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Board agenda site now includes search function

As part of the county's ongoing effort to make government more open and accessible, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors has added a search function to its agenda system, allowing the public to search for words in board agendas, contracts and reports dating back to June 25, 1996.

"This new feature allows the public to easily research matters that have come before the Board of Supervisors, such as seeing when and how often the county has done business with certain contractors or taken action on a particular subject," said Board of Supervisors Chair Josie Gonzales. "This is one of many steps we have taken in recent years to make county government transparent and accountable."

More than 10 years ago, the County of San Bernardino became one of the first jurisdictions in the state to put its agendas, contracts, reports, salaries, and job descriptions online. Later, the county among the first to live-stream board meetings and place property records, statements of economic interest and campaign disclosure reports online.

The new agenda search can be found at <http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>. There, users can specify a date range for their search and type in words they want to find in past and current Board of Supervisors agendas as well as contracts, reports, and other agenda backup materials. On that same page, the public can find agendas, agenda items, contracts, reports, and other information for past and upcoming meetings.

The page also includes links to CountyVision, where the public can view past Board of Supervisors meetings and zoom in on discussions on selected items, and a service that allows the public to subscribe to public hearing notices and get an e-mail update when hearings are scheduled.