

GENERAL COUNTY PROGRAMS

NO PRESENTATION

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Communications and Public Information Office

- Coordinated comprehensive, bilingual countywide emergency public information during the Gap, Tea and Jesusita fires.
- Initiated and produced unique, high-def “Best of Santa Barbara County” video for use in the County’s Capitol Building (Sacramento) display.
- Produced a new, ongoing series of information videos about the positive benefits of the County’s agricultural industry.
- Exercised, refined and strengthened the use of a Memorandum of Understanding with local radio broadcasters for distribution of emergency public information.

Office of Emergency Services

- Established a strategic partnership with the Orfaea Fund and James Lee Witt and Associates to provide more philanthropic funding on Operational Area projects that are aligned with strategic priorities.
- Worked with the Department of Homeland Security to obtain \$950,000 in funding to fund various capital projects and training.
- Provided emergency management for the Tea, Gap and Jesusita fires and assisted in recovery efforts.
- Worked with Operational Area cities to update their emergency operations plans (EOP) and obtain State approval.

First Five, Santa Barbara Children and Families Commission

- Funded health insurance coverage and health screening for children.

FY 2009-10 Budget Hearings

- Conducted home visits to parents of newborns through nine months to help them support their child's development.
- Through partnerships with agencies and municipalities, developed policy and individual technical assistance to increase the number of childcare facilities.

Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency

- Submitted the Isla Vista Master Plan response to the Coastal Commission.
- Completed Pardall Road streetscape construction.
- Provided permanent financing for 20 affordable housing units at Parkview Apartments purchased and rehabilitated with tax credits and Agency funds and obtained in partnership with the County Housing Authority.

Countywide Free Library System

- Focused on providing services to youth and youth literacy
- Opened the new Santa Maria Library

SERVICE LEVEL REDUCTIONS

- Unfunded one Emergency Services Manager and one Administrative Office Professional which could result in delays in responding to and resolving problems and issues, and a decreased level of support to departments and outside agencies.

LAYOFFS

- None

BUDGET EXPANSIONS

- None