Board of Supervisors

Budget & Positions (FTEs)
- Operating: $2,764,712
- Capital: -
- Positions: 22.8 FTEs

First District
Salud Carbajal

Second District
Janet Wolf

Third District
Doreen Farr

Fourth District
Joni Gray

Fifth District
Joseph Centeno

Board General

SOURCE OF FUNDS
- General Fund Contribution: 100%

USE OF FUNDS
- First District: 18%
- Second District: 19%
- Third District: 21%
- Fourth District: 18%
- Fifth District: 20%
- Other Financing Uses: 0%
- Board General: 4%

STAFFING TREND
- Adopted Positions (FTEs):
  - Budget & Positions (FTEs): 2,764,712
  - Operating: 22.8 FTEs

Adopted Positions (FTEs)
- 2000-01: 19.0
- 2001-02: 21.2
- 2002-03: 21.1
- 2003-04: 21.2
- 2004-05: 21.5
- 2005-06: 22.5
- 2006-07: 22.8
- 2007-08: 23.0
- 2008-09: 22.5
- 2009-10: 22.8
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Department Summary

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**Note:** FTE and position totals may not sum correctly due to rounding.

### Budget Organization

A five-member Board of Supervisors governs County services for a population of 428,655 residents. Each board member is elected for a four-year term and represents a geographic district. The position of Chairperson rotates annually among the five members. The Board generally convenes in regular session on four Tuesdays each month. Two of these meetings are held in Santa Barbara and two in Santa Maria. The Board sets policy for County departments, oversees a budget of over $800 million and adopts ordinances on local matters, as well as land use policies that affect unincorporated areas (areas outside of cities). The Board of Supervisors has a staff of 22.8 employees, inclusive of the Supervisors.

The first supervisorial district includes the City of Carpinteria, portions of the City of Santa Barbara, and the unincorporated areas of Carpinteria Valley, Summerland, Montecito, and Mission Canyon.

The second supervisorial district includes the unincorporated areas of the eastern Goleta Valley (and its foothills), and approximately 1/3 of the City of Goleta, including Goleta Old Town, portions of the City of Santa Barbara, and the Channel Islands.

The third supervisorial district includes the cities of Solvang and Buellton, approximately 2/3s of the City of Goleta, as well as the unincorporated areas of the western Goleta Valley, the commu-
MISSION STATEMENT
Provide quality public services to the people of Santa Barbara County in response to their need for a healthy, safe, and prosperous environment; and to establish and maintain a workforce that reflects the diversity of the community.

The fourth supervisorial district includes the cities of Lompoc and Guadalupe, the unincorporated communities of Mission Hills and Mesa Oaks, Casmalia, portions of the Santa Maria Valley, including most of the unincorporated community of Orcutt.

The fifth supervisorial district includes the City of Santa Maria and the Sisquoc and Cuyama Valleys.

Significant Changes (FY 2008-09 Adopted to FY 2008-09 Estimated Actual)
The Fiscal Year 2008-09 Estimated Actual operating expenditures decreased $309,000, to $2,351,000, from the Adopted Budget of $2,660,000. This 11.6% decrease is the result of:
- $137,000 – Salary savings in the 5th District Office due to a vacant Executive Staff Assistant position for the entire year;
- $60,000 – Salary savings in the 3rd District Office due to a vacant Executive Staff Assistant position for half of the year;
- $31,000 – Salary savings realized due to Board staff participation in the mandatory furlough program;
- $35,000 – Decreased spending on Services and Supplies;
- $29,000 – Other miscellaneous salary savings;
- $17,000 – Salary savings realized due to the reduction in the cost of employee health insurance.

Significant Changes (FY 2008-09 Estimated Actual to FY 2009-10 Recommended)
The Fiscal Year 2009-10 Recommended Budget operating expenditures will increase by $414,000, to $2,765,000, from the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Estimated Actual of $2,351,000. This 17.6% increase is the result of:
- $136,000 – Anticipating filling the vacant position in the 5th District office;
- $115,000 – No anticipated savings for a furlough, health insurance or other salary and benefit reductions;
- $103,000 – Increased salary and benefit costs for the 3rd District office due to the installation of the new Supervisor Elective and the office being fully staffed, including filling all vacant positions and the addition of one half-time Board Admin. Assistant for the Solvang office;
- $35,000 – Increased data processing costs due to new IT billing methodology and increased IT support;
- $25,000 – Increases to Services and Supplies for travel and mileage costs.

Departmental Priorities and Their Alignment With County Goals
FIRST DISTRICT

Constituent Services:
- Be accessible and responsive to constituent phone calls, letters and e-mails with a prompt, efficient and effective system.
- Promote and facilitate constituent involvement in First District issues and access to County government.
- Encourage community dialogue and consensus building through informational meetings and forums.
- Encourage diversity and increase opportunities for interested residents to represent the First District on County Boards and Commissions.
- Continue to operate and staff a part-time Carpinteria office.
- Continue outreach and communication with the Summerland, Montecito, and Mission Canyon communities.
- Continue relationships and partnerships with neighborhood and community associations.
- Foster active partnerships with the cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria to achieve mutual goals.
Current Year (FY 08-09) Accomplishments:

- **Customer Service**: Continued implementation of an extensive restructuring of the County’s culture to make customer service a major focus of County government. Accomplishments during the fiscal year include the unveiling of a redesigned County website, the clerical project that collapsed 81 pay classes into 28, continued implementation of the pay for performance Leadership Project for managers and executives, and continued Planning and Development process reform.

- **Children’s Health Initiative**: Maintained the current level of funding for the multi-year effort to provide health insurance to all uninsured children in Santa Barbara County. 661 children have received comprehensive health insurance coverage as a result of County funding of the Healthy Kids Initiative.

- **Addressing Regional Transportation Issues**: Began construction on Phase 1 of Highway 101 widening from Milpas to Hot Springs and successfully advocated to continue the construction in the midst of a possible shutdown due to the State budget crisis. Advocated successfully for the renewal of our local transportation sales tax (Measure A) to fund local and regional transportation improvements. Met with the Federal Transit Administration to discuss next steps in leveraging the $25 million rail funding included in Measure A to implement a commuter rail service between Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Worked within County government, with the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce, and with other public and private employers, to continue to implement the “Curb Your Commute” Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.

- **Transportation Projects**: Worked with SBCAG, Caltrans and First District municipalities to advance the planning and implementation of transportation projects that address road and highway safety, congestion and infrastructure needs.
  - Summerland Parking and Circulation Plan: Completed construction of Phase 2A improvements and secured partial funding for Phase 2B improvements.
  - Greenwell Slide Repair Project: Began design and environmental review of the project.
  - Road Maintenance: Continued implementation of corrective and preventive road maintenance program on First District roads.
  - Partnered with Caltrans to begin construction of State Route 192 drainage and safety improvements in Mission Canyon.

- **Public Safety**: Worked with County departments and partner agencies to respond to the Tea Fire and coordinate post disaster reconstruction including the establishment of an ombudsman to help fire victims to work through the recovery process. In the aftermath of the Tea and Gap Fires, convened a media roundtable to focus on how the County can better work with media agencies to disseminate information in a disaster. Worked with multiple jurisdictions and community stakeholders to address youth violence issues in our communities.

- **Mission Canyon Community Plan Update**: The Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee (MCPAC) completed work on the draft Community Plan update and the Board of Supervisors initiated environmental review of the proposed updated plan. Secured funding and began work on the Mission Canyon Residential Parking Strategy.

- **Summerland Community Plan Update**: The Summerland Planning Advisory Committee (SuPAC) completed work on the draft Commercial Design Guidelines and began work on an update of the Residential Design Guidelines.

- **Solid Waste**: As the Co-Chair of the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Force, worked with the City of Santa Barbara and other jurisdictions to continue to advance the conversion technology project including finalizing the RFP for release. The County’s efforts in the Resource Recovery Division were recognized with the SWANA 2008 Gold Medal for overall Solid Waste Management.

- **Water Quality/Watershed Planning**: Completed and organized a stakeholder tour of the modifications of the Gobernador Debris Basin and three additional low-flow crossings along Carpinteria Creek that have opened up four miles of habitat for endangered Steelhead Trout. As Co-Chair of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) County Task Force took part in an effort to create a non-profit component of WRP. Worked to update the South Coast Watershed Task Force project inventory.

- **Child Care**: Championed the County’s lead role and $10,000 funding allocation toward conducting the Downtown Santa Barbara Employee Child Care Study to identify employees’ specific child care needs and impact on the workplace. A total of 23 public and private employers participated with over 2,700 employees responding to the survey. A report of the findings was presented to the Board of Supervisors and disseminated to the participating employers.

- **Safe Routes to School**: The County was awarded a federal Safe Routes to School grant for the San Ysidro Pathway project which will provide safe pedestrian access down San Ysidro Road between North Jameson Lane and Montecito Union School. Completed safety improvements near Summerland School.

- **Promoting Sustainability**: Successfully advocated for a comprehensive approach to addressing climate change and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in our County through focusing on the County’s three roles as a producer of GHG emissions, a regulator of GHG emitting activities, and as an incentive for community enhancement programs to reduce GHG emissions. Advanced solar permit streamlining initiative to encourage the incorporation of solar energy systems into private residences and commercial buildings.

- **Pesticide/Herbicide Use**: Continued leadership of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Working Group as it finalized a mission statement and prepared to launch a website focused on community education and the sharing of best practices amongst local jurisdictions and community residents.

- **Santa Claus Lane Beach Access**: The Board of Supervisors took action to acquire two parcels to facilitate safe and legal beach access. Continued negotiating an encroachment permit with Caltrans for use of staging area for beach parking. Funded survey work for commercial design and streetscape improvements.
• **Senior Issues:** Co-sponsored with the AARP and the Gildea Foundation the “Symposium on Aging: A Call for Collaboration” held on September 3, 2008 in Santa Barbara. The more than 150 participants included representatives from public agencies, local non-profits, and foundations; elected officials and community residents. Work groups focused on seven major areas of concern: health, housing, transportation, independent and assisted living, elder abuse, homelessness, and mental health/substance abuse. A report of the findings was disseminated to all participants and stakeholders. Appointed as co-chair of the Aging and Long-Term Care Network.

• **Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force:** Continued to work to implement select recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force including information technology improvements, refinement of the performance management tracking system, and development of a County cost center performance plan.

• **Flood Control Improvements:** Completed first element of construction of the Lower Mission Creek Project by constructing box culvert improvements under the Union Pacific Rail Road. Completed construction/modification of Gobernador Debris Basin to allow improved flood control operation and allow for fish passage. Responded to Tea Fire Watershed impacts by completing stream clearing of downstream areas, installation of mitigation projects, and installed enhanced flood warning/monitoring instrumentation following fire.

• **Pet Overpopulation:** The Board of Supervisors created and appointed members to a task force to discuss/draft a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance to address pet overpopulation issues.

• **Meth Prevention Network:** As co-chair of the Meth Prevention Network (MPN), worked with stakeholders to develop recommendations that the Board of Supervisors adopted to combat meth use. This included, but was not limited to, developing a data system to more effectively track outcomes for individuals receiving County services, enhancing Drug Endangered Children protocols and procedures, and endorsing efforts to determine the feasibility of transitioning MPN to a Countywide Substance Coordinating Council.

• **Social Host Ordinance:** Advocated for the enactment of a Social Host Ordinance to decrease underage drinking and enhance the safety of the youth in our community.

• **Railroad Quiet Zones:** Held two stakeholder meetings to discuss and disseminate County analysis on the effectiveness and financial feasibility of a potential Quiet Zone from Carpinteria through Montecito.

• **Enhancement of County Services Provided in Carpinteria Community:** Contributed funding to Carpinteria Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program. Secured funding for continuation of the Fun in the Sun program for at-risk youth during the summertime. Partnered with public agencies and community groups to improve County services in the Carpinteria Valley at the Main School collaborative, which includes a satellite First District Office.

• **Homeless Services:** Submitted annual McKinney-Vento Homeless Supportive Housing Program grant application to HUD to insure continued funding for supportive services provided to the Casa Esperanza homeless shelter. Worked to continue implementation of the Ten Year Plan in conjunction with other local, state, and federal agencies.

• **First 5, Children and Families Commission:** Worked with Commission staff and fellow commissioners to redesign the First 5 Website, coordinate the Children’s Health Initiative, study Santa Barbara Downtown childcare needs, update the fiscal strategic plan, expand differential response to support families in crisis and decrease incidences of young children being placed in foster care, fund and coordinate a bilingual radio show in the Santa Maria Valley, oversee a longitudinal study focusing on school readiness, and focus on evaluation of programs and services provided.

• **Gaviota Coast:** Established a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program that could be used to reduce development at Naples. As Chair, agendized a Board workshop on Gaviota resources and preservation strategies. Supported the funding and initiation of a Rural Regional Planning effort for the Gaviota Coast.

• **Housing:** Advocated for local control of land use decisions. Continued to work with the City of Carpinteria staff on strategic planning for potential funding and future development improvements at Carpinteria Camper Park as a companion approach to development of Dahlia Court. Continued to participate in the Cities/County Affordable Housing Task Force.

• **Agriculture:** Participated in a dialogue with Carpinteria community and flower growers to discuss the long-term viability of agriculture in the Carpinteria Valley.

• **National Association of Counties (NACo):** Represented Santa Barbara County in Washington, D.C. at NACo and participated in the NACo Environment, Energy, and Land Use Committee. Was appointed Co-Chair of the Air Quality Subcommittee and was successful in passing a resolution regarding the negative impact of marine vessel emissions on Santa Barbara and other Coastal Counties. Worked to enhance our County’s federal legislative platform and priorities in service on the Legislative Program Committee. Worked with the County’s federal lobbyist to advocate for County legislative priorities in Washington.

**Proposed Key Projects (Note: The projects and priorities listed below may be impacted by the impacts of the global financial downturn, the state budget crisis, related legislative actions, and local revenue shortfalls.)**

• **Customer Service:** Continue implementing an extensive restructuring of the County’s culture to make customer service a major focus of County government including the continued implementation of the Leadership Program for County executives and managers to promote enhanced accountability and performance. Continue Planning and Development Department process reforms including improved noticing, further integration between departments in the permitting process, and enhancement of information available to the public. Continue to advocate for funding to provide language translation and TDD services to the public at Board of Supervisors hearings.

• **Children’s Health Initiative:** Maintain the current level of funding for the multi-year effort to provide health insurance to all uninsured children in Santa Barbara County. Advocate for additional funding for phase two of the program.
• **Addressing Regional Transportation Issues**: Continue to work with all stakeholders regionally to address our transportation challenges by continuing to work to implement Measure A and fund the 101 In Motion recommendations of “a lane and a train.” Continue construction on the first phase of Highway 101 widening. Work to secure state and federal funding for the next phases of the widening and continue planning efforts for the projects. Work to plan, implement and secure additional funding for short- and long-term commuter rail service between Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. Continue working within County government, with the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce, and with other public and private employers, to implement the “Curb Your Commute” Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program.

• **Transportation Projects**: Continue to work with SBCAG, Caltrans and First District municipalities to advance the planning and implementation of transportation projects that address road and highway safety, congestion and infrastructure needs.

• Summerland Parking and Circulation Plan: Finalize detail design for Phase 2B in preparation for receiving Surface Treatment Improvement Program funds in Fiscal Year 2010/11, while continuing to seek funding opportunities to continue the project limits to Greenwell Avenue.

• Greenwell Slide Repair Project: Complete the detail design and environmental review for the project and begin construction of the repairs to Greenwell Avenue.

• Road Maintenance: Continue implementation of corrective and preventive road maintenance program on First District roads.

• Partner with Caltrans to complete State Route 192 drainage and safety improvements in Mission Canyon.

• **Public Safety**: Continue working with the Sheriff’s Department to focus front line law enforcement services to address community concerns. Continue to develop community partnerships and increased disaster preparedness planning countywide, including the continuation of Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training. Partner with other agencies, non-profit organizations and the private sector to address the need for enhanced information communication during a disaster. Continue to work with multiple jurisdictions and community stakeholders to address youth violence issues in our communities.

• **Youth Jobs Initiative**: Partner with the Workforce Investment Board to establish a summer jobs program for at-risk youth which would introduce the youth to potential careers in public employment.

• **Tea Fire Rebuilding Efforts**: Continue to provide support and permit streamlining to Tea Fire victims as they work to rebuild their homes and recover from other impacts of the fire.

• **Mission Canyon Community Plan Update**: Complete environmental review on the draft Community Plan update and consider final adoption of the plan. Work with the Mission Canyon Planning Advisory Committee (MCPAC) to continue work on the Residential Parking Strategy effort to identify ways to address constrained traffic flow and improve emergency access and public safety.

• **Summerland Community Plan Update**: Continue working with the Summerland Planning Advisory Committee (SunPAC) to develop and finalize the updated Residential Design Guidelines and begin updating the Traffic and Circulation Chapter of the Summerland Community Plan.

• **Montecito Growth Management Ordinance**: Work with Long Range Planning and the Montecito community to analyze the current traffic, fire, and water constraints in the Montecito planning area.

• **Promote Regional Planning and Collaboration**: Partner with elected officials from cities within the County to focus on regional planning and enhance communication and collaboration on a range of projects of mutual interest.

• **Solid Waste**: As Co-Chair of the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Force, continue to work to develop a comprehensive solid waste strategy for Santa Barbara County. Continue partnership with the City of Santa Barbara and other jurisdictions to release the RFP and solicit proposals from vendors for a conversion technology facility for the South Coast. Enhance our recycling efforts.

• **Flood Control Improvements**: Complete environmental review on the draft Mission Canyon Community Plan Update for review the data collected from various stakeholders and identify potential opportunities to enhance delivery of services, increase efficiency, and improve water quality. Continue to serve as co-chair of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project. Continue efforts to implement watershed plans in Carpinteria and Rincon Creeks and promote the development of Low Impact Development strategies. Work with stakeholders and County staff to meet the requirements of Storm Water Management Plan clean water standards.

• **Child Care**: The Downtown Child Care Partnership will utilize the data from the Child Care Study to help determine the most effective strategies for resolving workforce child care issues. Options, feasibility issues, and economic impacts will be considered. Establish a plan to distribute the survey in other areas of the County.

• **Safe Routes to School**: Continue partnership between County government, Montecito Union School District, Cold Springs School District, the Montecito Association, Summerland School, and parents to work to ensure safe access for children walking to school in the Montecito community. Begin the design, environmental review, and public outreach phases for the construction of a decomposed granite trail along San Ysidro Road leading to Montecito Union School.

• **Promoting Sustainability**: Continue efforts to streamline the permitting process for the installation of solar systems. Continue to support the implementation of the Countywide
Climate Action Strategy, and support the work of the Sustainability and Conservation Team to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in County operations and facilities.

- **Gaviota Coast:** Continue initiatives to secure the preservation of open space and agriculture on the Gaviota Coast. Advocate for expanding the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program to enable it to be used as a means of preserving open space on the entire Gaviota Coast.

- **Pesticide/Herbicide Use:** Continue leadership of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Working Group as it works to identify ways to further reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides in County Parks, Roads, and Flood Control facilities and the South Coast as a whole. Launch website to share information on IPM programs with the broader community and model best practices.

- **Santa Claus Lane Beach Access and Business District Improvements:** Continue working with stakeholders, including the Public Utilities Commission, to design a railroad crossing to facilitate safe and convenient beach access in the Santa Claus Lane area by securing funding to design the project. Continue to negotiate an encroachment permit with Caltrans in order to use their current staging area as a beach access parking lot. Partner with business owners to design and fund parking, circulation, and streetscape improvements.

- **Senior Issues:** The Symposium working groups will focus on the seven major areas addressed at the September 2008 Forum, and will continue to meet regularly and explore options for collaboration and future partnerships, raising awareness, and identifying ongoing needs and funding sources. Continue service on the Aging and Long-Term Care Network.

- **Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force:** Continue to work to implement select recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force including the improvement and consolidation of purchasing division functions and facilitating continuous improvement through performance management.

- **Enhancement of County Services Provided in Carpinteria Community:** Improve constituent services through transitioning First District office hours to a new location at the Main School Collaborative. Continue to advocate for Fun in the Sun summer program for at-risk youth in the Carpinteria Valley. Allocate $20,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide funding for human services projects in the City of Carpinteria.

- **Homeless Services:** Continue First District representation and involvement at Casa Esperanza, the South Coast Homeless Advisory Task Force and 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness meetings. Participate in the continued discussion on the administration of homeless courts. Support reauthorization and possible expansion of County Administration Building overnight RV parking program.

- **Meth Prevention Network (MPN):** Continue working to fund and implement the recommendations of the MPN.

- **First 5, Children and Families Commission:** In service on the Commission, continue the administration of three-year contracts through primary initiatives to address the comprehensive needs of children 0-5 years of age and their families.

**Housing:** Continue to advocate for local control of land use decisions. Continue to work with the City of Carpinteria to advance the Peoples’ Self Help Housing Dahlia Court Apartment expansion proposal. Continue to participate in the Cities/County Affordable Housing Task Force. Continue to work to promote community dialogue on how to balance the community priorities of housing, open space, and transportation.

- **Pet Overpopulation:** Continue to work with Task Force and stakeholders to reduce the number of dogs and cats in our local animal shelters including consideration of a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance.

- **Smoke Free Beaches and Parks:** Consider enactment of an ordinance to enhance the public health of our community through the establishment of smoke free beaches and parks.

- **Agriculture:** Continue to explore opportunities to maintain agricultural viability throughout the County.

- **National Association of Counties (NACo):** Continue to represent Santa Barbara County in Washington, D.C. at NACo, participate in the NACo Environment, Energy, and Land Use Committee, and Co-Chair the Air Quality Subcommitte. Continue to work on the Legislative Program Committee to enhance our County’s federal legislative platform and priorities. Continue to work with the County’s federal lobbyist to advocate for County legislative priorities in Washington.

**SECOND DISTRICT**

Supervisor Wolf is committed to serving her constituents in the Second District by:

- responding to constituent concerns;
- cultivating a healthy and sustainable County of Santa Barbara;
- protecting the diversity and vitality of our neighborhoods;
- supporting public safety and disaster planning;
- encouraging environmental awareness and enhancing our agricultural resources;
- fostering regional cooperation and collaboration;
- enhancing educational, recreational and creative opportunities for youth; and
- addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of the community.

**Constituent Services:**

- Respond to constituent concerns quickly and efficiently.
- Maintain constituent contact database to track concerns of, and responses to, constituents.
- Continue, and advance, relationships and partnerships with neighborhood and community associations.
• Hold meetings with neighborhood, senior citizen, environmental, agricultural, educational and social justice groups on issues of importance in the Second District and throughout the County.
• Appoint new members to Boards and Commissions with an emphasis on expertise and diversity.
• Encourage community participation in community meetings.
• Publish a quarterly E-Newsletter to communicate with Second District constituents on issues of concern inviting participation and response.
• Update the website regularly to provide important Second District information to constituents.

Current Year (FY 08-09) Accomplishments:

Goleta Valley Community Plan Update
• Held recruiting workshops inviting community members to apply for the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC).
• Worked closely with Long Range Planning staff to appoint members to the GVPAC and to hold regular monthly meetings and community workshops to update the 1993 Goleta Community Plan.

Countywide Issues
• Through leadership on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and input from Second District constituents, successfully argued against a City of Goleta sphere of influence for parts of the unincorporated Goleta Valley.
• Conducted site visits throughout the County, including Tajiguas Landfill, Cuyama Valley, Casmalia, Point Sal and many others.

Sustainability Initiative
• Successfully advocated for hiring the first-ever County Energy Manager
• Reconvened the County “Green Team” as the “Conservation and Sustainability Team” with a mission to develop a plan to make County buildings and operations more energy efficient, thereby lowering costs and reducing the County’s carbon footprint.
• Conducted a “Green Gardening Day” for Second District and Countywide constituents to learn about how to make their landscaping more sustainable.
• Collaborated with Supervisor Carbajal and community members to implement a multi-agency Integrated Pest Management (IPM) quarterly meeting to collaborate on issues of pesticide use reduction and related concerns. Collaborated on the development of the “Santa Barbara County Green Landscape Consortium” website to bring IPM information to County constituents.

Transportation Projects
• Promoted County “Adopt-A-Median” partnerships with businesses in the Second District.
• Continued to support Hollister Avenue Median enhancements.
• Worked collaboratively with Public Works, the Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) and Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to:
  • Repair and repave the Atascadero-Goleta Beach Bike Path,
  • Repair sidewalks and streets and replace trees on several streets in the unincorporated area,
  • Implement the preventative road maintenance program for Second District Roads,
  • Reestablish portions of MTD Line 8 services through the Second District.

Safe Routes to School
• Worked with Hollister Elementary, La Colina Jr. High and San Marcos High Schools and County Public Works to improve pedestrian routes to school in the Cathedral Oaks and San Antonio Road areas.
• Successfully encouraged collaboration among the Sheriff’s Department, Public Works, San Marcos High School (SMHS) and constituents to improve safety in the bike path adjacent to SMHS by re-routing the “drop-off” area.

Public Safety
• Worked closely with staff in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Fire and other Departments during the Gap Fire to remain abreast of danger conditions and secure the Governor’s assistance for a State of Emergency declaration.
• Organized a Gap Fire Community Forum with representatives from the County Executive Office (CEO), Fire, Sheriff, Public Works, along with state and federal agencies to discuss emergency preparedness in case of winter flooding.
• Pursued improvements and expansion of public notification and education efforts on issues of disaster preparedness and public health and safety issues.
• Updated “Emergency Information” cards with phone numbers and radio stations to turn to in case of disaster.
• Conducted site visits at staging areas of major fires, including Gap and Tea Fires.
• Visited Isla Vista during Halloween night to observe issues of safety, interagency coordination and crowd control.
• Provided resources and staff assistance in setting up the Tea Fire Call Center.
• Worked with Public Works staff, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President and Goleta and Hope School District personnel to insure the installation of additional stop signs around elementary schools.
Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency
- Successfully advocated for February “budget workshops” to allow the Board, County staff and members of the public to receive and provide valuable input to the budget process in advance of the June budget hearings.
- Advocated for increased transparency and accountability regarding public employee salaries, bonuses, organizational changes and other public records information pertinent to public policy decisions.
- Represented the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on the Debt Advisory Committee.

Open Space Preservation & Environmental Protection
- San Marcos Foothills Preserve opened to the public with a public reception and ceremony. Worked with the Parks Director and community stakeholders to ensure ongoing meetings of the stewardship committee to implement an initial plan for maintenance and use of the “public park” and open space segments of the Preserve at San Marcos.
- Protected “Sempra Salt Marsh” land near Goleta Beach to prevent future damage to sensitive habitat by facilitating an agreement between the County, Gas Company, and Coastal Commission.
- Led local efforts to hold oil companies accountable for oil spills that endanger our environment and public health. Advocated for enhanced penalties and oversight by the County Petroleum Administrator.
- Participated in Foothill Open Space Planting Days to restore native vegetation.
- Tested Goleta Slough water quality with Goleta Stream Team.
- Provided funding to Channel Keepers to ensure winter water quality testing.
- Advocated for continued and increased Project Clean Water funding, and a strengthened Stormwater Ordinance.
- Worked with Parks and Project Clean Water to issue a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Watershed Resource Center that incorporates the role and presence of the Chumash and the Chumash Tomol House at Arroyo Burro Park.

Animal Services
- Encouraged installation of a dog bath at Arroyo Burro Beach Park.
- Promoted County Shelter Services on Overpass Road in Second District.

Homelessness
- Provided ongoing leadership in local groups and projects focused on homelessness including: Co-chair of the South County Homeless Advisory Committee; member of the Governing Board of the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

Education and Youth
- Continued to host an ongoing “student art display” from Second District schools in the Second District Office in collaboration with the Arts Commission members. Held the first public art opening with McKinley School student art.
- Conducted frequent visits to elementary, junior and senior high schools in the Second District to speak to classes, youth groups and at special functions.
- Met with emancipated foster youth at La Morada Transitional facility to learn of their experiences and insights on the services they receive.
- Founding member of the County Commission on Foster Care convened by Judge Herman and Social Services Director Kathy Gallagher.
- Observed proceedings in Judge Jim Herman’s Juvenile Court to better understand the challenges of the youth, families and social workers.
- Visited Children’s Mental Health to meet with staff and learn about specialized programs.

Library Services
- Strengthened financial stability and visibility of Countywide Library system through leadership on Library Advisory Committee.

Community Development
- Continued participation in Process Improvement Team meetings and workshops; advocated for expanded and strengthened noticing procedures.

Proposed Key Projects:
- Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee
  - Continue holding GVPAC monthly meetings and community workshops to update Goleta Valley Community Plan.

Public Safety
- Work to enhance existing and establish new partnerships for disaster preparedness planning among public agencies and within the community, including the expansion of Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training.
- Continue to strongly advocate for a new Emergency Operations Center and encourage partnerships with non-profits and other local agencies to offset costs.
Transportation Projects
- Continue to work with SBCAG, Caltrans, Second District municipalities and alternative transportation stakeholders to advance the planning and implementation of transportation projects that address road and highway safety, public transit, congestion and infrastructure needs, and pedestrian and bicycle safety including Safe Routes to School.

Improvements of Public Spaces:
- Work with Public Works staff and neighborhood groups to secure funding and landscape expertise to improve appearance of medians and other public spaces within the unincorporated Second District.
- Invite neighborhood associations to participate in County’s Roadway Enhancement Partnerships Program (REPP) to clean up public areas.
- Continue to seek public-private partnerships through the “Adopt-a-Median” program to improve the appearance of Hollister Avenue medians.

Sustainability Initiative
- Hold a Green Building Forum to educate Second District and County constituents on how to retrofit homes for energy efficiency.
- Work with the County Sustainability and Conservation Team to advance energy saving measures and conservation practices in County buildings and services.
- Continue working with the multi-agency Integrated Pest Management (IPM) group to collaborate on issues of pesticide use reduction and related concerns. Update the “Santa Barbara County Green Landscape Consortium” website to bring IPM information to County constituents.

Social Justice
- Establish a Social Justice Commission, if budget allows.
- Hold meetings with social justice groups on issues of importance in the Second District and throughout the County.

Watershed and Coastal Issues
- **Goleta Beach:** Work closely with County Departments and Coastal Commission staff to ensure thorough processing of Goleta Beach sand nourishment.
- **San Jose Creek:** Work with the City of Goleta to complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for San Jose Creek restoration, ensuring fish passage and public safety.
- **Gaviota Coast:** Continue initiatives to secure the preservation of open space and agriculture on the Gaviota Coast, including discussing the recommendations listed in the Gaviota Study Group report.
- Continue to work toward developing a regional watershed planning effort.

Public Health
- Advocate for a non-smoking ordinance at parks and beaches.
- Continue to promote prevention strategies to encourage women’s “heart health.”

Seniors
- Hold community forums with seniors at independent and assisted living facilities.

Youth and Educational issues
- Meet and encourage partnerships with and among individuals and organizations (public, private and educational) committed to expanding and enhancing recreational, cultural and educational opportunities for youth and adolescents.
- Continue ongoing “student art display” from Second District schools in the Second District Office in collaboration with the Arts Commission members. Hold additional public art openings with art from local schools.

Agriculture
- Continue to explore opportunities to maintain agricultural viability.

Boards and Commissions: Represented the constituents of the Second District and Santa Barbara County on a variety of county boards and commissions, including:
- Air Pollution Control District (APCD)-(Chair);
- Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON);
- Bring our Community Home: Ten-Year Plan Governing Board;
- CenCal Health-(formerly the Regional Health Authority);
- Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County (Alternate);
- California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Coastal Counties Steering Committee;
- Debt Advisory Committee;
- Downtown Child Care Center Working Group;
- First Five Children and Families Commission (alternate);
- South Coast Joint Affordable Housing Task Force;
- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council;
- Legislative Program Committee;
- Library Advisory Committee;
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO);
- Mental Health Commission (alternate);
• National Association of Counties (NACo) Health & Human Services Committee co-chair;
• Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG);
• Santa Barbara County Commission on Children in Foster Care; and
• South Coast Recreational Task Force

THIRD DISTRICT

Constituent Services:

• Be accessible and responsive to constituent phone calls, letters and e-mails with a prompt, efficient and effective system.
• Encourage community dialogue and consensus building.
• Encourage diversity and increase opportunities for interested residents to represent the Third District on County Boards and Commissions.
• Encourage efficiency, transparency and accountability in County government.
• Continue to operate and staff offices in the Santa Ynez Valley, Isla Vista and Santa Barbara.
• Continue outreach and communication with the communities of the Santa Ynez Valley, Los Alamos, Vandenberg Village, Gaviota Coast, Goleta and Isla Vista.
• Foster relationships and partnerships with neighborhood and community associations.
• The Third District office receives hundreds of email and phone requests for information or assistance per week. The staff’s goal is to respond to all phone and email messages within 24 hours.
• Appoint Third District commissioners to the various commissions and boards that advise the Board of Supervisors. Continue making county government accessible to constituents.
• Maintain a regular presence and receive feedback from community meetings in Los Alamos, Santa Ynez Valley, Isla Vista, Lompoc Valley, and hold community meetings and other informational gatherings to hear constituent concerns.
• Encourage a collaborative relationship with the municipalities of Goleta, Buellton, and Solvang.
• Participate in countywide forums concerning regional health and safety issues, such as the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Force, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board (APCD), Adult and Aging Network and others.
• Encourage collaborative relationships with the communities of Santa Ynez, Ballard, Los Olivos, Vandenberg Village, Los Alamos and Isla Vista.

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Current Year (FY 08-09) Accomplishments

• Reestablished Third District offices in Solvang and Isla Vista with regular part time office hours.
• Worked with UCSB Associated Students and constituent stakeholder groups to hold an Isla Vista community forum concerning the proposed Social Host Ordinance.
• Voted for the Lompoc Wind Energy project to bring alternative sources of energy to Santa Barbara County.
• Voted for the Gaviota Coast Rural Regional Plan to build upon existing rural policies to address the specific needs of the Gaviota Coast. Topics to be addressed include agricultural stewardship and sustainability, bio-regional planning, watershed protection, cultural resource preservation, design standards, public access and scenic resources.
• Supported the 2009 AMGEN Tour through Solvang, which was a very positive experience for the community.
• Initiated an internship program and hired two interns to work in the Isla Vista and Santa Barbara offices where they gain “hands on” experience in the workings of local government and constituent service.
• Listened to, and provided a voice for, mental health consumers and their advocates concerned about diminishing resources.
• Created constituent contact protocol to track concerns of, and responses to, constituents.
• Successfully advocated for funding of the Santa Ynez Valley Transportation Improvement Plan.
• Held meetings with neighborhood, environmental, agricultural, educational and social justice groups on issues of importance in the Third District and throughout the County.
• Represented the constituents of the Third District on a variety of county boards and commissions such as:
  • Adult and Aging Network;
  • Air Pollution Control District (APCD);
  • Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Force;
  • Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG);
  • Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); and
  • South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee.

Proposed Key Projects/Initiatives:

• Promote fiscal responsibility and, to the extent possible, keep any proposed budget cuts as far from front line services as possible.
The Third District, in collaboration with County Long Range Planning staff is working with the Santa Ynez Valley community, the County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on adoption hearings and implementation of the Santa Ynez Community Plan slated for the fall of 2009.

Implement a community plan process and appoint a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to oversee the planning process for the Gaviota Rural Region Plan.

Began recruitment, interviews, screening and outreach for appointments to the Los Alamos Planning Advisory Committee (LAPAC).

Continue assessing, and restructuring when necessary, Santa Barbara County government to promote an efficient, constituent-oriented, and cost effective departmental process while promoting transparency and accountability.

Support and maintain agricultural viability in the Third District and throughout the County.

Work with the Sheriff’s Department to focus front line law enforcement services on community concerns.

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The Fourth District Orcutt office undertook an active and purposeful outreach, going out into the community to meet neighbors and let them know the office was up and operating. Within a few months, the office participated in a wide variety of meetings. These included many Home Owners Associations, the Home Builders Association, Orcutt School administration, the Orcutt Area Advisory Group, Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association (OTORA) and Residents for Old Town Orcutt Preservation (ROTOP).

During this last year, John Karamitsos of the Planning and Development Department has been tasked with assisting the Fourth District Office, especially in areas of land use, zoning and other community issues. He has been a huge asset to the office and the residents of Orcutt.

Mr. Karamitsos has assisted the Fourth District in working with the **Oasis Senior Center** in its effort to relocate to a piece of property on Foster Road. Volunteers Pauline Hermann, Maureen Withers, Rick Velasco, Tom Dutard, Virginia Pelletier, Brian Hall and the Director of the Oasis Senior Center, Moani Goonetilleke, have all worked on the plans. Work continues, and will be a primary focus for the coming year.

With the increased presence in Orcutt, Supervisor Gray and her staff sought out community volunteers to create the **Orcutt Sports Commission**. The group identified the need for future sports fields and recreation opportunities in the area. Supervisor Gray appointed a seven-member team to serve as a focal point to inventory the existing sports fields, identify future needs and to work with the County and Parks Commission to acquire and staff such needs. The Commission mem-
bers are: Dan Blough, Terri Lee Coleman, John Karamitsos, Chuck Scheithauer, Drew Sugars, Rick Velasco and John Will.

On March 28, 2009, the Orcutt Community Park officially opened at Rice Ranch. Supervisor Gray selected 4th District Parks Commissioner Gene Peterson, Judy Capitani, Ron Bettencourt, Eda Atkins, District Attorney Christy Stanley, Rob Buchanan and Danny George as a volunteer panel. These seven Orcutt citizens representing the various local interest groups served as the Park Naming Panel. A total of twelve names and suggestions for the Park were submitted. Each suggested park name was individually reviewed and ranked by the panel. They met with Supervisor Gray to make their final recommendation, which was forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors for its approval.

Lompoc Office:

The second move occurred in February 2009, when the Lompoc Office moved into the newly renovated Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building. It is located on the South side of town, at 100 Locust Street. To facilitate the remodel and move, County General Services worked closely with the 4th District, local contractors and volunteers. For several decades the east wing of the building had served as the County Public Health Department’s clinic. In 1995, the clinic was moved to its new location on North R Street. This left the Veterans Building vacant of all County activities. Several efforts were tried over the years to locate funds to maintain the building. Without a staff presence it was nearly impossible to invest in the needed repairs. The Grand Old Lady - The Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building - was slowly slipping into a serious state of disrepair.

Today a new community-based Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building Restoration Committee has formed. The Project Coordinator is Alice Milligan and the committee members are: Joe McCormick, Lompoc Veterans Council Commander; Ernie Hutchinson, American Legion Post 125; Don Ramirez, Sons of the American Legion; Adele Ramirez Vargas, Community Volunteer; Kerry Hansen, Community Volunteer; Frank Grube, Bill Proud Post 211; Ann Ruhge, Lompoc City Council Member; Bob Lingl, Lompoc City Council Member; Susan Lindman, Veteran and Community Volunteer; Susan Warnstrom, Fourth District Office; Norm Fuggs, VFW Post 1717; and DeWayne Holmdahl, Community Volunteer and former City Council Member.

The Restoration Committee is working with General Services to identify needed repairs and upgrades. The estimated need is $3.2M. The Committee has sought outside funds and grants in order to pay for the work and, in less than one year, has located and raised well over $1.1M. The money will go to repair the roof, rewire the building and upgrade the acoustics in the auditorium, along with other safety items. The Fourth District will continue to work with the community volunteers in order to fully restore this community treasure and make it available for public enjoyment.

Casmalia:

In the community of Casmalia, the Fourth District has been instrumental in securing funds needed to upgrade the water delivery system. By working closely with the Casmalia Community Services District Board of Directors, County Housing and Community Development and Public Works Water Agency, funds have been identified that may pay for a new water tank and underground water delivery pipes. There is also research going on to determine if a new well can be drilled, thus cutting the old ties to the Casmite wells. Casmite Corporation is a public utility and is mandated to set their water rates to cover all costs of drilling, upgrades and repairs. The system is more than 50 years old and fraught with problems. The community has experienced a 300% increase in its water rates due to this policy. A new source of water and upgraded infrastructure will significantly reduce costs.

Additionally, in Casmalia, the Fourth District Office worked with the Orcutt School District Superintendent and County Parks Department. New playground equipment was needed at the Wollum School in Casmalia. Wollum was recently turned into a Charter School for the Orcutt School District. By using Quimby Funds, and partnering with County Parks, the Orcutt School District was able to provide all new playground equipment for the children in Casmalia.

Guadalupe:

The City of Guadalupe sought the help of the Fourth District Office to help with issues surrounding their Senior Center. After several meetings with the community members and the good
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leadership of City Councilman Ariston Julian, a solution was found. The Guadalupe Veterans Memorial Building and the Veteran groups who call it home opened their doors to the seniors. The Community Action Commission, headed by Fran Forman, Marian Medical Center and the City of Guadalupe now offers expanded programs including health screenings, nutritious meals and social activities for a large number of Guadalupe seniors.

Proposed Key Projects & Priorities:

In 2009-2010, the Fourth District Office will continue to strive in delivering useful assistance to constituents. The office is open 8AM to 5PM in Lompoc and 9AM to 4PM in Orcutt. The volunteers who serve on County Commissions, Boards, Committees and Advisory groups representing the Fourth District are an integral part of the operation. They are a vital link that assists the County in providing meaningful and timely service. As always, Supervisor Gray plans to continue making appointments to be sure the voice of the Fourth District is heard.

Key projects and priorities will continue to be Roads and Infrastructure. The Fourth District will work with County Public Works, SBCAG and Caltrans to provide safe and well maintained county roads within the District. Additionally, Public Safety remains a priority. The District will support adequate public safety funding to carry out mandates. Supervisor Gray and her staff will work to coordinate efforts with the County Sheriff, Deputies, Firefighters, Courts, District Attorney and Probation Departments to be sure the public is well served. Finally, the fiscal management of the County will prove to be critical in the future. Supervisor Gray will use long range management skills in order to weather the current fiscal constraints. She will plan for the worst case scenario in order to keep vital county services available.

FIFTH DISTRICT

The Fifth District Geographical area:

The Fifth District encompasses the beautiful rural areas of Garey, Sisquoc, Tepusquet, New Cuyama, Cuyama and Ventucopa as well as the City of Santa Maria, which has become the largest city in Santa Barbara County.

The County’s population growth since the 2001 redistricting has propelled the Fifth District into becoming the largest populated district of all five supervisorial districts.

Throughout his tenure on the Board of Supervisors, which began in 2003, Supervisor Joseph Centeno, who is currently serving as the Chair of the Board, has consistently advocated for the pressing needs of his district, primarily in the rural areas, while also ensuring that constituency services throughout the district and County receive the utmost attention.

Constituent Services:

The highest priority of Supervisor Centeno’s office is making sure that all constituency concerns are immediately responded to with the greatest degree of effectiveness that is humanly possible. Having dedicated 55 years of public service to the people of his beloved Santa Maria Valley, Supervisor Centeno maintains an uncompromised principle for ensuring that constituents in the Fifth District, and all other County residents, are treated with the utmost respect, dignity and compassion when they need government assistance or intervention in dealing with their concerns. The guiding principle in addressing constituent services in Supervisor Centeno’s office is that government should be a partner, not a hindrance, in people’s lives when, or if, governmental assistance is requested and needed.

Community Development and Physical Infrastructure Improvements:

Working with a broad interagency collaborative of governmental entities, Supervisor Centeno has effectively addressed vital community development projects including a much anticipated aquatics center for the Cuyama Valley that is scheduled to be opened by Summer, 2009. In addition, the decades old problem of a temporary crossing over the Sisquoc River was resolved with the construction of a new permanent bridge which began in March, 2009.

Accomplishments and Ongoing Key Projects:

Supervisor Centeno has established key relationships with Board colleagues and County departmental staff to ensure cooperation and consensus in developing a broader understanding of the issues that directly impact the Fifth District and North County and, by doing so, to effectively address those issues through a collaborative responsiveness. He has successfully brought many critical issues to the forefront including, but not limited to, the following areas of community interest:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Cuyama Valley Aquatics Center: Secured funding for a $1.8 million aquatics center for the Cuyama Valley which is scheduled for completion by the summer of 2009. In 2003 the community of New Cuyama learned that the community’s only swimming pool had been condemned by the State for structural failures arising from the devastating earthquake in December 2003. Following a series of Town Hall meetings in the Cuyama Valley, the residents voiced their request for a new swimming pool. By working with key County staff, Supervisor Centeno was able to secure the funding and, eventually, all the various approvals including environmental and design reviews. Construction of the new swimming pool began with a groundbreaking ceremony in December 2008. The County’s General Services Department is serving as the lead agency on the swimming pool project and the County’s Parks Department
will resume operational responsibilities upon its completion. More than 300 school-aged children and youth from the Cuyama Valley were among the notable constituency groups that were pivotal in making the dream of a community swimming pool a reality.

- **Cuyama Recreation Center**: Engaged with County Housing & Community Development staff on a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the rehabilitation of the Cuyama Recreation Center.

- **Blochman School Community Park Project**: Working with the Blochman School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and community on a proposed community park project at Blochman School including upgraded playground equipment and other amenities, and meeting regularly with their staff.

- **Community Parks**: In collaboration with Fourth District Supervisor Joni Gray, secured funding and completed two community parks for Orcutt and Casmalia, primarily with a sharing of local Quimby development funding and in conjunction with County Parks.

**PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

- **Tepusquet Bridge**: Secured funding for, and completed design of, the $8.5 million Tepusquet Bridge. This addresses a decades old problem of a temporary crossing over the Sisquoc River which washes out every year when the heavy rains fall. After an arduous environmental review process, the bridge project was given final approvals and construction began in March 2009. The County’s Public Works Department, acting as the lead local agency during the construction of the Tepusquet Bridge, will assume maintenance responsibilities once the bridge is completed - anticipated in early 2010. Among key groups that helped to make this a successful project was the County Fire Department, which estimates that the permanent bridge will reduce their response time in this valley by seven to twelve minutes, often in critical situations when every minute makes a difference in public safety.

- **Santa Maria River Levee**: Working in concert with the Army Corps of Engineers, the County’s Public Works Department, Congresswoman Lois Capps and Santa Maria Mayor Larry Lavagnino, Supervisor Centeno is actively engaged in securing $42 million to upgrade and improve the Santa Maria River Levee.

- **Tepusquet Road**: Working with the County Public Works Department, Tepusquet Road has been resurfaced primarily through the use of Measure D funding. Supervisor Centeno helped change the funding formula to reflect the rural road miles in the Fifth District and, by increasing the amount going to the Fifth District, many road improvements were made possible, including Tepusquet Road.

- **Highway 101 Widening**: Working in conjunction with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), City of Santa Maria officials, Caltrans staff and area State Legislators, the $35 million widening of Highway 101 from four lanes to six lanes between the Santa Maria Way and the North Broadway interchanges was completed, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on January 30, 2009.

**HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

- **Children’s Health Initiative**: Spearheading a collaborative effort with First District Supervisor Salud Carbajal, developed the Children’s Health Initiative which provides urgently needed health care insurance for children and families who earn too much to qualify for existing programs but earn too little to pay for health care (often out of an already stretched family budget). When children obtained health insurance, access to medical services within the last year increased from 59% to 95% in 10 months. Dental Services increased from 22% to 93% in the same time frame.

- **Westgate Childcare Center**: Funded $7,500 for needed upgrades at the Westgate Childcare Center upon the Community Action Commission taking control of this critically important facility.

- **Committees**: Worked closely with a wide range of stakeholders and community members in numerous youth, human, and social services committees, including serving as Chairman of the Kids Network, sponsoring meetings of the Homeless Coalition, attending monthly meetings of the Area Agency on Aging, assisting with the state-mandated Child Welfare Plan, attending regular meetings of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, Law Library Board of Trustees, Indian Gaming Committee, Mental Health Commission, City of Santa Maria’s Chamber Transportation Committee and participating in the Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back program.

- **Affordable Housing**: Coordinated with a wide range of stakeholders, including the County’s Housing & Community Development Department, to find workable solutions for providing

**SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

- **Garey Intersection**: Secured funding for the $350,000 realignment of the Foxen and Mesa Roads intersection in Garey which includes a re-design of a dangerous intersection that will vastly improve the road safety for motorists.

- **Highway 166 Rehabilitation**: Working in close collaboration with Caltrans and area State Legislators, a $20 million rehabilitation of Highway 166 was completed in late 2008 and included critically important safety improvements such as left turn lanes at both school sites in the Cuyama Valley and in the New Cuyama Township.

- **Highway 166 Task Force**: Actively engaged in a Highway 166 Task Force led by the California Highway Patrol, area State Legislators and local public safety agencies. Recent studies showed a dramatic improvement in the reduction of fatalities and traffic collisions on that road.

- **Cuyama Airport**: Involved County staff in overseeing the cleanup of the “auto crusher pile” at the Cuyama Airport.

- **Richardson Park**: Facilitated timely and responsive maintenance improvements to Richardson Park in Cuyama.
affordable housing. This included the establishment of a Board sanctioned, seven-member Affordable Housing Advisory Committee that meets regularly with broad community representation, as well as with active involvement from appropriate County staff.

- **Medical and Health Care Issues**: Maintained regular communications with Marian Medical Center and the County Public Health Department on medical and health care issues, including contracts with doctors and other medical care providers.

- **Cuyama Valley DVD**: In collaboration with First Five, worked on the production and distribution of an informational DVD on Cuyama Valley to draw and increase attention and awareness of the human and social services needs in an isolated rural area of the County.

- **Pet Over-Population**: Participated on a citizens’ committee created by the BOS to develop a strategy to address the issue of pet over-population in our community.

**EFFECTIVE, RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE**

- **Organizational Improvements**: By developing a close working relationship with Santa Barbara County Executive Officer (CEO) Michael Brown, continued making improvements to the overall organizational functions. Beginning with changes stemming from the successful reorganization of County Government when the CEO was provided with increased authority over departmental activities, responsibilities and functions, the overarching objective continues to be the enhancement of public accountability and customer service responsiveness.

- **Mandatory Furlough Program**: Full cooperation and participation in the Mandatory Furlough Program that included a reduction of pay for 20 consecutive pay periods with the equivalent number of hours of time off; as well as keeping the Fifth District Office staffed at all times during the December 22, 2008 - January 4, 2009 furlough closure.

- **California Tiger Salamander (CTS)**: Coordinating with a wide range of stakeholders affected by the California Tiger Salamander (CTS) issue, organized steering committee meetings for the development of balanced public policies in the determination of the size and scope of protecting the CTS habitat while maintaining the ability to preserve ongoing and future economic vitality activities in the Santa Maria Valley.

- **Annexation Process**: Working actively through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) annexation process, ensure that the expressed interests of the City of Santa Maria are accommodated to best serve the people of the Valley in short- and long-term objectives.

- **North County Board of Architectural Review (NBAR)**: Implemented a North County Board of Architectural Review (NBAR) which provides residents of the Santa Maria and Cuyama Valleys a venue to have their projects reviewed, saving residents time and money from having to drive to Santa Barbara, as was previously the situation.

- **Review Process**: Worked directly with project applicants confronted with problems in the review process to arrive at mutually satisfactory resolutions. In conjunction with these ongoing activities, maintained active participation in the County’s permitting improvement process by attending regularly scheduled meetings of the Process Improvement Committee. This has resulted in making the process easier to navigate, more time-efficient and cost-effective, while maintaining the quality of development in the County.

- **Agricultural Issues**: Conducting regular weekly meeting to discuss agricultural issues.

- **Appointments**: As the Fifth District Supervisor, made appointments to 25 various Boards, Commissions and Committees.

- **Zoning**: Established a timetable to complete zoning consistency by eliminating antiquated zoning regulations, such as Agricultural Ordinance 661, to ensure that property owners in these parcels have the same allowable zoning rights as everyone else in the County.

- **Capital Projects**: Ongoing effort to fund the construction of a new Betteravia Government Center Board Hearing Room and Emergency Operations Center to accommodate the increased needs of the growing population of the North County.

**COUNTYWIDE COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

- **Memberships/Sponsorships**: Represented the Fifth District and the Board of Supervisors on numerous county and regional agencies, and boards and commissions, such as the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution District and the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), among other like agencies. Sponsored numerous resolutions and award certificates to organizations and persons that represented the Fifth District.

- **Board Projects**: Collaborated with the other four districts on the following projects: Naples Project / Diamond Rock Mining Project / Orcutt Academy in Camasal / Benefit Service Center for Department of Social Services / Santa Maria Levee / Santa Maria Public Library.

- **Public Access to Staff**: Working collaboratively with Fourth District Supervisor Joni Gray to ensure that all residents of the Santa Maria Valley, whether they live in Orcutt, Guadalupe, Santa Maria or Casmala and other areas of the 4th and the 5th supervisorial districts, have the highest access to all staff to ensure their concerns are responded to in the most efficient manner possible.
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