

SUBMISSION PORTAL OVERVIEW

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No, this is my official Submission.

Part 1: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Application Window

This application is being submitted in the following application window:

Window #1, 12/1/2022 - 2/28/2023

Eligible Applicant

Select the eligible applicant's jurisdiction type.

County

What is the name of the city or county?

County of Santa Barbara

Implementing Organization

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County of Santa Barbara

Specific Unit or Office Within the Implementing Organization

Community Services Department, Housing and Community Development division

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Part 2: PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

People Served

Number of people currently residing in prioritized encampment site
250

Of people currently residing in prioritized encampment site, how many will be served by this proposal?
200

Given the potential for inflow of people into the prioritized encampment site, how many people are projected to be served across the entire grant period?
250

Of people projected to be served across the entire grant period, number of people projected to transition into interim shelters
100

Of people projected to be served across the entire grant period, number of people projected to transition into permanent housing
100

Is the prioritized encampment site part of a larger encampment area?
No

Encampment Information

1. Briefly describe the characteristics of the people residing within the prioritized encampment site. The description must include demographics and may include household compositions, disabilities, and projected service and housing needs. (1500 character limit)

Expansion of local mapping and data collection efforts has provided a comprehensive understanding of persons residing within the prioritized encampment: significant numbers of people are prioritized for PSH and experience disabling conditions such as Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Health Conditions (approx.. 60%); significant numbers of persons with limited English-speaking and literacy skills reside in

the area, effectively responding to these key demographic characteristics is a corner stone to the region's encamp. response and will help address racial equity and serve populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness. Most people in the prioritized area do not have any recent housing history, supported by documented chronic homelessness status. Persons in prioritized sites in South Santa Barbara County and the Lompoc Valley have strong ties to SB County, as documented in mapping software, HMIS, and PIT Count data. Persons in the prioritized site in the SM riverbed, while technically in San Luis Obispo County, have strong ties to the City of Santa Maria and SB County; they travel from the riverbed in SLO County to SB County for work and services, and many were last housed in SB County. This location has afforded an opportunity for both counties and the city to collaborate in outreach and intervention efforts as detailed throughout this application.

2. Briefly describe physical characteristics of the prioritized encampment site in which the people you are proposing to serve are residing. The description must include the specific location, physical size of the area, the types of structures people are residing in at the site, whether vehicles are present, and any other relevant or notable physical characteristics of the site. (1000 character limit)

Sites located in dangerous and heavily impacted waterways near state ROW are prioritized: riverbeds, creeks, and beaches (Santa Maria/SM riverbed between SB and SLO counties; Santa Ynez/SY riverbed in Lompoc and Solvang; creeks leading to beaches in South SB County). The SM site presents a beneficial opportunity to partner with SLO County and Caltrans, as the riverbed spans between county lines under a Caltrans ROW; this has led to the joint application on behalf of the two counties, as it serves a population transient between the City of SM in SB County, and more rural areas in SLO county. The SY riverbed in Lompoc and Solvang also runs under a Caltrans ROW, and presents an opportunity to resolve homelessness in an area heavily impacted by encamps for a number of years. Homeless encamps near creek systems leading to beaches in South SB County have a history intertwined with hazardous enviro impacts, as documented by local researchers, nonprofits, and public/governmental agencies.

3. Why is this particular encampment site being prioritized? (1000 character limit)

Sites are prioritized because of size, potential loss of life and enviro impacts. Sites are remote and difficult for SO teams responsible for large geographic areas to visit as frequently as needed. During the Jan 2023 Federally-declared disaster, the region made national news because of the dangerous conditions, which has since been impacted by additional storms and Federally-controlled water spillway releases; SB County's Encampment Response (ER) Coordinator was deployed to the Emergency Operations Center and developed and implemented an extreme weather response protocol, which saved lives during the disaster period and has since provided a coord. framework for weather extremes, such as freezing temperatures, atmospheric river storm systems, and dam spillway water releases. Encamps often contain trash and human waste that threaten the ocean environment. This funding would expand SO teams and include specialized members to meet unique needs of the vulnerable population.

Attachment: Map

CERF-2 Map.pdf

4. Is the prioritized site on a state right-of-way?

Yes - partially

Attachment: Caltrans Letter of Support

0. ERF Caltrans Letter of Support - SB - signed.pdf

Proposal's Outcomes

5. What are the outcomes this proposal seeks to accomplish by the grant close (6/30/2026)? If funded, what are the primary activities you are planning to implement to achieve the proposal's outcomes? (1000 character limit)

Teams are projected to serve approximately 250 ppl, linking them to svcs to meet their unique needs, such as: SO case managers and housing navigators, MH practitioners, certified SUD specialists, medical coords, housing locator/landlord liaisons, and community supports. IH and PH projects near prioritized areas are under development; 100 persons are projected to transition directly into those identified PH and/or IH projects. Funding will support specialized SO teams to provide in-field case mgmt to encourage people to accept available and planned IH and PH. Teams will meet acute needs in the field and will link unsheltered persons to long-term supportive svcs to ensure their retention in housing placements. Partner jurisdictions have committed to leveraging existing SO teams, liaising with short-term non-congregate scattered sites, providing linkages to landlords, and partnering with enviro groups.

6. How will the applicant measure progress towards the proposal's outcomes? (1000 character limit)

A persons served by-named list (consistent with ERF-1) will be maintained, and progress toward proposed outcomes will be measured in HMIS and regional mapping software (documenting movement and progress in specific geographic regions), and reviewed with the specialized SO team and partners on a bi-weekly basis, and via reports. Partners will monitor enviro quality reports. Quarterly reports will be presented to Fed, State, SB and SLO counties, and cities elected leadership via Elected Leaders Forums, which has broad representation from local jurisdictions, county and city staff, and other community stakeholder groups. An annual report on the Encampment Response Program will be presented to the Boards of Supervisors of SB and SLO counties. Interim reporting is done via the local Continuum of Care board meetings, CoC committee meetings, Counties-Cities Affordable Housing Task Force meetings, and other relevant venues.

7. Are there any local ordinances, resources, or other factors that may hinder achieving the proposal's outcomes? If so, how will the applicant navigate these challenges? (1000 character limit)

The community at large is reaching a level of intolerance for encamps, creating desperation among elected leaders. Because of immediate public safety concerns, Caltrans has been actively clearing encamps, and mapping software has documented movement of people from ROW to creeks. CalTrans will follow a protocol of taking action on the encamp. site with a 2-weeks' notice to the ERF grantee, and by collaborating with ERF grantee, unless critical circumstances exist when an encamp. poses an imminent threat to life, health, safety, or infrastructure and must be immediately addressed, reflecting CalTrans willingness to help and cord with, local partners. SBC's Encampment Resolution Strategy (ERS) provided the framework needed to address and resolve encamps throughout the County. If funded, the expanded specialized SO teams, as well as the availability of IH and PH, will allow for more immediate response and linkages of encamp. residents to positive pathways and outcomes.

8. Is this proposal a standalone project or part of a larger initiative?

Larger initiative

8. a) How would this larger initiative be categorized?

Part of a larger project for encampments in general

Part of a larger initiative

Please describe. (1000 character limit)

The strategy addresses successful resolution of encamps: increased access to shelter, leveraged housing subsidies, new IH and PH units, robust SO and engagement, and sustained funding. Other policies address the needs of specific populations and how those populations are connected to svcs and housing. The purpose of the strategy and protocol is to provide increased clarity and coord. around all aspects of encamp. responses and locations, including waterways throughout the region: roles and responsibilities; coord. and management of limited resources; addressing encamps based on defined criteria; and data collection and established metrics to measure the effectiveness of the strategy and protocol in reducing encamps. The roles identified (Coordinator, Public Health, Fire, Law Enforcement, SO staff, Caltrans, and

specific cities) have experience assessing encamps and recommending interventions based on key criteria and availability of resources.

Part 3: IMPLEMENTATION

Core Service Delivery and Housing Strategies

9. Describe the proposed outreach and engagement strategy, case management, and / or service coordination for people while they are continuing to reside within the encampment site. Quantify units of service to be delivered including the ratio of staff to people served, frequency of engagement, and length of service periods. (2000 character limit)

SBC's Board of Sups took bold action in 2021 by committing to an Encamp Resolution (ER) Strategy and Encamp Response Protocol and Team, including creation of a role dedicated to coord encamp response. ARPA investments support SO in both SB and SLO counties. CA ERF-1 supports a SO team focused on the transit corridor. The implementation of a mapping software for documenting encamps and other SO efforts has helped define and deploy resources and increase efficiency by pinpointing locations. The specialized teams proposed to be funded by CA ERF-2 are modeled after the local Emergency Housing Voucher strategy: the HA of SB County and the HA of the City of SB led the nation in the expedited utilization of EHV's through collab, landlord incentives, process streamlining, and housing navigators. In this model, the region used best practices to deliver tailored supportive svcs to meet individual needs: connected clients to mainstream svcs through stronger partnerships with social svcs, and the region has a contracted agency to provide supportive svcs with mental health and substance abuse counseling staff to be part of the housing placement and retention team. Specialized SO teams will: allow ample time for comprehensive engagement and case mgmt, including flexible SO hours; understand the population at the site and their needs; document SO consistently to assess needs and interests in housing and/or svcs (daily updates to mapping software and in HMIS); identify resources to be offered: housing, emergency shelter, storage, trash disposal, transportation, hygiene trailers, safe needle drops, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations; understand the community's (members of the encamp.) informal leadership to facilitate buy-in on housing options. All interventions will include health and safety measures, and will be based on health and safety risks, available resources, and capacity. These best practices have been widely adopted statewide under CA ERF and have shown results locally.

10. Describe the role of Coordinated Entry in the context of this proposal and how Coordinated Entry policies or processes will support and / or hinder the implementation of this proposal. (1000 character limit)

Counties of SB and SLO serve as CES lead agency, CoC collab app, admin entity, and HMIS lead, facilitates most funding to address hmlssnss, and manages regional SO coord. SB County's ER Coord is part of the CE admin team, and works with SO providers to identify housing opps and advocate for unsheltered clients. Ppl are prioritized for housing and svc interventions according to SM / SB County CoC and ESG Written Standards, which prioritize those with the most urgent and severe needs. Highest VI-SPDAT, TAY VI-SPDAT or Family VI-SPDAT scores are given the highest priority for longer-term solutions. CE priorit combines assess results with CoC's priorit policies and procedures to eval level of vulnerability as determined by these assess, and best hsng placement (priority for resources and vacancies at housing and supportive svcs projects). Case workers have discretion based on subjective criteria such as suitability, client choice, and difficulty of finding and preparing to enter housing.

11. Please describe the interim shelter and permanent housing opportunities proposed to support this proposal and provide evidence of the applicant's demonstrated ability and commitment to deliver permanent housing for people residing in the prioritized encampment. (2000 character limit)

This proposal will rely on new and existing non-cong IH projects in a village model, and leveraging existing vouchers through a hmlss pref and new PH coming online. SM: 50 of the 94 units will be available to persons who are unshelt in the community, including the SM riverbed (summer/fall 2023). Unincorp area between Goleta and SB: 100 rooms; this dev will primarily serve persons moving from the transit corridor, as it is partially funded by CA ERF-1, although some units will be available to persons in creeks within the transit corridor (late 2023/early 2024). Lompoc Valley: addl 60 units on currently open space, open to

persons currently unshelt in riverbed area and surrounding community. SBC's experience with non-cong shelter cabins and Roomkey, and CA ERF Round 1 demonstrated that non-cong IH is critical to ending unshelt hmlss and resolving encamps while addl PH opps are developed; local non-cong projects have shown over 50% pathway to PH thus far. Use of County-owned or 'by-right sites' is necessary to expedite the dev process, and is moving forward with community engagement, site planning, estab, and ops of IH projects. PH (Homekey) in Goleta, will consist of 59 PSH units and provides a pathway to PH for persons in the Goleta area creeks and beaches (mid-2023). PH (LIHTC) in SB, will provide 28 new affordable rental studio units and supportive svcs to persons moving from hmlssnss (mid-2023). Additional PH projects are in pre-dev stages. As PH is dev through Homekey, LIHTC, and other local investments, clients are also prioritized for Project-Based and Hsng Choice Vouchers. Both local PHAs have a hmlss preference in voucher programs, prioritize PH for PEH, and partner with svc providers to ensure they house and retain residents with supp svcs; this allows us to connect people to PH faster. This strong history of partnership led to success and national recognition of EHV utilization in SB County.

12. Describe how this proposal is tailored to meet the needs and preferences of people residing within the prioritized encampment. (1500 character limit)

Extensive local efforts to expand robust SO and engag and supp svcs through funding, training, and collab implementation of best practices: ppl prioritized for PSH and experiencing disabling conditions such as SUD and Chronic Health Conditions; limited English-speaking and literacy skills, addressing racial equity and serving pops disproportionately impacted by homelessness; no recent housing history, with documented chronic homelessness. Mapping software allows us to locate people and encamps quickly (prioritized sites are remote); ERF-2 would expand SO teams and include specialized members to meet the unique needs of the vulnerable pop. CA HHAP funding developed EHV PSH scattered site supportive svcs to meet countywide critical needs and promote long term stability in housing; this successful model is being replicated in combination and coord with SO needs. The field housing placement and retention team, with experience providing MH and SUD svcs to PEH and other vulnerable pops throughout the region, will provide intensive supp svcs and case mgmt including: housing navigation, landlord liaison svcs; practitioners to provide assessment and treatment; certified substance abuse specialists; hous. retention skills; peer supp activities; Benefits counseling and advocacy; transport svcs; and coord to help clients with unmet medical needs (routine and preventive health and dental care, medication mgmt, and wellness).

Table 1: Projected Living Situations Immediately Following the Encampment

Briefly Describe Each Projected Living Situation Immediately Following the Encampment	Is This Permanent Housing?	Quantify The Capacity (e.g., number of beds/units, frequency of bed/unit availability)	Prioritized or Set-Aside for ERF-2-R?	Is this living situation funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?	% of Served Persons Projected to Fall Within This Living Situation
Staying or living with family, temporary tenure	No	N/A	Neither	Leveraged	2
Emergency Shelter	No	N/A	Neither	Leveraged	10
Other Interim	No	N/A	Neither	Leveraged	10

Housing					
Non-Congregate Shelter: SM	No	50 rooms	Prioritized	Both	25
Non-Congregate Shelter: LV	No	60 rooms	Prioritized	Both	25
Non-Congregate Shelter: South	No	50 rooms	Prioritized	Both	25
Non-Congregate Shelter: PRK	No	N/A	Prioritized	Both	5
HUD-VA Supportive Housing Program Vouchers (HUD-VASH)	Yes	N/A	Prioritized	Leveraged	2
Continuum of Care Program (CoC)	Yes	N/A	Prioritized	Leveraged	2
Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)	Yes	N/A	Prioritized	Leveraged	2
Project Based Vouchers	Yes	N/A	Prioritized	Leveraged	5
Housing Choice Vouchers	Yes	N/A	Prioritized	Leveraged	5
Homekey	Yes	87 units secured	Prioritized	Both	5
HOME Program (HUD)	Yes	N/A	Neither	Leveraged	2
Other Permanent Housing	Yes	N/A	Neither	Both	5
Rental Assistance: short-term and	Yes	N/A	Prioritized	Both	5

RRH

Table 2: Projected Housing and Service Pathways to Permanent Housing

Describe Projected Housing and Service Pathway to Permanent Housing	Quantify the Capacity of the Housing and Service Pathway	Is this Housing and Service Pathway Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?
Interim Housing	12%	Leveraged
Non-congregate shelter	75%	Both
Other interim housing programs	10%	Leveraged
Rental Assistance	5%	Both
Short-term and Rapid Rehousing	50%	Both
Longer-Term and Permanent Rental Subsidies	15%	Leveraged
Permanent Housing Plus Services	13%	Leveraged
Supportive Housing	5%	Both
Service-Enriched Affordable Housing	15%	Both

Table 3: Strategies to Mitigate Displacement

Strategy	Is this Strategy Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?
County of SB Encampment Resolution Strategy	Lev
County of SB Encampment Response Protocol	Lev
County of SB Encampment Response Coordinator	Lev
ARPA Street Outreach	Lev
Other Street Outreach	Lev
Extreme Weather Response Protocol	Lev
Storage	Lev
Sanitation Services	Lev

Environmental Rehabilitation	Lev
Amplify approach through countywide Elected Leaders Forums	Lev
Amplify approach through countywide Coordinated Outreach Team meetings	Lev
Specialized outreach teams	Both
Interim Housing capital and operations	Both
Permanent Housing capital and operations	Both
Transportation	Both
Flexible RRH Funds	Both

Table 4: Strategies to Mitigate Returns to Unsheltered Homelessness

Strategy	Is this Strategy Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?
County of SB Encampment Resolution Strategy	Lev
Supportive Services (funded by ARPA, HHAP, other sources)	Lev
Storage	Lev
Amplify approach through countywide Elected Leaders Forums	Lev
Amplify approach through countywide Coordinated Entry Case Conference meetings	Lev
CoC working group: Preventing Homelessness & Retaining Housing	Both
Shelter Diversion/Housing Problem Solving	Both
Low Barrier access to treatment and mental health support	Both
“Reimagining Shelter” technical assistance	Both
Specialized retention teams	Both
Interim Housing capital and operations	Both
Permanent Housing capital and operations	Both
Transportation	Both
Flexible RRH Funds	Both

13. Describe how this proposal considers and plans for the dynamic nature of encampments

including potential inflow of people into the geographically served areas. (1000 character limit)

When initiating resol of a camp, it is critical to simultaneously employ other interventions (ex: re-planting vegetation, warning signage, regular SO) to prevent re-encamp. Enviro groups have funding for removal of remaining debris once clients have moved from unsheltered homelessness. ERF-2 will leverage efforts in sensitive areas such as creeks and ocean outlets. County and CoC developed and funded strategies to prevent homelessness: eviction prevention, incl. dispute resolution and legal svcs and flexible eviction-prevention fund; flex funding for basic needs to sustain households; hmlss prevention svcs to prevent and re-house people quickly admin. thru CES and HMIS; risk mitigation and incentive funds; flex housing subsidy pool through MCP and MediCal expansion; culture of prevention/shelter diversion incl. program pilot; low barrier access to treatment and MH support; earlier discharge planning prior to exit from jails/prisons, hospital systems, and foster care.

14. Describe how this proposal will support individuals with continued access to and / or the storage of their personal property. (1000 character limit)

SB County has made storage available to persons moving from encamps into shelter/housing through its approved and funded Encamp Resolution Strategy and Response Protocol. Designated SO /shelter staff visit encamp. sites; if the encamp. dweller is present, visits may include sorting items for removal/storage. SO teams offer to store property (when removing obstructions and immediate hazards, and when resolving encamps). SB County makes a cart with lock for personal storage available to each person residing in encamps. Items are packed by the owner, supervised by the SO teams. The contracted partner relocates the storage cart to a secure site, and the owner is notified how to access property. A contracted svc provider is available to provide access to retrieve belongings for up to 90 days. After 90 days, any remaining items may be disposed of. Storage and recovery of personal property is at no cost to the individual that owns the property.

15. Describe how this proposal will support individuals with service animals and/or pets. (1000 character limit)

Currently, SO teams coord in-field support from and alongside animal care programs, including but not limited to food, certification, vaccination, and registration. Existing interim and PH offers animal "run" areas, and efforts funded by ERF-2 will continue to allow and support individuals with svc animals and/or pets. Regular training on Housing First and Fair Housing is offered to all svc providers, and is communicated to clients. This training includes definitions of assistance animals and obligations of housing providers, as well as connections to animal care supports. Interim and PH providers may request documentation to support reasonable accommodations; however, there is no legal requirement that the animal be "certified "or" registered." Owners of "Service Animals" and "Emotional Support Animals" may need to meet site/program-specific guidelines and offer documentation to support reasonable accommodation requests.

Budget and Resource Plan

16. State the total amount of ERF-2-R funds requested.

\$6,000,000.00

17. State the estimated dollar value of secured, non-ERF-2-R resources that will help meet this proposal's outcomes.

\$875,000.00

18. Identify and describe these non-ERF-2-R resources. (1000 character limit)

\$875,000 from existing SO teams and admin support plus amounts to-be-determined/reported as they are leveraged via CalAIM Housing Supports, CA HHAP RRAH, and interim and PH capital and operations.

19. Describe how the proposal is a prudent and effective use of requested funding relative to the number of people it seeks to serve and the types of services and housing to be provided in the proposal. Include an explanation of how the requested ERF-2-R amount was determined. (1000 character limit)

Implementation of ERF-1 and EHV supportive svcs demonstrated what is needed for encamp. resolution in prioritized areas: regular data collection and analysis, trained specialized SO staff, supportive svcs, identified/secured and funded sites for IH and PH development, flex funds to allow for a smooth pathway from unsheltered homelessness to PH, retention staff and funding, strong partnerships and regular comms with landlords and housing authorities, training on system performance, and case conferencing to ensure warm case management handoffs from field teams to interim and PH retention teams. SBC's experience with non-cong shelter cabins and Roomkey, and CA ERF Round 1 demonstrated that non-cong IH is critical to ending unshelt hmlss and resolving encamps while addl PH opps are developed; local non-cong projects have shown over 50% pathway to PH thus far. The exact amounts in the budget are developed based on similar efforts, and incorporate a living wage and benefits.

Attachment: Standardized Budget

ERF-2-R, Budget Template_SantaBarbaraSLOCounties.xlsx

Key Entities and Staff

20. First, describe the implementing organization and specific unit or office within the implementing organization that would administer ERF-2-R. Then, describe their role and primary responsibilities for this proposal. Finally, if these entities have managed a complex homelessness project or grant, describe how those experiences informed this proposal. (1500 character limit)

SB County's Community Svcs Dept, Housing and Community Dev (HCD), will implement ERF-2 in coord with SLO County, cities, and Caltrans. HCD serves as CES lead agency, CoC collab applicant, admin entity, and HMIS lead, facilitates most Fed/State/local funding to address homelessness, and manages regional SO coord. HCD will replicate actions taken for ERF-1: accept and admin (execute certifications, standard forms, and grant agr required for disbursement); subrecipient awards (IH, specialized SO team staffing); grant admin and reporting (monitoring of mapping software and HMIS data entry, coord of regional svc providers and partners; mtgs and training with ERF-contracted svc providers, in-field site visits, reporting and invoice processing, and coord of sanitation svcs and enviro rehab following resolution of encamps). SB County has seen success in non-cong shelter in village models in Isla Vista, SB, and Lompoc, providing critical health svcs and pathways to PH. Implementation of ERF-1 and EHV supportive svcs demonstrated what is needed for encamp. resolution: regular data collection and analysis, trained specialized SO staff, supp svcs, identified/secured and funded sites for IH and PH dev, flex funds to allow for a smooth pathway from unsheltered hmlssnss to PH, retention staff and funding, strong partnerships and regular comms with landlords and housing authorities, training on system performance, and case conf for warm handoffs from field teams to IH and PH retention teams.

Table 5: Key Staff

Title	Currently Filled Position?	FTE of Staffing for This Proposal	Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?	Brief Description of Duties
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SBC Encampment Response Coordinator	Yes	.25	Both	Admin, monitoring, reporting, coordination
Supervisor/Team Lead	No	1.5	Both	SO
Outreach Case Manager and Housing Navigator	No	4	Both	SO
Mental Health Practitioner	No	3	Both	SO
Certified Substance Use Disorder Specialist	No	3	Both	SO
Medical Coordinator	Yes	.25	Both	Services Coord
Housing Locator/Landlord Liaison	No	2	Both	Delivery of PH
Data Analyst (HMIS, mapping software)	No	1	Both	System Support

21. First, describe key partners that will collectively pursue the proposal's outcomes. Then, describe their role and primary responsibilities for this proposal. Finally, if these entities have managed a complex homelessness project or grant, describe how those experiences informed this proposal. (1500 character limit)

As detailed in letters of support from: SLO County; cities of Carpinteria, SB, Goleta, Lompoc, Solvang, and SM; Caltrans; CA Assm Hart; and CA Sen Limón: there is commitment to a coord approach to meeting the unique needs of PEH in waterways by creating a clear pathway to PH. The region has been featured in nationwide workshops, sharing how we creatively and strategically leveraged resources to support specific eligible activities which together made a complete project. Partners engaged in current efforts are uniquely qualified; they are experts in their field, and provide insight when assessing encamps for safety, size, location, and health factors. Hmlss svc providers have extensive experience facilitating pathways from hmlssnss to PH under contract with SB and SLO counties, cities, and in other regions throughout CA. Other partners, such as Social Svcs, Behavioral Wellness, Public Defender, Parks, Public Works, Project Clean Water, Flood Control, Office of Emergency Mgmt, city-specific agencies and enviro and community groups will continue to be engaged. Implementation of ERF-1, EHV supportive svcs in a scattered site model, IH devs dedicated to specific geog areas, and extreme weather response required partners to manage complex client needs, community dynamics, and funding. ERF-1, and the 100-day-challenge effort to launch the implementation, demonstrated the importance of clear comms, roles and responsibilities, and regular collab mtgs.

22. Describe specific examples of how Local Jurisdiction(s) and the CoC have collaborated on the

design and implementation of this proposal. (1000 character limit)

The need for a regional approach to address encamps in dangerous and enviro sensitive areas in and around waterways has been discussed at Elected Leaders Forum and regional coord SO team mtgs; this includes wellness and safety of unsheltered individuals, fire and emergency access risk, impacts to watersheds. ERF-2 resources would make it possible to increase coord staffing resources to provide consistent specialized SO, engage in case mgmt with navigation svcs, and move people in these areas to IH and PH. Following the release of the ERF-2 RFA, SB County convened a meeting with SLO County and cities in SB County to: discuss the focus of this funding application, determine outcome goals based on shared data and resources, refine demographics to be reached and the specialized team needed for support, develop budget components and funding needed and funding to be leveraged, identify and troubleshoot local factors that may hinder success, and needs for successful implementation is awarded.

Optional Upload: Evidence of Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration

Evidence of Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration - LOS SBSLO.pdf

23. Identify any entities that have a right to and/or control of the property upon which the encampment site resides and discuss whether each of these entities committed allowing the implementation of this proposal. If they have not committed, please explain how you have or plan to engage with this entity to implement your proposal. Additionally, describe how you collaborated with Caltrans on your program design, implementation plans, and timeline. (1000 character limit)

SB and SLO County Flood Control, SB and SLO County Parks, cities, and Caltrans have been engaged in this application process, as they all have varying right to and/or control of the property upon which the encamp. sites reside, and all have committed to the implementation of this proposal.

Centering People

24. How were persons with lived experience meaningfully incorporated into the planning and proposed implementation of this proposal? Please identify whether any perspectives were incorporated from persons that are currently unsheltered and / or formerly or currently residing within the prioritized encampment. (1000 character limit)

SB County's Community Action Plan includes a guiding principal: incorporate ppl with lived exp (PLE) at all levels of planning, policy, and implementation. CoC and hmlss response system engage PLE in CoC Bd and cmtes and in regional, demog, and need-specific focus/wrkg groups. Formal opps for engagement build rapport with community activists who are PLE; informal comms with PLE has been incorp into the planning and proposed implementation of this proposal in meaningful ways: specialized SO teams to meet unique needs of PEH in the field rather than having to leave encamps to access svcs; more advanced planning and comms before clearing encamp. sites; non-congregate IH in areas near networks (transit, health svcs, workplaces); flex funding to support "whatever it takes" to move into PH; and opps for persons in encamps to engage in clean-up and enviro rehab. PLE are experts in the issue, and have firsthand knowledge of the daily experience of homelessness and what is needed to solve the

25. Briefly describe how the proposal exemplifies Housing First approaches as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 8255. (1000 character limit)

HF recognizes a person must be able to access a decent, safe place to live, without limits to length of stay before stabilizing, improving health, or increasing income. HF connects PEH to PH quickly, and removes barriers to accessing the hsng (sobriety, criminal history). No one is rejected for poor/lack of credit/financial/rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors. Ppl must access basic needs before being able to achieve quality of life or pursue personal goals. HF values choice not only in where to live, but engagement in svcs. HF recognizes the need for robust supp svcs upon hsng placement; it is not hsng only/alone, but first, which implies that addl steps may be needed to achieve successful long-term hsng stability. All PEH in the encamps and surrounding areas this project will address will be given the opp to respond to svcs offered over time, as it may take multiple invitations for some people to trust enough to start the journey to exit hmlssns.

26. Briefly describe how this proposal will center an individual's choice and provide trauma informed services and supports. (1000 character limit)

Hmlss svc provider staff are trained in a Client-centered, trauma-informed, and harm reduc methodology, and offer relationship-building, professional case mgmt in coord with HMIS and the CES, and experienced hsnng nav. This includes Motivational Interviewing (MI), a counseling method that helps ppl resolve ambivalent feelings and insecurities to find the internal motivation they need to change their behavior; it is a practical, empathetic, and short-term process that takes into consideration how difficult it is to make life changes. Core components: express and show empathy; articulate discrepancies between clients' goals and choices; deal with resistance without confrontation; self-efficacy; client autonomy. This approach is critical to create an individualized action plan for each client based on their experiences from other approaches in the past. Our region has proven success with clients through compassion, consistency, and utilizing the client's timing in order to accept svcs.

27. Describe how this proposal will operationalize harm reduction and provide services that improve a person's health, dignity, and safety while they continue to reside within the prioritized encampment site. (1000 character limit)

Svcs are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes that drug and alcohol use and addiction are a part of some clients' lives. ERF-2 will allow MH professionals to meet people where they are (rather than going to a clinic). Clients are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices. IH will offer medication-assisted treatment for those choosing to reduce substance use. Non-congregate IH honors and operationalizes client choice and HR and responds to client needs for privacy, dignity, and safety while improving health outcomes.

28. For encamped locations that are objectively dangerous, describe how the proposal will seek to prevent harm for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in these locations. (1000 character limit)

This app prioritizes resolving encamps near waterways subject to dangerous conditions especially during extreme weather events. Following extreme weather events in January 2023, SB County ER Coord, operating in the Emergency Operations Center, drafted a hmlss response protocol template to be used in future extreme events. Hmlss svc providers throughout the county worked together to connect with people in areas of concern. SB County worked closely with SO teams, warming centers, and other partners to ensure safe, warm spaces would be open 24/7 countywide. Each day, approximately 150 people who would have been outside in dangerous conditions, were instead able to rest safely inside and make valuable connections with svc providers and others. This experience, coupled with system developments in recent years, provided a framework for logistics, communication, finance, and troubleshooting to prevent and respond to dangerous conditions.

29. Identify what controls are or will be in place to ensure that all ERF-2-R funded parties will not penalize homelessness. The term "penalize homelessness" means to impose, by a governmental unit, criminal or civil penalties on persons who are homeless in a manner that is related to those persons' engagement in necessary human activities, including sleeping, resting, and eating. (1000 character limit)

Region has implemented measures to ensure hmlssnss is not criminalized through engaging and educating local policymakers, law enf, business leaders, and via community forums. The countywide ER Strategy, including ER Protocol and Team is driven by person-centered guiding principles and nationwide best practices. Law Enf (Sheriff and leadership staff, as well as Park Rangers) were engaged in the dev and drafting of the protocol and are part of the Team. Protocol and team are focused on meeting the needs of the unsheltered person, rather than punitive approaches. Implementation included presentations to Elected Leaders Forum (attended by representatives from all elected offices and jurisdictions) and city councils, as well as local business chambers and community groups comprised of business owners, managers, and frontline staff. Communication with community, railroad, and dept of transportation is

yielding improved coord and collaborative results.

30. Describe how this proposal considers sanitation services for people residing in the prioritized encampment. This may include but is not limited to non-intrusive, curb-side waste removal and access to clean and available bathrooms. (1000 character limit)

The ER Coord works with the ER Team to monitor/review/update the map/list and recommend which encamps should be prioritized for interventions. The ERC manages available resources and SO / hmlss svcs/case mgmt, temporary health and safety measures, debris pick-up, and cleaning (scheduled collection of debris associated with or near an active encamp). Partners have access to funding to support removal of debris once the clients have moved from unsheltered hmlssnss. SB County’s Encampment Resolution Strategy gave us the framework to resolve encamps, but the biggest challenge by far is the lack of shelter - which provides an effective path to hsnsg solutions - and PH. This has limited the ability resolve active encamps. Because of this limitation, SB County resources have primarily been dedicated to removing debris from sites in partnership with persons dwelling in the area, and in already abandoned encamps.

Accelerated Timeline

31. How is your community currently supporting and / or engaging with people residing within the prioritized encampment? (1000 character limit)

The SM riverbed is in a unique location, bordering SB and SLO counties; both counties partner to support and engage people residing within the area. Veteran- and health-focused agencies serve the region and have built rapport and coordination between the two counties, which benefits the SM riverbed specifically. ARPA recovery-funded SO teams are currently serving countywide in SB County and in the southern part of SLO county, including creeks, riverbeds, and beaches; additional SO and supportive svcs teams, funded by ERF-1, PLHA, HHAP, General Fund, and other sources focus on specific areas that may include intersections with waterways. Specialized teams of practitioners, modeled after the region's successful EHV supportive svcs team, would leverage existing SO to meet the unique needs of persons currently in/near waterways.

32. If this proposal is selected, in advance of receiving funding, what steps will your community take to support the people living in the encampment and swift implementation of this proposal? (1000 character limit)

As applications are being considered, a specialized SO team Notice of Funding Availability will be drafted for release, to be published pending approval of the funding application; this will allow for accelerated consideration and team start date. Existing SO teams will continue to case manage persons in encamps near dangerous waterways, although they will not be accompanied by the specialized teams until funded. The counties of SB and SLO and partner jurisdictions will continue to develop interim and PH sites to be ready for move-in.

Table 6: Projected Milestones

Outreach to the people residing in the prioritized encampment site began / will begin in month ____.	This proposal will reach full operating capacity in month ____.	The first planned exit of a person or household from the prioritized encampment will occur in month ____.	The last planned exit of a person or household from the prioritized encampment will occur in month ____.
June	August	October	May

Attachment: Standardized Timeline

ERF-2-R Project Timeline Template_12.22-2.23_SantaBarbaraSLOCounties_02.23.xlsx

Applicants must use the [ERF-2-R Timeline Template](#) available on box.com

CERTIFICATION

Before certifying, applicants are strongly encouraged to review the NOFA.

I certify that all information included in this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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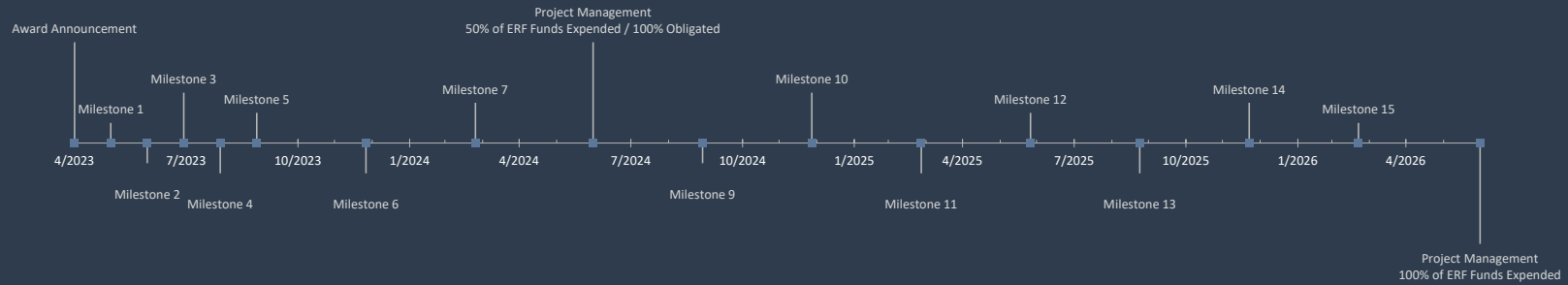
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ERF-2-R Project Timeline

JURISDICTION



Project Milestones

Date	Milestone	Category	Vertical Position	Additional Detail for Milestone
4/30/2023	Award Announcement		50	
5/30/2023	Milestone 1		10	
6/29/2023	Milestone 2		-10	
7/29/2023	Milestone 3		25	
8/28/2023	Milestone 4		-15	
9/27/2023	Milestone 5		15	
12/26/2023	Milestone 6		-15	
3/25/2024	Milestone 7		20	
6/30/2024	50% of ERF Funds Expended / 100% Obligated	Project Management	50	Statutory Deadline for 50% of ERF funds to be spent and 100% Obligated
9/28/2024	Milestone 9		-10	
12/27/2024	Milestone 10		25	
3/27/2025	Milestone 11		-15	
6/25/2025	Milestone 12		15	
9/23/2025	Milestone 13		-15	
12/22/2025	Milestone 14		20	
3/22/2026	Milestone 15		10	
6/30/2026	100% of ERF Funds Expended	Project Management	-50	Statutory Deadline for 100% of ERF funds to be spent

PROJECT TIMELINE TIPS

1. Fill in the light blue cells to customize this template with your project's specific milestones.
2. Insert entire rows to the Project Milestones table to add additional milestones.
3. Column B should be a date
3. Column C should be the milestone name- however your team refers to it.
4. Column D provides a dropdown menu with options to help categorize milestones into broad groups. To add an option, go to sheet 1 and add the option in one of the green calls at the bottom of the list.
5. Column E Indicates the *Vertical Position* of milestone markers in the Project Milestones table at the top of the sheet. Changing this number allows you to change the vertical position of the milestone relative to the horizontal axis. Use positive numbers to position them above the axis and negative numbers to position them below.
6. Column F is a space to provide additional context, detail, or description for a specific milestone.

	ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORY	<5 WORD DESCRIPTION	NAME OF ENTITY OR PART OF PROPOSAL	ERF-2-R PROPOSED BUDGET	LEVERAGED FISCAL SUPPORT	2 SENTENCE DESCRIPTION			
Guidance and Intended Use	Use dropdowns. See NOFA, III. A.	Enables Cal ICH to immediately understand the line item.	Enables Cal ICH to associate the line item with specific entities or parts of a proposal.	Only ERF-2-R Funds	Non ERF-2-R Funds That WILL be Used to Support this Proposal	Enables Cal ICH to better understand the line item, context, and / or other pertinent information related to the proposed line item.			
							Principle : Cal ICH should be able to navigate only your submitted budget and understand the general parameters of the proposal and how it may be funded.		
PERSONNEL COSTS				SALARY	FTE	MONTHS			
	Street Outreach	Supervisor/Team Lead		101,250.00	1.50	24	303,750.00	50,000.00	ARPA-funded street outreach teams are currently serving countywide,
	Street Outreach	Outreach Case Manager and Housing Navigator		87,750.00	4.00	24	702,000.00	500,000.00	including creeks, riverbeds, and beaches; additional outreach and
	Street Outreach	Mental Health Practitioner		87,750.00	3.00	24	526,500.00	100,000.00	supportive services teams, funded by ERF-1, PLHA, HHAP, General
	Street Outreach	Certified Substance Use Disorder Specialist		87,750.00	3.00	24	526,500.00	100,000.00	Fund, and other sources focus on specific areas that may include
	Services Coordination	Medical Coordinator		101,250.00	0.25	24	50,625.00	25,000.00	intersections with waterways. Specialized teams of practitioners, modeled
	Delivery of Permanent Housing	Housing Locator/Landlord Liaison		67,500.00	2.00	24	270,000.00	25,000.00	after the region's successful EHV supportive services team, would
	Systems Support	Data Analyst (HMIS, mapping software)		101,250.00	1.00	24	202,500.00	25,000.00	leverage existing outreach to meet the unique needs of persons currently in/near waterways.
Subtotal - Personnel Costs				\$	2,581,875.00	\$	825,000.00		
NON-PERSONNEL COSTS				UNIT	RATE	TIME			
	Interim Sheltering	Interim Housing (capital, operations)	Rainbow Village (Lompoc) Hope Village (Santa Maria) La Posada (Santa Barbara) Scattered Site (Countywide)	50 persons	-	-	2,500,000.00	50,000.00	Leverage CalAIM Housing Supports (Amount TBD, to be included in reports to State) Interim Housing in development/pre-development will be partially dedicated to persons moving from encampments in waterways. This funding will support capital costs and operations for the units/rooms dedicated to prioritized encampments.
	Delivery of Permanent Housing	RRH Flexible Funds: Landlord Incentives, Security Deposit, Utilities, IDs, Clothing, Food	Scattered sites (countywide)	-	-	-	500,000.00	50,000.00	Leverage CA HHAP RRH (Amount TBD, to be included in reports to State) One of the greatest needs is flexible funding, often referred to as "whatever it takes" to get someone into housing. RRH flexible funds, leveraging existing RRH funds, will support the move from unsheltered places or interim housing into permanent housing.
	Delivery of Permanent Housing	PSH units	Buena Tierra (Goleta) Vera Cruz Village (Santa Barbara) Homekey in mid/north county	-	-	-	-	50,000.00	Leverage CA Project HomeKey (Goleta), LIHTC (Santa Barbara), PBV, HCV; (Amount TBD, to be included in reports to State) Permanent Housing in development/pre-development will be partially dedicated to persons moving from encampments in waterways. This funding will support capital costs and operations for the units/rooms dedicated to prioritized encampments.
	Street Outreach	Cellphone, Telephones for SO staff	SO Team	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	Outreach to remote areas such as riverbeds, creeks, and beaches, requires reliable communication tools.
	Street Outreach	Transportation	SO Team	-	-	-	120,000.00	-	Leasing/gas/maintenance of vehicles.
	Street Outreach	Supplies/Equipment	SO Team	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	
	Street Outreach	Office Space/Operations	SO Team	-	-	-	24,000.00	-	
Subtotal - Non-Personnel Costs				\$	3,154,000.00	\$	-		
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS									
	Administrative Costs						264,125.00	50,000.00	SO provider budgets will require admin support; County ARPA SLRF funding of Encampment Resolution Strategy will support some administrative costs (admin staff, mapping software, storage)
Subtotal - Administrative Costs				\$	264,125.00	\$	50,000.00		
TOTAL BUDGET				\$	6,000,000.00	\$	875,000.00		

February 23, 2023

To: California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency

Subject: The Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo and Cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc, Solvang, and Santa Maria Encampment Resolution Funding Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

Caltrans District 5 is supportive of and committed to the Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo and cities throughout Santa Barbara County for their proposal of their Encampment Resolution Funding request. The County of Santa Barbara and partnering agencies have been providing services such as: emergency shelter, crisis intervention, mental health support, transitional housing, identification vouchers, and other services to homeless encampments along Hwy 101, Hwy 246, and Hwy 1 in the last 24+ months. They are committed to the region and have shown their willingness to partner to improve the accessibility of those most in need by providing housing and other resources.

The County of Santa Barbara in partnership with the County of San Luis Obispo plans to expand and provide the following mental health and housing services for the persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) occupying encampments Santa Maria riverbed in SLO county, Santa Ynez riverbed in Lompoc, and a few smaller creeks in the Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, and Carpinteria areas.

Interim & Permanent Housing:

- IH - Hope Village in Santa Maria: this community will have 94 rooms, 11 of which will be allocated specifically for TAY, 30 dedicated to Dignity Health and reserved for people exiting the hospital system, and the remaining 50 will be available to persons who are unsheltered in the community, including the Santa Maria riverbed; we anticipate opening doors to residents in summer/fall 2023.
- IH - La Posada in the unincorporated area between Goleta and Santa Barbara: 100 rooms; this development will primarily serve persons moving from the transit corridor, as it is partially funded by CA ERF-1, although some units will be available to persons in creeks within the transit corridor. We anticipate opening doors in late 2023/early 2024.
- IH - Bridgehouse in Lompoc Valley: on an existing shelter campus, and will provide an additional 60 units on currently open space in the Lompoc Valley, open to persons currently unsheltered in the riverbed area and surrounding community.
- PH - Buena Tierra in Goleta: this Homekey development will consist of 59 permanent supportive housing units for people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. One unit will house an onsite property manager, plus five existing units will be converted to support community space and a robust offering of services. This site provides a pathway to permanent housing for persons in the Goleta area creeks and beaches; we anticipate opening mid-2023.
- PH - Vera Cruz Village in Santa Barbara: the project will serve the special needs population in the Santa Barbara Community by providing 28 new affordable rental studio units, a one-bedroom manager's unit, and free supportive services to persons moving from homelessness through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. We anticipate opening mid-2023.

- PH - As permanent housing is developed through Homekey, LIHTC, and other local investments, clients are also prioritized for Project-Based and Housing Choice Vouchers. Both local Public Housing Authorities have a homeless preference in their voucher programs, executives serve on the CoC Governing Board, PHAs develop PH for PEH, and partner to ensure they house and retain PEH with supportive services. This strong history of partnership led to success and national recognition of EHV utilization in SB County. Partnership with PHAs is being leveraged to support this application as it has created a clear pathway for persons in prioritized encampments into permanent housing.

Outreach & Mental Health Services:

- Significant numbers of people in these encampment areas are prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing and experience disabling conditions such as Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Health Conditions; significant numbers of persons with limited English-speaking and literacy skills reside in the area, which is a key demographic factor related to addressing racial equity and serving populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness; and most people in the prioritized area do not have any recent housing history, with documented chronic homelessness. The prioritized sites are remote, and difficult for street outreach teams responsible for large geographic areas to visit as frequently as needed; this funding would expand outreach teams and include specialized team members to meet the unique needs of the vulnerable population.
- Teams will meet acute needs in the field and will begin linking unsheltered persons to long-term supportive services to retain future housing placements.
- Over the course of the grant period, teams are projected to serve approximately 250 persons, linking them to services to meet their unique needs, through: outreach case managers and housing navigators, mental health practitioners, certified substance use disorder specialists, medical coordinators, housing locator/landlord liaisons, and community supports.

Providing the above services and housing will greatly reduce safety hazards that encampments pose along Hwy 101, Hwy 246, and Hwy 1 such as:

- Flooding: quick rising water levels in creek bed areas during storm events exacerbated by encampment debris. Flooding during severe weather has occurred along this stretch of highway in 2022 and 2023, resulting in freeway shutdowns.
- Fire Danger: fires, escaped encampment fires, wildland/vegetation fires, and trash fires.
- Emergency Accessibility – EMS, Fire, and Police Departments are unable to access several to access several areas along Highway 101 during emergencies due to the locations.

We are eager to partner with the County of Santa Barbara to strengthen and expand the resources to connect homeless individuals with new opportunities and services within the Cities and County of Santa Barbara and the County of San Luis Obispo.

Sincerely,



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ERF Caltrans Letter of Support - SB


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February 27, 2023

Lourdes M. Castro Ramirez, Secretary
Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council
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Re: Encampment Resolution Funding Program Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Castro Ramirez,

I write in support of the grant application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara for Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2).

This program and round of funding are important to Santa Barbara County's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments, especially in and around waterways. This includes people's immediate physical, mental wellness, and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing.

The County prioritizes meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying Housing First values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches.

Santa Barbara County has a demonstrated history of collaborating with other cities and organizations in the 19th Senate District as they implement state funding for housing initiatives. If awarded this funding, it will enhance the County's services and opportunities available to further efforts in addressing immediate crisis needs and develop paths towards safe and stable housing for people living in encampments including, but not limited to, street outreach and engagement, housing and/or systems navigation, interim housing, and permanent housing.

I respectfully request your full and fair consideration for the County of Santa Barbara's application. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Benjamin Peterson on my staff should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

MONIQUE LIMÓN
Senator, 19th District

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Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request your full and fair consideration of the County of Santa Barbara's Encampment Resolution Fund (Round 2) application. If awarded, this funding will assist the County in providing intensive outreach initiatives, wrap-around services, and remediation work, assisting people experiencing homelessness and enhancing the quality of life for our entire community.

The Encampment Response Funding Program is important to our region's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments, including their immediate physical and mental wellness and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and their longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing. Meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying Housing First values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches is an important priority for the County and their partners.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the number of encampments throughout the 37th District. I am proud of the County for continuing to step up to engage with people experiencing homelessness, offering critical services and connections to housing. The County works in a collaborative manner that brings together government agencies, non-profit service providers, and the private sector to significantly reduce homelessness. This spirit of collaboration will ensure that Encampment Resolution Fund resources are well leveraged.

I am committed to working with the County to continue to make progress in addressing homelessness issues. I appreciate the California Interagency Council on Homelessness's consideration of the County's Encampment Resolution Fund (Round 2) request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregg Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Assemblymember Gregg Hart



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
HOMELESS SERVICES DIVISION

Devin Drake *Director*
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February 15, 2023

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Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support

The County of San Luis Obispo enthusiastically supports the Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2) application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara. The County of San Luis Obispo has a need to resolve encampments in/near waterways in our jurisdiction to address the health and safety of individuals, particularly those individuals experiencing homelessness in the Santa Maria Riverbed.

The County of San Luis Obispo has been actively engaged in efforts to address homelessness. The County created a strategic plan to reduce homelessness by 50% in 5 years, with measurable outcomes to evaluate its success, including funding short-term non-congregate shelter in response to COVID-19. Our agency has regularly participated in the community action plan, strategic planning, and collaborative planning meetings and has actively partnered with various other focused organizations to address homelessness on a regional level.

This program and funding are important to the region's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments, including their immediate physical and mental wellness and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and their longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing. Meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying Housing First values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches is an important priority for the County of San Luis Obispo and our specific outreach teams often serve as a primary point of contact for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness in San Luis Obispo County.

If given the opportunity to implement the proposed Encampment Resolution Fund - Round 2, the County of San Luis Obispo is committed to participating in order to enhance the services and opportunities available to further the regional efforts to address immediate crisis needs and paths towards safe and stable housing for people living in encampments including, but not limited to, street outreach and engagement, housing and/or systems navigation, interim housing, and permanent housing.

Sincerely,


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February 28, 2023

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Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support

The City of Santa Maria enthusiastically supports the Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2) application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara. The City of Santa Maria has a significant presence of houseless persons living in and around the Santa Maria Riverbed. The City works diligently with the County of Santa Barbara and non-profit partners to offer services to individuals in need.

The City of Santa Maria has been actively engaged in efforts to address homelessness since January 2020. We have provided funding to Good Samaritan, United Way and individuals. Our City has regularly participated in community action plan, strategic planning, and collaborative planning meetings and has actively partnered with various other focused organizations to address homelessness on a regional level.

This program and funding is important to the region's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments, including their immediate physical and mental wellness and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and their longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing. Meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying Housing First values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches is an important priority for the City of Santa Maria and our specific populations experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County.

If given the opportunity to implement the proposed Encampment Resolution Fund Round 2, the City of Santa Maria is committed to participating in order to enhance the services and opportunities available to further the regional efforts to address immediate crisis needs and paths towards safe and stable housing for people living in encampments including, but not limited to, street outreach and engagement, housing and/or systems navigation, interim housing, and permanent housing.

Sincerely,

ALICE M. PATINO
Mayor



February 2, 2023

California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)
Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program
801 Capitol Mall, Suite 601
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support for County of Santa Barbara Application

The City of Lompoc supports the Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2) application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara for the city is also experiencing homeless encampments in and near waterways in the Santa Ynez River adjacent to our jurisdiction which need to be resolved.

The city has actively engaged in efforts to address homelessness by conducting clean up in the riverbed and annually allocating funding to local nonprofits who specialize in long- and short-term shelters, paths to permanent housing and homeless services. The city also regularly participates in the community action plan, strategic planning, and collaborative planning meetings and partners with various other focused organizations to address homelessness on a regional level.

This program is important to the region's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments, including their immediate physical and mental wellness and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and their longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing. Meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying housing first values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches is an important priority for the City of Lompoc thus reflecting our outreach and service to homeless individuals and families in our city and county.

If given the opportunity to implement the proposed Encampment Resolution Fund Round 2, the City of Lompoc is committed to participating in order to enhance the services and opportunities available to further the regional efforts to address immediate crisis needs and paths towards safe, stable and affordable housing for people living in encampments by continuing to leverage with local funding, outreach and engagement of homeless services to end homelessness.

Sincerely,

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Dean Albro, City Manager

Cc: Lucille Boss, County of Santa Barbara Encampment Response Coordinator



February 3, 2023

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Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support

The City of Goleta enthusiastically supports the Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2) application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara. Currently, the City of Goleta has dozens of encampments in and around the creeks and waterways in our jurisdiction. The public health issues and environmental damage caused by these unsafe encampments is one of our top priorities in addressing the impacts of homelessness.

The City of Goleta (City) has been actively engaged in efforts to address homelessness since we began drafting our Homelessness Strategic Plan in 2018. The City has directly engaged an outreach team for the City that partners with County outreach in the ERF area. This effort includes funding up to five hotel rooms as a bridge non-congregate shelter option for our homeless residents. City Public Works staff regularly clean up the left-over trash from abandoned encampments on public property including creeks and waterways. The City recently hired a Homelessness Services Coordinator to manage our relationships with partner and contracted organizations. This work includes visiting encampments and coordinating different response efforts from mental health, public health, outreach, sanitation services, and law enforcement. In general, the City has regularly participated in community action planning, strategic planning, and collaborative planning meetings and has actively partnered with various other focused organizations to address homelessness on a regional level. This work includes representing local government on the Continuum of Care Board, and close collaboration with staff from the County and neighboring jurisdictions.

This program and funding is important to the region's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments. This includes their immediate physical and mental wellness and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and their longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing. Meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying Housing First values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches is an important priority for the City and our Public Works and Neighborhood Services Departments, as well as our law enforcement, and contracted partners often serve as a primary point of contact for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County.

If given the opportunity to implement the proposed Encampment Resolution Fund Round 2, the City is committed to participating in order to enhance the services and opportunities available to further the regional efforts to address immediate crisis needs and paths towards safe and stable housing for people living in encampments including, but not limited to, street outreach and engagement, housing and/or systems navigation, interim housing, and permanent housing.

If you have any questions or require further evidence of our commitment to this collaboration, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Chuck Flacks, City of Goleta Homelessness Services Coordinator, at cflacks@cityofgoleta.org or (805) 690-5125.

Sincerely,



Paula Perotte
Mayor, City of Goleta

cc:
Goleta City Council
Goleta City Manager, Robert Nisbet
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Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support

The City of Santa Barbara supports the Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2) application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara as we continue to experience a growing number of encampments throughout the City of Santa Barbara and especially along our creek beds and waterways. In the last fiscal year, the City spent close to \$500,000 in addressing the impact of encampments in our public parks, near our creeks, and along the transit corridor to ensure the protection of the health and safety of our community as well as our environment. This does not include the significant investment in outreach and case management services dedicated to individuals that accept an offer of emergency shelter and supportive services.

In the same year, the City of Santa Barbara also invested \$2.3 million in a temporary, emergency non-congregate shelter to address encampments in high fire prone areas in the aftermath of the Loma Fire. Individuals that accepted services were provided shelter and twenty-four/seven wrap around services. Though twelve individuals were permanently housed during this time, the City of Santa Barbara was not able to sustain the level of service provided to these individuals due to a lack of available funding. In total, the City expended close to \$10 million, seven percent of our total General Fund expenditures, in addressing homelessness and its impacts last fiscal year.

All of these efforts are coordinated as part of the City of Santa Barbara's *Three-Year Plan to Address Homelessness and its Impacts* of which our City-level goals align with the County of Santa Barbara's *Phase II Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness*. Not only has the City participated in strategic planning and collaborative meetings facilitated by the County of Santa Barbara, but three years ago we initiated the ACT on Homelessness Collaborative that strengthens communication and coordination among cross-

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sector agencies through monthly Working Group meetings and neighborhood-based Regional Action Plan meetings specific to the City of Santa Barbara

The Encampment Resolution Fund program and funding is critical to the region's continued efforts to ensure the health and safety of our communities and protection of our environment. This includes the ability to address the immediate and longer-term needs of people experiencing homelessness that are living in these encampments. The complexity of needs that we are experiencing among people experiencing homelessness requires more much more capacity than we can support with the limited City government resources we have available.

It is funding from programs such as the Encampment Resolution Fund Round 1 that have been able to propel our region forward and yield visible and measurable results. If given the opportunity to implement the proposed Encampment Resolution Fund Round 2, the City of Santa Barbara is committed to participating in order to enhance the services and opportunities available to further the regional efforts to address immediate crisis needs and paths towards safe and stable housing for people living in encampments.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bjork
City Administrator

CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



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Re: Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 – Letter of Support

The City of Carpinteria supports the Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (ERF-2) application submitted by the County of Santa Barbara. The City of Carpinteria's homeless population hovers between 20-30 individuals. Encampments are routinely found along Carpinteria Creek. From November until the days immediately prior to the January storms, Code Compliance Officers spent 38 hours along with the Community Resource Deputy engaging with homeless individuals along Carpinteria Creek. Public Works followed up on this work by cleaning out the debris of the encampment activity.

The City of Carpinteria has been actively engaged in efforts to address homelessness in partnership with Santa Barbara County. This program and funding are important to the region's continued efforts to ensure the wellness and safety of people experiencing homelessness in encampments, including their immediate physical and mental wellness and safety needs arising from unsheltered homelessness and their longer-term needs addressed through a path to safe and stable housing. Meeting the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness through strategies exemplifying Housing First values and non-punitive, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate approaches is an important priority for the City of Carpinteria.

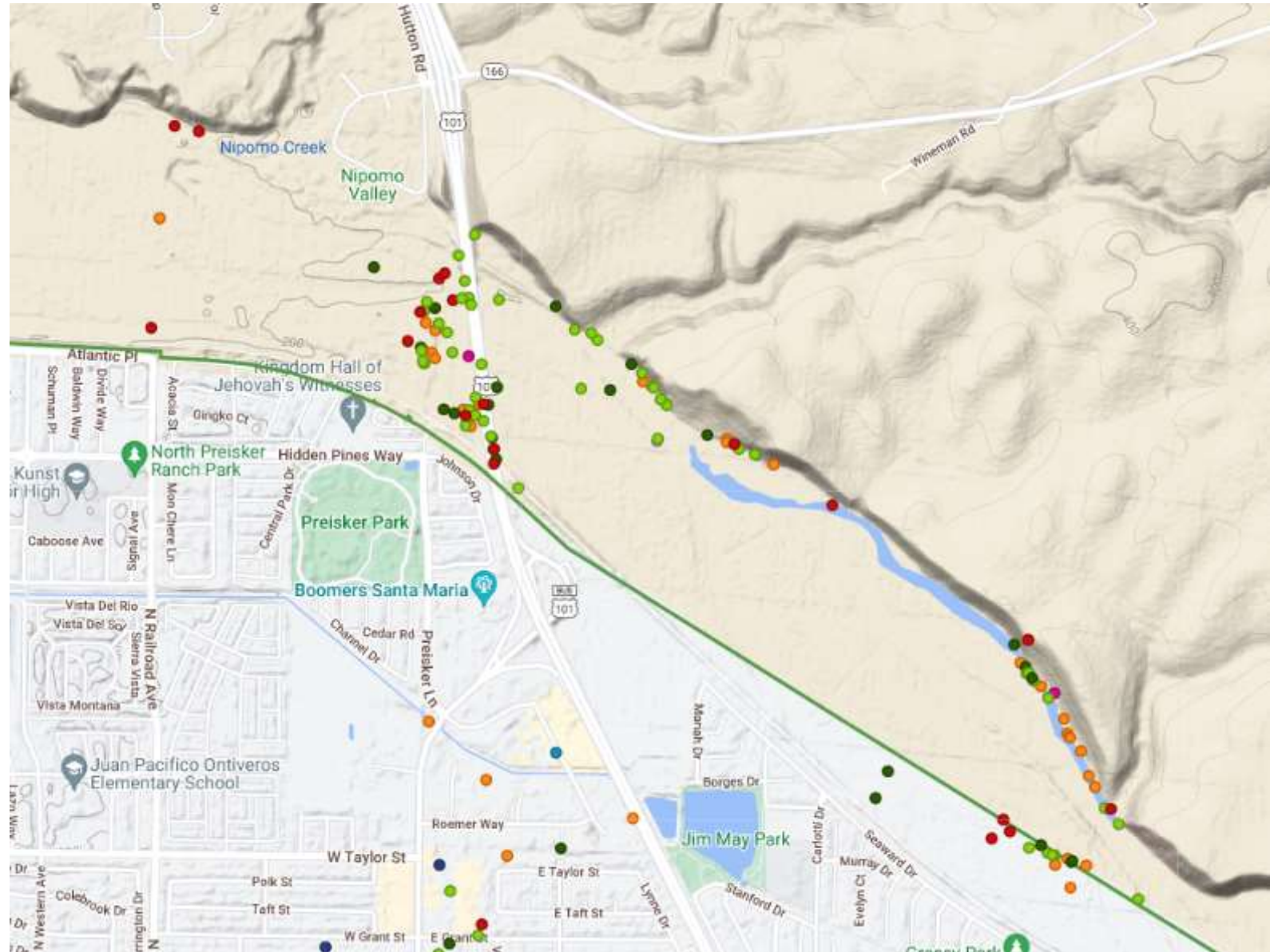
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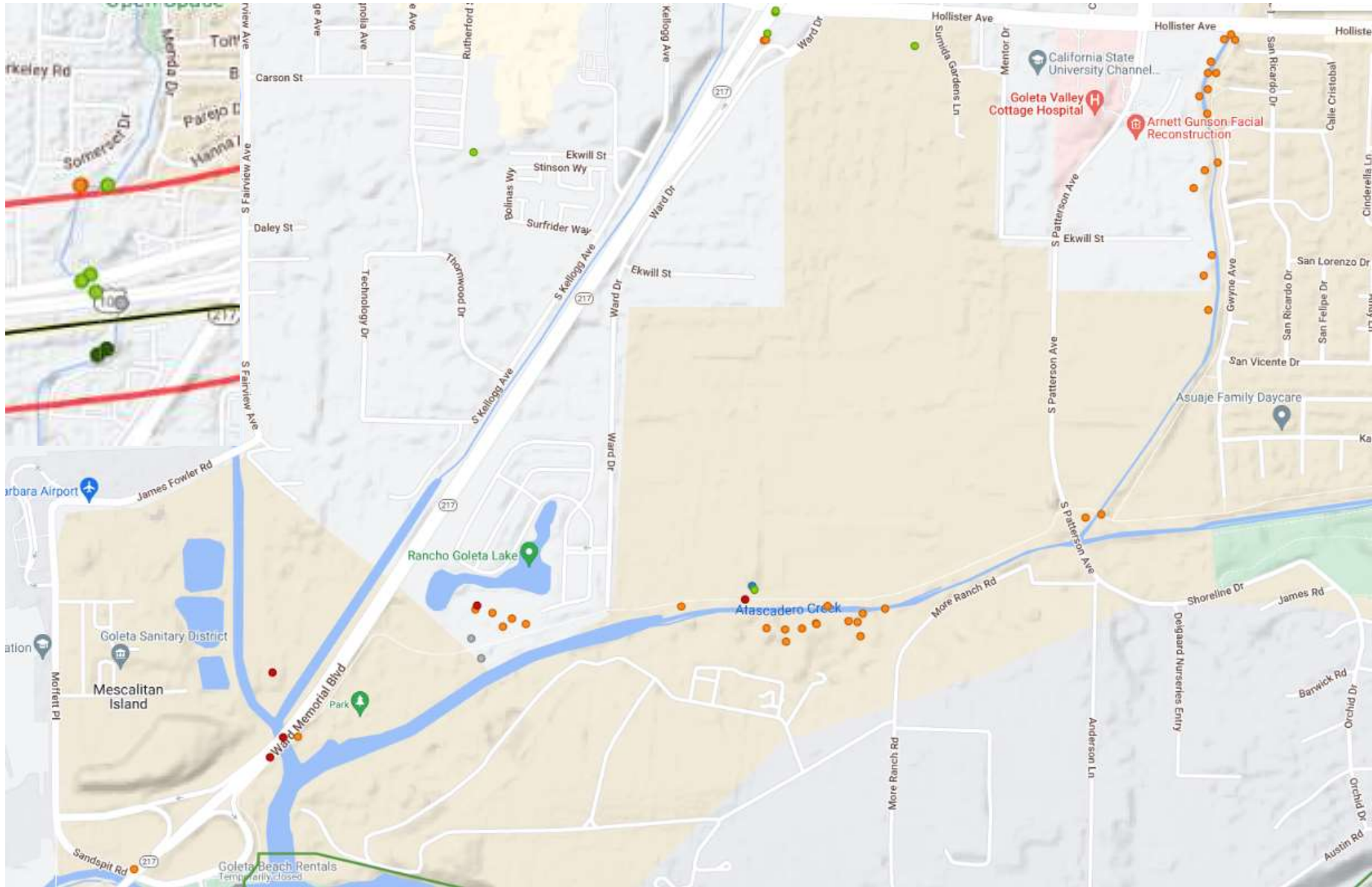
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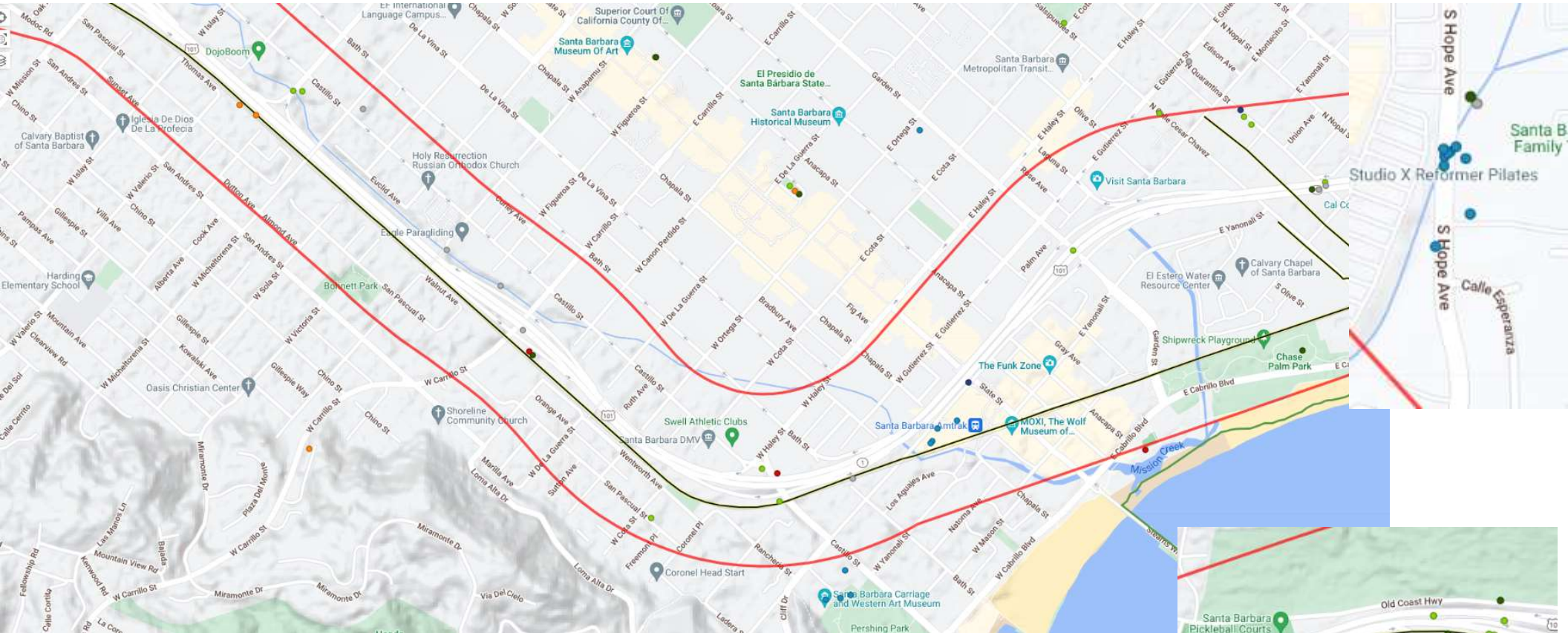
Dave Durlinger, City Manager
City of Carpinteria

North County:
Santa Maria
Riverbed
95 sites



South
County:
Goleta /
unincorp.
Santa
Barbara
County
35 sites





South County: Santa Barbara, Montecito (creeks, bird refuge, beaches) 29 sites

