times are 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information contact the County of San Bernardino Purchasing Department at (909) 387-2060.



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**BISHAMON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION RETAINS TEN JOBS
AND IS READY TO TAKE ON COMPETITION**

*Local employer benefits through County Workforce Investment Board
Process Improvement Program*

San Bernardino, CA (April 13, 2012) –Bishamon Industries Corporation faced increased competition with their EZ Loader product, which could have translated to lost sales and lost jobs. With the introduction of the new model, they needed to make sure they could efficiently produce and deliver this product before the competition stepped in.

When Robert Stone, vice president of Engineering and Manufacturing at Bishamon Industries Corporation, received a letter from the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board about the LEAN Manufacturing Program with California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC), it couldn't have come at a better time. "The EZ Loader is our premier product and if we lost market share, it would cost us valuable employees," he said.

CMTC came in and showed the company areas of improvement in assembly and welding. Employees were excited to share their ideas and work as a team with the consultant and executives for the good of the entire company.

"We've already seen growing sales for our new EZ Loader and the hard work has paid off," Stone said. "By shipping our product in two days, we will maintain our competitive edge."

Through the LEAN Manufacturing Program, Bishamon retained 10 jobs. Additionally, Stone also utilized the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board Business Resource Team to recruit and hire a shipping supervisor. "They found a great person for us who plays a very important role in satisfying our customers," Stone said.

"The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board's LEAN Manufacturing program effectively helps local businesses retain employees and hire additional personnel," said Josie Gonzales, San Bernardino County Chair and Fifth District Supervisor.

About the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County

The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Board strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations.

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The Workforce Investment Board, through the County's Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the County's Employment Resource Centers (ERCs) and Business Resource Centers (BRCs). The ERCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The BRCs support and provide services to the County's businesses including employee recruitment.

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National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 8-14 **Thanks to the entire true first of the first responders!**

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Communications officers are the people who take calls in times of crisis, the voices that comfort the frightened and injured, and the ones who offer reassurance that help is on the way. They help save countless lives by processing and prioritizing incoming calls and dispatching law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics to thousands of incidents throughout the county. Moreover, they keep emergency responders safe by providing them with the most accurate, up-to-date information while monitoring their activities by radio.

The scope of a telecommunicator's job includes a wide range of radio, computer, medical, telephone, and mapping duties; counseling the injured; and providing security in times of distress. These highly trained, compassionate individuals play a vital role in protecting citizens and communities alike.

In 2011, CommCenter received 126,227 calls for service. The Consolidated Fire Agencies of the East Valley (CONFIRE JPA) also known as CommCenter, is a multi-agency Fire Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Dispatch Center. JPA members who make up CONFIRE include fire agencies from the cities of Rialto, Colton, Loma Linda, Redlands and the County of San Bernardino. Contractual agreements exist for emergency dispatch services with nine other agencies; Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City and the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection Districts, Running Springs and the Twenty-Nine Palms Fire Departments, Baker Ambulance, and the San Bernardino County Transportation/Flood Control Department. In all, more than 77 communities and cities are provided emergency response services within the San Bernardino County area. The CommCenter uses the ProQA Emergency Medical Dispatch System, an internationally recognized triage system, which guides call takers through a scripted interview to reach a determinant code that is standardized worldwide. Equipment and crews are dispatched to an emergency that precisely meet the victim's medical needs. The CommCenter also coordinates 911 calls with wireless providers to the correct public safety dispatch centers.

The CommCenter functions as the operational area dispatch for the county of San Bernardino. Under this function, CommCenter is responsible for coordinating mutual aid needs within the county and for processing mutual aid requests to and from the Region VI Office of Emergency Services Operations Center.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week honors the many communications officers who sometimes go unnamed, but are heroes to many. The San Bernardino County Fire Department joins the community in saluting all of these dedicated professionals, and thanking them for their commitment and the sacrifices they make every day. Telecommunicators are the first of the first responders and truly make a difference in the efficiency and effectiveness of any emergency response system.

Courtesy photos can be located at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.



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In 2010, 623 pedestrians were killed in California. Children and older Californians are especially at risk and account for 242 those killed during 2010.

Nationwide, older Americans are nearly twice as likely to be killed while walking as those under 65 years of age. A total of 8,458 pedestrians 65 and over were killed between 2000 and 2007. 1,423 of those were killed in California. Older pedestrians died at a rate of 4.7 per 100,000 residents in California, compared to 1.6 per 100,000 for residents under age 65, ranking 3rd nationally for fatality rate for pedestrians over the age of 65.

Being struck by a vehicle as a pedestrian is the third leading cause of death for children 15 and younger, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention mortality data. Nationwide, 3,880 pedestrians 15 years and younger were killed between 2000 and 2007. 526 of those killed were in California.

In California Pedestrian fatalities increased from 567 in 2009 to 623 in 2010. Pedestrian fatalities age 60 and older increased from 145 in 2009 to 195 in 2010.

Pedestrians are reminded to always cross at the corners and to look both ways before stepping into the lane of traffic. Be alert. Don't assume cars are going to stop for you and always obey traffic signals, especially "Walk/Don't Walk".

When pedestrians are hit by vehicles, the drivers often say that they did not see them. This may be because the drivers are paying attention to something besides driving or it is dark and difficult to see, or another reason. No matter what the case, it's worth the extra effort to make sure that drivers see you. Make eye contact with the approaching driver. Nod or wave if appropriate. That is the surest way to make sure you have the driver's attention. Dress to be visible by wearing light, bright clothes with retro-reflective markings and carry a flashlight or other lighting when walking at twilight and dark. Motorists need to be on the look out for pedestrians as motorists are required to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Do not block or park in crosswalks and obey speed limits.

The CHP has several traffic safety programs appropriate for all ages. Contact your local CHP Office for further information on available traffic safety presentations. When motorists and pedestrians work together we can make walking safe for all. If you have questions contact Officer Jeff Briggs at (909)980-3994.



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West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week is April 22-28, 2012

Mosquitoes and warm weather go hand in hand. Coinciding with the arrival of mosquito season, the California State Legislature declared the week of April 22-28, 2012 as West Nile Virus and Mosquito & Vector Control Awareness Week in California. West Nile virus is a disease transmitted by mosquitoes that can result in debilitating cases of meningitis and encephalitis, and lead to death in humans, horses, some bird species and other wildlife.



The following safety precautions are recommended by the County of San Bernardino Division of Environmental Health Services – Mosquito and Vector Control Program:

- Eliminate or manage all sources of standing water to discourage mosquito breeding.
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, especially at dawn and the first two hours after sunset.
- If you are outdoors when mosquitoes are biting, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts.
- Apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD). Always apply according to label instructions.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Contact the County of San Bernardino Division of Environmental Health Services – Mosquito and Vector Control Program if there is a significant mosquito problem or potential mosquito breeding source where you live or work.

According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), 158 human cases of West Nile virus were reported in California in 2011. Of the reported cases, there were nine fatalities. CDPH and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predict West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat in California in 2012. Adequately funded mosquito and vector control, disease surveillance and public awareness programs are the best way to prevent outbreaks of West Nile virus and other diseases borne by mosquitoes and other vectors.

To read more about West Nile virus, visit CDPH's website at <http://westnile.ca.gov/>. To learn more about the County of San Bernardino Division of Environmental Health Services – Mosquito and Vector Control Program, click [here](#).

Asian Tiger Mosquito

The Asian tiger mosquito (ATM) (*Aedes albopictus*) is a small black and white striped mosquito. The name "tiger mosquito" comes from its white and black color pattern. (Note that other mosquitoes in San Bernardino County also have white striped legs.) The Asian tiger mosquitoes lay their eggs in water-filled natural and artificial containers like cavities in trees, old tires, and small containers; they do not lay their eggs in ditches or basins. These mosquitoes usually do not fly more than about ½ mile from their breeding site.



Unlike many of our mosquitoes in San Bernardino County, the Asian tiger mosquito feeds during daylight hours, not at night. About four or five days after feeding on blood, the female mosquito lays her eggs just above the surface of the water in a hard-sided container like a tree hole, old bucket or tire. When rain or sprinkler covers the eggs with water, the larvae hatch. After 4 to 7 days, during which there are four larval and pupae development stages, an adult Asian tiger mosquito emerges.

The Asian tiger mosquito was introduced into the United States via imported used tires; movement of these tires has spread the species to more than 20 states since 1985. Most southern, eastern and mid-western states in the U.S. have Asian tiger mosquitoes. There had been temporary introduction of Asian tiger mosquitoes into California since 2001, but none of these populations had become established. In October 2011, populations of ATM were found in the El Monte community of Los Angeles. After thorough surveys, the findings seem to exhibit properties of established populations. Efforts by vector control agencies in Los Angeles County have been aggressive in their surveillance to determine the ATM distribution.

The Asian tiger mosquito is a known vector of dengue fever, dengue hemorrhagic fever, St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE), Chikungunya fever and some filarial nematodes. In California, dengue and SLE may be the most important medical threats posed by this mosquito.

The Asian tiger mosquito's bite is irritating to most people. They are persistent biters. Because they breed in nearly any sort of water-filled container, they often become very common and bothersome, even in neighborhoods where there are normally few mosquitoes. If established in southern California, the Asian tiger mosquito could easily become the most important nuisance mosquito.

The San Bernardino County Mosquito and Vector Control Program is actively doing surveillance for this mosquito using ovitraps in the communities we serve. We urge the public to report any daytime biting mosquitoes to our program. To prevent the Asian tiger mosquito and other local mosquitoes from breeding in your neighborhood we recommend the following:

- Remove any water-filled containers like old tires, food containers and buckets from your yard.
- Keep mosquitoes from breeding in bird baths, pet water dishes and plastic wading pools by emptying them regularly or every 3-4 days.
- Report piles of discarded tires or other accumulations of water-holding containers to the Mosquito and Vector Control Program.

Article written by Wakoli Wekesa, Ph.D., Vector Ecologist

New Health Education Presentation / Event Request Form

The Division of Environmental Health Services – Health Education Program has created a new form for health education presentation / event requests. Click [here](#) to download the form. We ask that you please return the completed form at least 2 weeks prior to your planned event. We will respond within 1 week of receiving your submission (please note: submission of form does not guarantee representation at your event).

The Mosquito and Vector Control program provides inspections, education and disease surveillance services in the cities of Colton, San Bernardino, Grand Terrace, Fontana, Highland, Loma Linda, Needles, Redlands, Rialto, Upland, Yucaipa and all unincorporated areas in our County.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gaspard, Health Education Specialist, at 909-387-4608 or Amanda.Gaspard@dph.sbcounty.gov.



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Board defines County government role in Vision Supervisors also set 2012-13 Goals & Objectives

The Board of Supervisors today adopted a Job Statement and Paradigm that define the role County government will play in the achievement of the Countywide Vision. The board also adopted Goals & Objectives for the County Chief Executive Officer and the County organization for the coming year.

"The Board of Supervisors today took major steps toward helping the region achieve the Vision it has set for itself as well as setting a course for County government to follow toward economic recovery and public service," said Board of Supervisors Chair Josie Gonzales.

Last year San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) and the County worked with residents, government agencies, community organizations, and businesses to identify a vision for the county's future. SANBAG and the Board of Supervisors adopted the Vision on June 30, and since then County government has been working to determine what the County's part will be in making the Vision a reality. Information on the Vision is available at www.sbcounty.gov/vision.

The Job Statement adopted by the board today is designed to make it clear to County employees and the public that the County's job is to do its part to create a community in which residents and businesses can prosper and achieve well-being in all aspects of life.

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The Paradigm is the framework within which County government will do this job – as a regional government that takes responsibility for ensuring that all elements of the “complete county” the Vision seeks to create are being addressed. This places the County in the role of convener and facilitator, seeing to it that the appropriate agencies and stakeholders continue to work toward achievement of the Vision.

“The Vision will come to life only when all sectors of the community work to make it a reality,” Chair Gonzales said. “It will not take hold if only one entity, such as County government, is involved in carrying it forward. However, County government is accepting the responsibility to encourage those sectors to continue to work on achieving the Vision.”

Determining County government’s role in achieving the Vision is one of the 39 Goals & Objectives for the coming year the Board of Supervisors established today. The 39 Goals & Objectives fall into eight categories:

- Implement the Countywide Vision
- Create, Maintain and Grow Jobs and Economic Value in the County
- Improve County Government Operations
- Operate in a Fiscally Responsible and Business-Like Manner
- Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County
- Maintain Public Safety
- Provide for the Health and Social Services Needs of County Residents
- Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Governmental Agencies

Besides adopting the Job Statement and Paradigm, the Board of Supervisors moved toward fulfilling another one of the Goals & Objectives today when it voted to form a Joint Powers Authority with the cities of Fontana, Hesperia and Ontario to explore development of a program to assist homeowners suffering from negative equity caused by the economic downturn.

“There are thousands of homeowners, who through no fault of their own, are strapped with homes valued below the amount of their mortgages,” Chair Gonzales said. “These are people who might otherwise be buying new homes and making their current homes available for new buyers. We hope our efforts can help these families and stimulate the county’s housing market.”

A complete list of the Goals & Objectives adopted by the board today, as well as information on the County budget and organization, can be found on the County Administrative Office homepage at www.sbcounty.gov/cao.

Achieving Our Countywide Vision



**County of San Bernardino
OUR JOB**

*Our job is to create a county in which
those who reside and invest
can prosper and achieve well-being.*

Achieving Our Countywide Vision



County of San Bernardino OUR PARADIGM

The County of San Bernardino is a regional government.

We understand that every aspect of the quality of life in a community is part of an interrelated system.

The County takes responsibility for ensuring that the community has determined how, when and by whom each element of that system is being addressed in pursuit of our shared Vision of the county and the future we desire.

**County of San Bernardino
Chief Executive Officer**

**GOALS & OBJECTIVES
FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

Implement the Countywide Vision

- Determine County government's role in realization of the Countywide Vision.
- Continue the County role of convening conversations on community collaboration and collective action.

Create, Maintain and Grow Jobs and Economic Value in the County

- Focus EDA efforts on competing globally for investment, retraining and finding employment for those who have lost jobs or are under-employed, developing a more highly-educated and trained workforce, and creating an effective approach to tourism.
- Continue business retention and expansion programs while implementing office and industrial attraction strategies emphasizing provision of high-paying jobs.
- Provide stable governmental leadership, consistent decision-making and efficient processing to inspire confidence in investors.
- Develop financing plans and approaches that will ensure provision of the infrastructure necessary for development and the movement of goods.
- Utilize enterprise zones and other tools as catalysts for growth.
- Invest County resources in projects that will immediately generate jobs.
- Utilize County programs in a manner that maximizes job creation.
- Work with cities to explore programs and approaches to address the mortgage crisis.

Improve County Government Operations

- Enhance and protect the Board of Supervisors' policy-making role and ensure authority exists for staff actions.
- Create clear lines of authority within the County organization.

- Clarify roles, responsibilities and governance of all County programs.
- Review the County's current approach to employee relations in order to ensure that employees know they are valued and that we are all working toward achieving the Countywide Vision by performing "Our Job" and utilizing "Our Paradigm."

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner

- Develop a multi-year plan to address the projected shortfalls in the County's budget.
- Develop a budget for the coming fiscal year that brings the County into fiscal balance and addresses the most pressing countywide needs.
- Develop a long-term budget plan which brings the County into operational and programmatic balance.
- Live within our means, fully funding liabilities and reserves, while forming capital to strategically invest in the future.
- Invest County resources in ways which create more ongoing revenue to reinvest in maintaining services.
- Centralize financial management and oversight.
- Eliminate silos and consolidate administrative functions.
- Ensure that County Redevelopment Oversight Board appointees understand and represent County interests.
- Fully fund basic operating systems.

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County

- Take steps to ensure that the Land Use Services Department continues to make progress in terms of operating more efficiently.
- Continue to identify and implement short-term solutions (i.e., Code amendments) to systemic problems.
- Fund an update to the General Plan and create more Community and Specific Plans in order to move away from a "one size fits all" approach and better reflect the unique character of all areas of the County.
- Fund amendments to the Development Code and Master Plans, such as infrastructure, to implement those changes.

- Work with cities to ensure that County zoning and development standards in their spheres of influence are more compatible.
- Work with the Board to ensure that it has developed clear policy guidance for development, and then create a system that provides for implementation and decision-making at the lowest level legally allowed.

Maintain Public Safety

- Work with all elements of the County's public safety services to reduce costs while maintaining the highest level of service that funding will support.
- Develop a better understanding of the effects of increases or decreases of resources in one area of law and justice on all other areas.

Provide for the Health and Social Services Needs of County Residents

- Promote Healthy County and Healthy City plans and programs.
- Prepare for the implementation of federal Healthcare Reform, which will take effect January 1, 2014.
- Maximize the utilization of Federal and State programs and funding to mitigate the effects of the economic downturn on county residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Governmental Agencies

- Work with Federal, State and regional governments and organizations to ensure San Bernardino County receives its fair share of resources.
- Participate in State and regional transportation, water, air quality and planning efforts affecting the County.
- Work with all Federal and State agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management and the Armed Services, which own land in San Bernardino County to maximize the benefit to the County.
- Provide support for renewable energy projects while working to protect County interests.
- Develop a closer working relationship with the cities, tribes and other governmental agencies.