



Supervisor Jeffries' Board Report

March 19th, 2019

This week's Board meeting was another quiet one, with only a couple of items generating any discussion, and a few important items that passed without comment. Here were the highlights for the county and the 1st District as I saw them:

Board Comments—Item 17 (Video Time Stamp 18:18) I addressed the great poppy crisis of 2019, which is impacting traffic, public safety, and quality of life for everyone that uses I-15 between Corona and Lake Elsinore, but particularly for residents in the north end of Lake Elsinore and the southern end of Temescal Valley. We are working with the City and with our County Emergency Department and other agencies to see what can be done to reduce the impacts on our residents and visitors alike. I also discussed concerns I have that there are multiple county agencies that don't appear to be doing their employee reviews annually, as required. These are important, so that we can give positive feedback when an employee is doing well, so we can identify and improve the performance of employees that are struggling, and document issues with employees that are failing.

Legal Settlements Cost Report—Item 2.1 (Video Time Stamp 41:55) County Auditor-Controller Paul Angulo submitted a report to the board addressing his concerns about the cost of litigation to the County, and the Executive Office filed a response to his report (both of which are included on the agenda at the link below). There is a bit of a dispute about the accuracy of the Auditor's report, and some of that was discussed, as well as some of the efforts being made to reduce those costs.

MOU with City of Riverside for Van Buren Sewer Project— Item 3.4 (Video Time Stamp 46:45) After almost a decade of planning and research for a sewer line along the commercial portions of Van Buren Blvd between Riverside City and the unincorporated community of Woodcrest, the City of Riverside has developed a plan to use their public utility bond funds to pay for the project, rather than a new sewer tax district that had been previously considered. This project will protect the groundwater of Woodcrest and be a great relief to businesses along this corridor, some of whom have to pump their septic systems daily. It is also supported by the

Riverside Unified School District, so that they can hook up Woodcrest Elementary School, the last school in the district still on a septic system. A member of the community spoke in opposition to the project on behalf of some residents who are primarily concerned 1) That this partnership with the City is simply a stepping stone to annexation, and 2) That a planned lift station for the sewer will be a nuisance to the school and nearby residents. I do not think annexation is a legitimate threat in this day and age. State laws make it very difficult for a city to annex new territories without losing money, and I will not allow any annexations that cherry pick commercial zones from unincorporated areas, while leaving residents and their service needs behind. We need those unincorporated businesses to help pay for our unincorporated services! As for the lift station, I am more sensitive to those concerns, and have asked that the project team work with a group of local residents to discuss the plans and look at design standards to eliminate odors and reduce visual/sound impacts, and if necessary, identify other potential locations for the lift station. The motion passed 5-0.

You can see all the agenda items and staff reports, and watch the video of the meeting at this link here:

<http://riversidecountyca.igam2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2033&MinutesItemID=101628&Format=Minutes>

Our next Board Meeting is March 26th, at 9am.

Other upcoming events are:

Saturday, March 23rd, 10-11:30am: State Appointments Workshop with Assemblywoman Cervantes, on how to apply to various state commissions and boards @ Hunt Park Community Center in Riverside

Saturday, March 30th, 8am-noon: Meadowbrook/Good Hope Community Cleanup @ Closed Mead Valley Landfill, 22376 Forrest Rd, Perris, CA