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● **Alina Vo** started transcription

**AV** **Alina Vo** 0:11

During myself, I already did.

And then St. two. Francisco Lopez, Proviso Mitchell, Mandy Sanchez, SD 2.

Anyone joining virtually from SC2?

**LL** **Lundquist, Loraine** 0:24

Yes, this is Laurette.

Hello, this is Lorraine Lundquist from SD 2.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 0:32

SE3.

Hi Rachel fox SC3.

Anyone joining virtually?

Perez here with Steve Ford.

Ascendant aerial cigars.

Anyone joining virtually who haven't had a chance to introduce themselves before we move on?

OK. Next we're gonna take roll call of our department representatives. Starting out with Agricultural Commissioner, weights and measures.

**KF** **Kurt Floren** 1:12

Florin AD Commissioner, director of weights and measures. Good afternoon.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 1:17

Good afternoon. Animal care and control. Can you verify your chief deputy health

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care?

Beaches and parks.

**AC Amy Caves** 1:27

Hi, everyone, Amy Caves chief deputy beaches and harbors.

**AV Alina Vo** 1:32

Parks and Recreation.

**AB Alina Bokde** 1:35

Hi, good afternoon, Alina.

Book Day chief deputy Parks and Recreation.

**AV Alina Vo** 1:41

Public Library.

**YP Yolanda Pina** 1:46

Yolanda Pina, chief deputy Public Library.

**AV Alina Vo** 1:51

Public works.

**AG Angela George-Moody** 1:53

Angela George Moody, chief deputy public works.

**AV Alina Vo** 1:57

Regional planning.

**AB Amy Bodek** 2:00

Hi, Amy.

Beltack regional planning.

**AV Alina Vo** 2:04

And our CEO fantasize.

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If you could, please read the agenda.

Today's agenda we have one informational item that would not help, so it is approved by consent.

We have two motions, one from SD2 fiscal stewardship and equitable access and county fee waivers. The second from SD5 addressing trash and agreed in Los Angeles on San Gabriel River.

And we also have one full session item.

Great. Do any of the board offices have any questions or comments in regards to the agenda?

Just want to clarify, item D is SC4 not 50 that that was.

Thank you for clarifying that.

Yes.

To the owners, it'll be quick if I do.

That sounds great.

OK, so well, Julie noted.

It's a Street 4 motion for the second item.

The second motion and.

And so we'll, we'll start off with SC2's motion.

Perfect. Let me just turn my screen.

Good afternoon.

My name is Francisco Lopez and I serve as supervisor's environmental justice deputy. Today I'm presenting the fiscal stewardship and Equitable Access County fee waivers motion.

This motion responds directly to our current budget crisis while ensuring the county continues to serve communities that continue to rely on our support.

So the county's fiscal reality, as we all know, the county is facing an unprecedented budget challenge for this fiscal year.

The county is projecting a year end deficit of more than \$200 million and looking forward to next year. Our fixed costs are expected to grow faster than our revenue.

At the same time, we are grappling with reductions in federal funding and significant legal liabilities, pressures that will continue to worsen if you don't take decisive action.

The departments have already absorbed 8.5% cuts, which mean there's little room to let off.

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Take on additional revenue losses.

The bottom line is this is as usual, it's not viable.

Whenever that needs immediate attention is our current approach to behaviors for advanced accounting facilities.

Right now we do not have a standardized county wide policy.

Bearers are approved inconsistently across departments, and there's no centralized process to evaluate the fiscal impact.

New areas do have benefits. They reduce costs for event organizers, promote community participation and remove barriers for underserved groups.

But they also represent a direct loss of revenue at a time when every dollar counts.

When we look at the data, we found that from fiscal year 2019-2020 through March 2024, the county waved approximately over \$3.39 million in fees.

Of this total \$2.36 million were parking fee waivers.

And approximately 73% of those parking waiver costs were concentrated in just 37 minutes.

Non parking fees like facilities for rental or permit fees accounted for another 668,000 and eighty of those waivers were went to 27 beds.

What this tells us is that small number of large events are receiving the majority of benefits. Meanwhile, smaller community based events are receiving only modest support.

This is an equity issue and a fiscal stewardship issue.

He wears a man to promote access, but the reality is more complicated.

Areas like transit access, digital gaps, language challenges, limited familiarity with county services mean that many small and grassroots organizations struggle to even request a fee waiver, let alone receive one.

So the organizations that could benefit the most are often left out.

We do have a proof that better model is possible.

The Department of Parks and Recreation conducted a comprehensive review and created a business operations plan that's become a national best practice of balancing equity with fiscal sustainability.

With the core partnership program, EPR offers reduced cost access to community based organizations whose programming aligns with their mission.

This demonstration is that we can expand community impact while also protecting the county's long term financial stability.

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That brings us to the purpose of this motion.

We are asking for recommendations on what is centralized CEO manage freeway policy will look like.

This policy will ensure consistency, transparency, equity and fiscal responsibility.

In short, we want keywaivers to be used thoughtfully.

That supports Community access, while safeguarding counties revenue.

This motion directs CEO to Rd. in collaboration with departments on the slide to develop recommendations for tiny white policies.

That includes centralized review and approval processes.

Events with the greatest equity impact.

For your eligibility for which organizations and types qualify.

Tools to mitigate revenue loss.

In public facing application process.

And annual reporting so fewers become visible budget items.

What's important to highlight is that the policy is not about restricting access, it's about managing resources responsibly.

By capping large waivers distributing waivers for high revenue events, or implementing partial waivers, the county can significantly reduce unmanaged revenue loss.

This is a critical part of our broader strategy to stabilize the county budget and protect essential services.

The motion also recognizes the unique situations arise, each member's or district will be allowed to approve waivers that fall outside the county wide criteria as long as the district reimburses the waived revenue using its discretionary funds.

This preserves flexibility without compromising physical stewardship.

With this policy in place, the county can achieve three major goals, fiscal stability, equitable access and accountability.

In closing, this motion reframes viewers as a strategic tool.

When administered thoughtfully, keywords can both increase equity and protect county revenues.

It can help us remain fiscally solvent without sacrificing our commitment to serving residents, particularly those with the greatest need.

This is a responsible, equitable and forward-looking approach to manage county resources during a time of real financial challenge.

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Thank you. And I look forward to the discussion and feedback.

Thank you, Francisco.

Very comprehensive and yes, very timely, you know, given the budgetary situation that we're in this period in regards to the.

You know the departments you mentioned here.

Rd. and ISD and power in the library.

Is there a reason why only certain ones you know are being included to report back in the days?

Yeah. And I saw that source at 10 cause in the highest appreciate dot source of being here I could take on the question if I miss 8 by all means please jump in.

These departments were pulled from an initial analysis that Dan already had done in house with.

Historical knowledge with the CEOs by office of Pleasure Management or Budgeting Operations management and then analysis over time of whatever is the current departments have done and these are the departments that came reported to those divisions already in reporting these figures.

Outside of these departments, I'm aware of, only maybe the Parks and Recreation that does have fee waivers, but they already have that model of how they're doing that.

So these are the requirements from my knowledge and accounting that right now processing 3 weeks.

Thank you.

I'm just gonna, you know, turn it over if there's any other questions from our board, colleagues or Misty 3.

Chad, thank you for the motion.

A couple of questions.

So for for this round.

It's just for as per CEO.

Do the CEO's office or CEO already have enough staff for the centralized process to manage?

We have quite a few motion that end up on our board.

Agendas to review all of these motions in a timely manner.

Yeah. Let's talk about capacity. I think right now the motion to provide some recommendations on how that would look like. And I would expect that the

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recommendations board have capacity details. What I would share that right now, the departments don't have a process as interested process everyone's. Every department's handling it their own way, and we still hear about some concerns of their own capacity to come to this. And by all means, we don't want to add more issues to the department's on screen line. This also make sure that CEO and whatever environments are need are staffing capacities needed is also acknowledged here. So I don't have an answer specifically on asking you now, but I hope to report back.

**DK** David Korsak 12:29  
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**AV** Alina Vo 12:29  
Yeah, I just wanna make sure like our our organizations that you know need this and the events that we end up having at the hall, you know don't get held up. Second, you might have to respond OK. So I think the process is currently led by EO. Because all the board offices have to work directly with EO. But this I mean it's supported by EO, so EO will probably continue to support the the waivers process. But I think the reason why the recommendation is, or at least as I read it, is saying being led by CEOs, because of this budget implication. Excuse me. It's because of its budget implications. And so it would be through the CEO budget team that they would be able to articulate sort of. What are the fiscal implications associated with parking fee waivers? But EO will still need to be the one that the board offices work with to help submit those requests, etc. So it's really more of an oversight role than it is a day-to-day management role. OK, I know that when when I draft motions for fee waivers of those for the hall, I work directly with I think we just draft in work with parking ISD to. You know, to make sure the language and the fees are correct. I. I actually don't know. I don't know the extent of the of the involvement of it so.

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I just like that that particular issue.

Do I get a second question?

And then.

Actually this question to to your question Guadalupe about the departments that are listed.

Forgive my I'm not familiar with library and fee waivers.

That's the first time that I've seen them for a library. If you know or if library is on what type of fee waivers are we permitted as a board to waive?

I'm surprised that's what when I saw the one.

Yeah, and the report.

Not sure if someone from libraries think there's someone online.

**YP** **Yolanda Pina** 14:18

Hi, this is Yolanda Pina, chief deputy, and I have my admin, deputy Grace Reyes, on board.

So we're collecting or we're compiling the information as requested, to see the magnitude, but we probably have, I would say, less than a dozen a year, but sometimes those fee waivers can come in the form of maybe there's a small.

Like fair, that may be happening on our library grounds or.

Or maybe like a farmer's market?

Or there may be a request from city or a nonprofit entity for the fee waiver.

It doesn't have again.

It doesn't happen frequently, but we do have some.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 15:04

And Yolanda, is that typically the board that does a motion to waive the fees?

**YP** **Yolanda Pina** 15:11

We submitted to the the Executive office of the board and the CEO.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 15:16

It can also.

We have one in the 5th that we do every year for Temple City.

It can circumvent the board because I think the dollar amounts are so low like ours.

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In Temple City, I want to say is like \$500.00 or \$1000 they have to use some phase the parking lot. Right, Yolanda, I think for like their temple city. Festival it's and it's amount. So I think it doesn't even it doesn't have to go before the board. I think it's just under delegated authority.

**YP** **Yolanda Pina** 15:34  
Yes.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 15:41  
They just get approval from the board office, OK?  
Sorry to chime in.  
Next SD.

**YP** **Yolanda Pina** 15:47  
Thank you.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 15:49  
Yeah, I was going to ask about library as well.  
So thank you, Rachel. For my next question. And I don't know how this this is EO but with how do we currently cover the cost of the fee waivers. I think I had heard many years ago that each office had contributed a dollar amount to a pot of. Money that we accept from, but I don't know if that was ever. My understanding.  
A lot of these free waivers that departments listed for the most part. DDH and ISD Mm-hmm are revenue generating sources sometimes, and they use their general fund budget that offsets the fee waivers.  
For example, the CPBH is the harbors because they also they have these laws that revenue generate revenue.  
They're able to take a loss because at the end of the at the other day, they make up for it.  
Oh, OK for management.  
There's no specific funds that the county has. They would.  
Dive into cover the cost. OK. And that's why I think when we do waive some fees or any non nominal fees that we're as revenue that's not coming to the county at the

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moment.

OK, so the from the individual departments are whoops, losing the clients at this time.

Yes, OK.

Hi is Rachel.

I I was just.

I my understanding for beaches and harbors, can you clarify for the fee waivers that the revenue?

I it was my understanding revenue generated from those type of events go back to the general Fund and not to the department.

**AC Amy Caves** 17:24

Yeah it does.

But I mean, when there's a fee waiver, we're just not collecting anything, so.

Yeah, it's.

**AV Alina Vo** 17:32

I just want to clarify that.

**AC Amy Caves** 17:33

Yeah, it's just unrealized money that we should have gotten, but we are not reimbursed for those quote UN quote losses.

But yeah, it would be typically for most of those. I think their general fund monies.

**AV Alina Vo** 17:50

And just in terms of the process, the way you envision this is that a nonprofit would go through like an online application that would run through already get approved. Come here and we would review it and then go to the board or how do you envision this happening?

I'm really turning towards the departments who are doing this already. Doing this to have private recommendations, where we'll work best because we don't want to have another layer of the opera seats and kind of slow things down and yeah.

Like Rachel mentioned, sometimes these organizations do need to have it be where we're done, and we should have that fixability.

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I think some organizations don't even know that they can get AP waiver and just having something public facing a centralized system would help streamline that. So I'm looking forward to hopefully that the recommendations would share. Like, what's the best way that we could balance both accessibility for also physical storage? OK.

Thank you.

Thank you ST5.

Oh yeah. Thanks.

Thank you for the presentation.

It was helpful.

And if I understood correctly, this may not be an easy question to answer.

So feel free to to pass on it.

But what is the current process?

From the presentation, it's kind of like there really wasn't much of a formalized process and obviously that's the purpose behind recurring effort, but we still be relatively in trying to get an idea of what a department would need to do to get go through the process.

I might be sure in my experience what the process of working or when I open it to the departments, but it's really in my experience it really has been. Organizations reach out to our office saying, hey, we're having this event, we think it brings us benefit great let.

Connect you with XYZ department and we'll walk you through the process of getting per piece a permit.

And there's a waiver that you want to be considered for then if you work with us kind of big bank point.

And my experience really has been ad hoc.

Oh, there's not single. There's not certain division department that organizations couldn't work with on this information.

So sometimes the criteria also is just fluctuate. You don't have something in in in the program policy written policy saying like hey, we should be being mindful of how much revenue is lost or OK.

OK.

That's that's helpful because the criteria was sort of what I was getting at.

Like, is there a clear line as to when departments or board offices could request

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sounds like there isn't?

So clarifying this in some type of policy regulation does seem helpful.

Yes. And I would say part of the criteria that I'm aware of is that the nonprofit.

That's it.

Can any other questions from board colleagues?

I have a few and I'm so sorry.

I'm new to your cluster.

This is Michelle Vega from SD 5.

So thank you. And I don't know how your process goes.

It's just one question at a time, but I'll go ahead and start.

So can you walk me through the process? Because your last directive has that already would report back to the board in 90 days on an action plan and a pilot, would the board need to approve the proposed policy and action plan before it's implemented or would this motion?

Just move forward with the implementation.

Of the policy once already has got their report done.

A former that it will come back to the board. OK, review it for that second directive.

My intention here, our intention was that as the departments are working on this, these recommendations part of that saying like, hey, if you want to start this pilot, these are the initial steps you'll have to take to get ready for that.

So I'm hoping that this whole motion kind of is a more holistic report back, that it also includes the implementation timeline for Sid to pilot. OK. And then it would also walk through the steps of to the earlier quest.

About.

The timing of how eBay was would be approved so that we would have like a sense of the time frame of you know, if it is still being managed because my understanding of EO is that EO only gets involved on the back end once the board has appro.

It EO is then the one that's processing the request through either ISV or library.

Once the board has approved it, so I guess I'd just be curious how how it makes its way?

And then what? The board approval points on any of the fee waivers would be that would be in your report back donors close that. I also wanted to ask a little bit more.

You had the pie chart up about the breakdown of you know 27 events.

Do you?

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Did you get information from ISD or do you know the bulk of the more than \$3,000,000 in fee waivers?

How much of those are for the Civic Center?

'Cause because so many of the fee waivers are for music center parking, which I'm assuming is probably the more expensive parking in the county of all the fee waivers. And some of those events are sort of county wide.

It's the tree lighting.

It's the recognition of the board, does its mock trial.

'Cause, I'm just curious then when we're looking at things from an equity lens, I mean technically those are based in downtown, but they're county wide, you know annual county wide events, the the three largest ones are the tree lighting ceremony which is 100, which was at a.

\$132,000 in the 2324 fiscal year.

We haven't done the data in 2425, the California Coastal Cleanup.

For \$101,500 and then high school serve classes for about 50,000.

So those are the three big ones. But you're right, they are large and a lot of the requests do come for our are specifically located in the in the music center. And then if the goal is to reduce the cost and perhaps let's just say for example AR.

Comes back with a recommendation that, like the Christmas tree lighting shouldn't be included because.

There's mass transit available in the music center.

Parking is so expensive.

Of do we have any?

It will there be any threshold that it could limit participation in those events or you know that there would be I guess like let me say it a different way.

Will your report address any potential concerns that events may not happen or we wouldn't get as much participation on events if there isn't free parking available, I don't think we would.

Well, let me just say to help answer that initial question, I don't think.

Our report would recommend which advance necessary.

Fairly shoulder shouldn't be approved excluded, but we would probably recommend that type like the need to develop criteria for selecting those events.

For example, does the event promote access and quality to county services or resources or public amenities?

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Is it you know, you know, enabling community participation?

So it's probably criteria that the board could consider when making the recommendation, but I don't think we would suggest or even recommend what type of event should or shouldn't be approved.

There are events like triathlons that receive fee waivers.

Now there's the, like the coastal clean up day is a great public event.

It's a great example of a cost that you know provides benefit to the county.

So I think based upon the analysis of the initial set of events, many of them are public benefit.

There are probably some in there you want to take a look at to determine whether or not they are ones the county should provide waivers for.

OK. And then the other thing I was curious is when we're talking about, you know, the the \$3,000,000 cost, is that apples to apples comparison?

Because some of these are for county owned assets, so does it really cost \$10 a parking space or the spaces at beaches and marvers or is our cost of that parking space really, you know, a dollar, a space 'cause I think the fee waiver right now Co? What the actual cost is like.

And I know some of the parking lots ISD has contracted out services to manage the lot.

But I am curious how we're defining the dollar amount and how much this actually costs departments to do.

Does that make sense?

Yeah, 100% makes sense.

And that's one thing we want to be mindful of if we come back with analysis, the further analysis that Arty is going to do.

That it it really does if it causes the benefit, then why are we considering this? And I know.

Each parking lot, for example the parking lot.

'Cause buried and can we compare every single, every single cause the same?

However, we don't wanna.

We do not wanna create a thank you administrative burden that isn't gonna cost the county more to actually managing this right.

Versus what we're doing before?

Because the idea here is that we wanna increase generate revenue and save our

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revenue.

We do have, but it's just gonna cost us more than it might. Not even forward, right. And I think we can do the analysis.

There's both unrealized revenue and then there are actual costs, right?

And So what our preliminary data showed is that there are situations where, for example, the county might have to cover the expenses of operating that lot when it's not receiving revenue. And then there are other times where we just.

Don't receive the revenue when we could have received it right?

So I think that breakdown is.

Mostly available not in not in every single circumstance situation, but, but we probably provide that analysis as far great, great. And then the last question I was gonna ask because this actually is directed at parks. Does parks do you have an idea of how much your department Co?

In fee waivers every year, now that you guys have your policy and they don't come before the board.

Nina, I think you're on.

**AB** Alina Bokde 27:29

Yes, hi.

Hi, Elena, Book day parks.

So that is something that we can track.

And.

In terms of, because we know what we wave is the rental fees again for organizations, community based organizations that meet the eligibility requirements.

For for those fee waivers for that are the rental fee for the property.

So for the park facilities?

It's not something that I have kind of at my fingertips, but it is something that you know, we can pull together.

**AV** Alina Vo 28:10

Thank you.

And couple questions.

And Alina, is it possible, before the March 17th meeting, to see, I think the plan is

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called the bot that's referenced in the motion, just to see a copy of that, that would be great.

**AB** Alina Bokde 28:21

Yes.

Yeah, absolutely.

The what we call the BOP is our business and operations plan, which really helped establish the framework and our core programs, which was fundamental to establishing our core and Community partnership program. So part of the eligibility for organizations that are providing you know programs you know again for.

The waiving of rental fees is, you know, they have to align.

With the core programs of the department and so. But I'm happy Rachel, to share that.

And you know, I'll share that with you. So you can take a look at it and happy to answer any questions about that.

**AV** Alina Vo 29:12

Thank you.

Then for doctor Squires.

And for the 2nd District, I just want to I think 1C on the type determining the types of organizations and events you do have.

Government entities listed here. Some of the parking fee waivers that we do for time to time are for homeless outreach teams that provide services on our beaches at Venice, and I think City of Malibu also provides contracted services.

So they are there on a weekly basis.

This so it is a a substantial amount, but that said, they're providing, you know, quality services that are very necessary.

I'm not saying that that's something that would necessarily not qualify for this, but it does see that kind of larger increase, maybe that are getting waived.

It has.

I'm not.

You know it.

It takes time to do these waivers.

I always wondered why we don't do placards or something like that, or why we do

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that kind of accounting.

But something to just flag for you all as to take into account is just say that.

And then in terms of the development of the centralized application process and any public facing materials.

Are there?

Do you anticipate any additional costs in creating that?

And then do you anticipate proactive outreach to engage with new organizations who haven't tapped into this as a resource for them?

They hear the county.

You know what?

We're trying to do something new.

Start costs are always.

These are discuss synonyms and talk to you about exactly what cost would be or how we can recover some of these costs.

We would lose fee waivers, but.

And I'm hoping the report back kind of goes into that level detail, like what's needed to have a centralized application process regarding a public facing material and organization to do outreach. That's part of the goal here, increasing knowledge of what resources the client does have available for other.

Organizations.

To take advantage of so with any color piece of materials, any communication materials that.

Office the CEO comes up with. We definitely want to use that to help promote the market, upcoming opportunities and again leverage our existing resources.

Yeah, my my recommendation is to work closely with the departments to figure out what makes sense for them.

Right. So the centralized process to me does not necessarily mean that we have to have a centralized portal.

It could be that the departments are like, no, it makes more sense to come to us.

Or maybe we do want it to go to a centralized place.

So I think it would be, you know, it would behoove us to figure out like what makes sense for DBH, what makes sense for, you know, library and for ISD to feel these requests in a way that will enable.

There to be, you know, access based upon.

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You know what makes the most sense for what you all want to accomplish, and then come back to you all with those recommendations as well.

Sorry, I'm so sorry to interrupt.

I was just going to suggest that you include the board offices in that conversation.

I agree because I'm guessing 90% of the fee waivers start with request from organizations to the board. That's right.

So I think that, yeah, I would just make sure they're involved in the process, which is why I think I mentioned earlier about EO because ultimately EO takes those motions and move them, moves them to the board, right.

So really, no, it's the other way I think.

We do the motions and it gets moved to the EO, yeah.

That's at least my historical understanding of that's what I meant of doing it. And like I said, I mean we're in a little bit of a unique situation because you know.

Because of our history in the office and obviously the Supervisor, Barger working for Supervisor Antonovich, but so many of these fee waivers have gone on for 20 plus years with organizations that do them every year.

And so any changes I think for some of the long standing ones would be it would just be great to have them on it.

And you were saying about I'm using existing materials that departments have, you know, like if there's notices that go out, is that what you you're envisioning also within those notices informing folks of of the new process or or is that what you're also envisioning or to get the?

Word out that there there's a new process.

You know, you know how there's different departments that sometimes send out notices, for one thing or another.

Another is that something that you're looking at also incorporating, you know, just to inform.

On on the process or yeah, our recommendation. I recommendation just yet, but our our thinking thus far is that there would need to be some public facing materials with those with the criteria that you all would like to see happen and then make sure that those documents are.

Available either on the departmental pages or a centralized page or something like that.

But it would need to be.

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Clear in a in a in a process defined so that people know exactly how to access it. And obviously working with you all in your office is determining like what do you want the starting point to be.

Because most of the times it is, people come to your your office, right?

So I think that's exactly one of the questions that needs to be answered.

Any other questions from the board, colleagues?

Online or?

I have one resolve actually.

Sorry and I don't know if this is directed to doctor Scorsa or SD2. Is there in the report or in the proposed policy?

Would you guys envision some sort of cap, I guess the only thing I'm thinking is if we do make this more publicly available and why more widely known, which would be great, so more people have access and there are a lot of organizations that are deserving that are.

Public facing that you know, serve disadvantaged communities, et cetera.

What if we exceed?

Need you know what? If we go above and beyond the more than \$3,000,000 that we're currently expending with organizations that kind of meet the criteria and are serving a public need, will there be some sort of CAP or?

Because I do think this is a benefit that probably a lot of organizations are unaware of is available.

Unless they heard about it, word of mouth and been doing it for a while, so or hear from the departments. Yeah. Yeah. I think we'll need to consider a couple of factors. One, we'll have to think about.

About the total number of fee waivers an organization can request per year, I think we're gonna need to think because right now that's also not clear.

We're gonna have to think about the total dollar amount that might be waived per event or by organization. We'll have to think about, you know, whether or not smaller or larger organizations can pay like a scale, you know, scaled fee or whatever the case may be. So I.

Think we'll try and look at some options to come back to you all with consider, but ultimately.

Because it is eating into the county's revenue, I think the board's gonna have to make a decision about.

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Whether or not.

You do want a cap like, do you actually want to limit the total amount of of, you know, fee waivers and their costs?

Or do you want to?

You know, you know, have it, you know.

Be as it is now, where I think there really is no limit, right?

So I think that's a that's a really good question.

Thank you.

Great work, by the way.

A lot of good information you guys have. Alright, I just wanna make 2 comments.

One on the like something just to consider.

Of like parking occupancy, I'm thinking in particular like with the Music center.

Of just say like the concern I personally have of, you know, board offices paying out of discretionary per reimbursement for example.

Let's just say on a let's just say on any given Thursday, there's 50 parking occupancy for example, there's fifty spots on average, but we waive parking for 200 spots.

I mean, we're overpaying essentially for that.

Like just kind of thinking about that where it feels a little funky in that way. The other thing and I might get laughed out of this room here, but.

Is thinking about.

And I might get thrown daggers from beaches and harbors of this, but filming at our beaches and thinking about being film friendly.

I know this is talking about equity, but as we're trying to support that sector.

Particular umm. I'm not saying we want complete waivers, but we've also seen reductions in in different thing.

Uh, in not complete waivers. I haven't seen it in filming in particular, but we've been asked in certain things and I I just wanna flag that level of flexibility as well for those kinds of things.

Kind of hurting all around, so just would like to just share that.

Just to for my clarification, both directives ask for report backs in 90 days.

So what do we envision between now and 90 days if we get other requests where we're, we're as usual, right?

I guess the process and yeah, there's there's no policy in place right now to.

Make all right and and in terms of the pilot.

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It it would also.

It may take a little while more than that, for sure.

So you know, I guess there's nothing in the interim that would exist, right? No.

Any other questions from our board colleagues online or here in person?

I know that you report back and it seems that you might have won some kind of report effect if you could share that with us. I mean, no, this is not a report.

These are just like my talking points.

Oh, OK.

But there is a kind of there will be a report that's gonna come.

Yes, yes.

Oh, but there isn't an existing one.

No, there's no existing report, OK? Yeah.

Ready. I think we're ready for public comments.

Any members of the public would like to address this motion. Please raise your hand on teams or if you are with us by phone, please press \*6 to speak.

We will allow one minute each person.

Hearing none, I think we can pause to the next motion, the next thank you.

Next, we're going to move on to the SD4 motion.

Thank you so much and I apologize.

I don't have a fancy presentation to share with you all, but our motion is addressing trash. Agree in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers as we know, these two rivers are some of LA County's significant waterways, and they serve as slip control channels.

Recreational corridors and vital in nature resources.

Unfortunately, these rivers also face a lot of ongoing challenges with trash, agree and illegal dumping that threaten our water quality, public safety, wildlife habitats and our community spaces.

And ultimately, a lot of the trash flows downstream and ends up in the mouth of the river, which in this case are the cities of Long Beach and the city of Selby.

I wanted to note that between 2020 and 2024, the city of Long Beach has collected more than £25 million of trash and debris from the LA River, which has caused that much up to \$12 million.

It's important to note that while Long Beach is collecting this trash, not all of before it goes into the ocean, not all of it is coming from the city boundaries.

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So we understand that this and the same goes for the city of Seal Beach. A lot of it comes from LA County, unfortunately.

And so it's important to know that this is like a regional issue.

That we need to address and so couple years ago, the Orange County Board of Supervisors provided a grant to the city of Seal Beach to pro to do a feasibility study to better understand how we could administer and deploy some kind of infrastructure project to capture trash before.

It gets to the mouth of the river and the same with the city of Long Beach, the city of Long Beach is currently doing the same.

So our office has been trying to be supportive of both of these efforts.

In the best way that we can.

Here in LA County, we know that the Biona Creek is one of our treasure infrastructure projects. In SD2, it used to be in SD4 before redistricting.

So really sad to lose that to you all. But it's been such a successful program. It's collected over 206 tons of trash.

And so, thankfully, the ocean cleanup has come to the table, and they're willing to work with us. The city of Long Beach and Seal Beach to possibly deploy.

Similar infrastructure.

Projects along these two rivers.

So at the core of this motion, we really want to approve 2 Mous.

The first one is with the ocean cleanup, Long Beach and of course, the county flood control and the second the ocean cleanup Seal Beach in the county.

These two MO US are non binding but they allow us to work towards the logistics and design of what these installations could look like. So we understand that again there's this is a regional problem and one interceptor isn't going to solve all of our issues.

So in addition, we are asking public works to conduct outreach and education to our cities and communities along the rivers, and to work collaboratively.

Public works really prides themselves, and they do a wonderful job in installing different Nets and ways to capture trash before it goes into storm drains.

And I think that we have a lot of methods that we could share with some of our smaller cities and we have a safety water program.

And I just want to make sure that we're collaborating with our cities.

And to ensure that.

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We're maximizing our ability to capture trash before Ed ends up out of the ocean. So all that to say, we're asking for 120 day report back with any findings, policy recommendations and potential funding opportunities to carry out these efforts. Public works is on the call to answer any questions in our office. Only request or support. Thank you.

Thank you very.

Presentation and just a question.

So right now you're really looking at two rivers then to deal.

Is there any opportunity to look at others?

You know, just, you know, I know that.

The only river has different tributaries and and we have river, the San Jose.

Just wondering how that would fall into, you know, is that something that we could also look at as part of the?

Go or is that? I mean I know this is these are certain rivers that.

You know that mouth or that mouth or that ocean area there, but I'm wondering if there further north, I guess. Mm-hmm. Those other rivers. And just wondering. Yeah, that's a great question.

I think I think for the outreach and education portion of the motion, I think absolutely public works should also work with the neighboring jurisdictions in those areas.

As term in terms of the ocean cleanup, I know they're specifically looking at these two rivers and towards the mouth of the rivers, but for the overall education outreach, I think yeah, it's absolutely possible and it would allow public works to respond to that as well. But I.

Think it's just as vital to look into those sub sources as well.

Just wondering whether there's any infrastructure needs. Mm-hmm. Along those, you know, so that trashing the green doesn't eliminate to to those. And then it eventually goes right.

Into your area.

Any thoughts from public works?

You know.

**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 45:02

Hi, yes, this is Jolene Guerrero, deputy director at Public Works.

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Yes, up in the watersheds, farther up, away from the the beaches we have, you know, in county unincorporated areas. We've been installing devices on the catch basins so that they. So the trash doesn't get into the strong drain and into the rivers.

And we are working with other municipalities to do similar efforts to keep it from getting into the system in the first place.

And then we also have regular our maintenance crews do regular trash cleanup during dry season in our channels.

And then as Deritza mentioned.

You know, outreach public education. I'm working with our municipalities are all part of the efforts to prevent the trash.

Hopefully I've answered the question.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 45:53

Seeing that the infrastructure is there already at those other rivers, you know to protect trashing debris going into those areas.

**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 46:03

To prevent the trash that comes. Yeah, to prevent the trash that comes in through the system through the storm drain system through tributary areas.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 46:03

Is is that what you're hearing?

**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 46:12

Trash that's blown in or dropped directly into the river.

That has to be cleaned up by maintenance crews or unfortunately it gets captured during storms at the at the mouth of the river when it gets sent down that way.

But yeah, we we do have robust efforts to try to prevent.

Trash.

And multiple efforts, education, clean up and then prevention through the catch Basin devices.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 46:44

OK.

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That's what I wanted to know. If there was already, you know, infrastructure there so that we can also take care of, you know along, you know, further north, not just southern east right. But if it exists there then that's noted and definitely opportunities for education definitely we would.

Love to have that.

You know, north, north wise, you know in regards to this effort that is being brought forward.

And I know the recommendation is to have a report back with, you know.

Additional information and funding right in order to establish this, but if you could just revisit and see if there's any other needs since we're at it, I think it it'll be great.

You know, just if there's anything else that we may need N wise that needs you know, that eventually leads to the South, right?

That would be appreciated.

**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 47:45

Absolutely, of course, yes.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 47:48

Any questions from our board folks?

SD2.

This is exciting.

As you mentioned, 77 interceptor notes I mean 007.

It's Abioto Creek and I I recall when two guys in Mitchell came started representing that area of the redistricting. Debbie mentioned that.

Hey, this is like going to bring up might not happen and we're like no super essential champion that we make sure it happened.

So it's super exciting to see that that relationship is growing and expand throughout the county, so.

Happy to see this for us and no question on land. Congratulations. Yeah, great.

**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 48:24

Right.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 48:26

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Any other questions for Mr. Yeah, I'll do that.

Hi Erin from SC3.

Thank you SC4 for the for the motion, for supportive of course, and that's great.

There's always more we can be doing to protect our waterways and exploring partnerships in a way that can move the needle on this tremendous challenge. Early in supervisor for best time.

In office and I think it was after that crazy hurricane that came through LA Supervisor and Mitchell actually co-authored a motion to look at sort of trash accumulation in our waterways and their beaches and what we can do better. And Jolene, you're there.

I know you were.

You were helpful early on and explaining some of this to a new board office and how the the systems work. The department came back with like.

A very comprehensive December 2023.

Report back. It was public works, beaches and harbors, and OEM with lots of recommendations of how to make these systems work better.

It was.

It was a great report and I'm wondering if you know, maybe I could just say like the first recommendation in there was continue to reevaluate the current operations of streets and storm conveyance systems, especially during large storm events and make as needed improvements to prevent the accumulation and.

Discharge of trash from those systems.

Since December 2023, I'm wondering if the department could share.

Are there things that have actually changed in terms of our of our protocols that were suggested at that point?

Hmm.

**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 50:07

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**AG** **Angela George-Moody** 50:08

Aaron, this is Angela Jolene's, a new deputy. So I'm gonna take this one.

So as a result, one of the things that I think is is fundamental to this discussion is that.

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**JG** **Jolene Guerrero** 50:14  
Oh, thank you.

**AG** **Angela George-Moody** 50:23  
Each municipality is responsible for.  
Placing devices on their catch basins to prevent trash from getting into the system so that education and outreach and you guys forgive me, I have a a cold.  
So I wasn't really.  
We're gonna talk a lot, but.  
The one of the things with regards to that education and outreach component is that we were going to work with the cities, the municipalities, to make sure that they are keeping those devices in place, right? That they are implementing any other potential full capture devices within their J.  
And that we would be doing the same in the unincorporated county or on behalf of the unincorporated county.  
Some of those devices include things like bioswales and you've you've seen those through the unincorporated county stormwater program, which Jolene has recently been promoted from. And so we've continued to implement or or or recommend.  
And you know, I I don't talk about funding, but funding is crucial in order to put more devices or modify devices or make sure that maintenance efforts continue. The flood control district does.  
Their portion on what is directly associated with. Excuse me, the system, the flood control system. But those municipalities, including the unincorporated county, are the ones that we are talking to about making sure that they're doing their part to protect our water bodies.  
So the answer is yes, we've continued.  
You'll find if you you you want more information on.  
The the types of devices that have been implemented or the types of projects that we have recommended.  
Or implement it within your district.  
We can do that.  
Maintenance is key.  
You can put him in, but if you don't maintain him, it's a loss.

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So we are focusing.

We are pushing all municipalities and and so when I hear I heard the other comment about the the need for that outreach that is key Long Beach suffers.

Why Long Beach suffers?

Because they're at the mouth, they're at the end.

Those municipalities that don't put in those devices or maintain those devices during certain storms.

The the the lower intensity storms especially you know, we try to keep everything out full first blush.

We try to keep everything out and then when it's an intense storm like some of the ones we've seen this season, they have to open up.

Why do they have to open up?

Because our goal is not to flood out any cities.

Hopefully that helps and I'm sorry about my squeaks. All right, thank you.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 53:10

Feel better, Angela?

That's very helpful. And I I think my what I would sort of draw attention to is if you know there was a great work plan that was described there. I think one of the biggest two key takeaways I took from it was the cities really do need to.

**AG** **Angela George-Moody** 53:11

Thank you.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 53:25

Do their part and I think this board has board offices we can help to play a role and amplify that.

Not everything, but we're always, you know, the end of the stick, you know, of the line. And people blame the county for this stuff.

But secondly, also some of those.

Strategies for the upstream solutions for reducing that waste in the 1st place is is gonna be critical in the long haul, so.

Maybe I'd ask the, you know, support district if any of that useful as you're looking at the final motion and hopefully that work doesn't wasn't in vain from a couple of

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years ago.

Not at all.

And thank you for sharing the the report back.

It's. I think it's very similar to what we wanna make sure that it's getting across to our cities, right? 'cause public works does great work.

Report Pack's wonderful, but ensuring that our cities are equipped with the latest technologies, latest things that could help prevent because it is.

Their responsibility, but also.

The waterways on the blood control channels are hours, so it ultimately is our way of advocating for our rivers.

So I I agree with you. And I also wanted to know.

This kind of goes with our efforts and your guys's motion on the urban nature centers and wanting to ensure that we find ways to make our rivers more what is it?

River facing right and enhance our ability to enjoy these rivers and so making sure they're nice and clean will allow us to do that.

Thank you.

Of course.

Any questions for me?

No questions, just a couple of comments.

Congratulations, clearly worthwhile and effort.

On your go SD one's comments and look forward to lessons learned in application to various further.

Sounds like a great improvement.

Thank you, stefern.

Any questions or comments from colleagues online?

Board offices.

Just making sure.

Thank you again.

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I know we want to have public comment next if any members of the public would like to address this motion, please raise your hand. Or if you are with the sponge, please, please press \*6 to speak.

We will allow one minute for each person.

So we don't have any.

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We're going to move to general public comments.

Yeah, if any members of the public would like to address any item on the agenda, please press.

Please press \*6 to speak.

We will allow one minute for each person. Scott can see your hand.

**SM** **Scott Mockeridge** 56:05

Am I good to start?

**AV** **Alina Vo** 56:07

Yes.

**SM** **Scott Mockeridge** 56:09

Hi, I'm Scott moakrish.

I'm a resident of unincorporated LA County.

I'm a parent and multi sport volunteer coach at City Terrace Park.

We engage on these issues with Sam Estrada, Mercy Santoyo, Richard Seja.

There's been a noticeable shift in the quality of sports programming. Failure to achieve promises on a full girls basketball league.

There are only two teams, both at C Terrace Park, that took heavy parent pressure.

Volunteer coaches only only.

Season that season was salvage.

There are parks can only be central to our community when the park staff is proactive and engaged community demands for better involvement and inclusion in park planning and decision making have gone unaddressed.

Our community deserves better.

Our kids deserve better.

Our athletes deserve better.

Our demand is action from parks and REC leadership and SD one staff to identify root cause and appropriate corrective actions for these issues.

And to provide follow up opportunity back follow up back to the community.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 57:12

Scott, can you mention that that you mentioned the park park was that?

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**SM** **Scott Mockeridge** 57:17

I think this is go ahead, sorry.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 57:22

Just wanted to make sure.

Did you mention a particular part?

**SM** **Scott Mockeridge** 57:27

City Terrace park.

But it was a it was the Girls Basketball League was something that E agency had promised.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 57:38

I will follow up on that with you.

Hopefully you could leave a an e-mail in the chat.

Any other comments?

**SM** **Scott Mockeridge** 57:54

I'll find a way to get it to you privately.

**AV** **Alina Vo** 57:59

He wants to give it to you privately.

Oh, I guess you could.

I don't know if there's.

An e-mail that you could see.

Yes, I'll provide an e-mail to the meeting.

Yeah, invoke at that message over to.

Someone will provide a way for you provide your e-mail.

Thank you.

**AB** **Alina Bokde** 58:22

In Guadalupe, we're also happy to follow up as well if we can.

Get contact information, yeah.

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**AV** **Alina Vo** 58:28

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Thank you, eve.

Any other comments? General public comments.

Seeing none, the meeting is adjourned.

Thank you everyone.

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