



## DISTRICT 2 HIGHLIGHTS



### Infrastructure Investments: Roads, libraries, parks and other community enhancements.

- An additional investment of \$4.5 million for a total of \$65.5 million to maintain 2,000 miles of roadways in the unincorporated area. In District 2, there are 861.64 miles of roadway, with an investment of \$28.9 million for maintenance and resurfacing.
- District 2 is home to 64 County parks, part of a \$33.5 million total investment to operate 157 park facilities, 58,000 acres of parkland and 389 miles of trails throughout the region.
- \$1.4 million for two new community gardens at County parks, including a garden at Collier Park in Ramona, to increase food security in low-income, underserved communities and low food access zones.
- District 2 has 15 County libraries, with an overall \$569,000 increase to operate 33 branch libraries, 4 electric bookmobiles and 5 automated book kiosks, as well as \$12.4 million to curate all library materials, digital and print.
- 3 airports are located in District 2 – Gillespie Field, Jacumba Airport and Ramona Airport – among 8 County airports that will receive a \$2.7 million increase for a total of \$27.7 million for operations including travel and emergency support during wildfires.



### Behavioral Health: Mental health and substance use support.

- Planning is underway for a \$28 million East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit set to open in mid-2025.
- \$5 million annually to address mental health treatment needs for middle school students in coordination with school districts in the region, including 9 schools in District 2.
- Increase of \$38.5 million for behavioral health services in partnership with Revive Pathway, which is owned by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.



### Homelessness: Access to shelter, housing and other services to ensure people have a safe place to live.

- Joining the Magnolia safe parking lot near El Cajon, a second location is expected to open in late 2024, further expanding emergency sheltering options for the unincorporated areas.
- Investing \$6.2 million into homeless outreach and housing assistance to people living unsheltered along the San Diego River.
- More than \$2 million for homeless encampment cleanup in parks and other County-owned areas in the region to maintain safe and sanitary conditions.
- Twice-monthly Homeless Court pop-up resource fairs held at various locations throughout the region to provide access in each District. Fairs provide opportunity for people who are homeless to resolve misdemeanors and minor offenses.



### Housing: Housing opportunities to meet community needs.

- District 2 is home to 6 County-funded affordable housing developments with 289 units and another 7 developments with 637 units planned or under construction.
- \$2.4 million increase to boost multifamily rental housing in the unincorporated area.
- \$30.1 million to facilitate housing by creating affordable housing programs and removing barriers to housing through things like guaranteed plan review times for 100% affordable housing projects.



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## Support Services: Nutrition, health, financial and other programs to help vulnerable individuals and families.

- \$15 million Ramona Community Resource Center is expected to open in late 2024.
- Lunch at County library branches and partnerships to provide meal sites and/or food pantries at 13 branches including 7 branches in District 2: Julian, El Cajon, Lakeside, Descanso, Ramona, Jacumba and Poway.
- The Older Californians Nutrition program provides 423,500 congregate dining meals at 28 sites, including 11 in District 2.
- \$11.3 million for Animal Services, including \$1.3 million, three full-time employees and a mobile veterinary clinic for underserved areas in the unincorporated area. Construction on a new County Animal Care Shelter in Santee is expected to start this year, with completion in fall 2025.
- Child Support Services conducts an annual Super Saturday event in District 2 that offers free child support services, legal assistance and employment resources, and distributes about 600 free backpacks with school supplies to students in need.
- Provide self-sufficiency services such as CalFresh, CalWorks and Medi-Cal to 260,613 residents in District 2.
- \$4.3 million added to the recommended budget for resettlement and housing support for those displaced by the war in Ukraine.



## Additional Highlights

*Supporting expansion and economic growth for the 96 wineries in District 2.*

*\$9 million to advance broadband connectivity in the rural areas of the county.*



## Justice Reform: Transforming the justice system to ensure equity and accountability.

- The Santee Branch Library and Las Colinas Detention Center will continue the Raising a Reader program that teaches incarcerated parents and caregivers how to develop reading skills with their children. The program has engaged more than 100 caregivers to date.
- \$1.1 million for SD nights, a collaboration with cities to offer free in-person and virtual activities for youth during critical hours after school, including activities at the Lakeside Community and Teen Centers.



## Public Safety: Law enforcement and fire protection.

- 14 County-owned fire stations are located in District 2 and are included in a \$16 million increase for fire, emergency and ambulance services in the unincorporated area. The stations are in the communities of Harbison Canyon, Jamul, Deerhorn, Lake Morena, Jacumba, Pine Valley, Descanso, Boulevard, Mount Laguna, Julian and Ramona.
- County Fire helps reduce the potential for fire spread by performing approximately 18,200 defensible space inspections in District 2 annually.
- \$400,000 for remodel and fire training tower at Ramona Fire Station 80.
- \$5 million to start replacing the 50-year-old Ramona Sheriff Substation.
- \$98.9 million to support community safety in District 2, including 8 Sheriff's patrol stations that serve the unincorporated communities of Alpine, Campo, Julian, Lakeside, Ramona, Rancho San Diego, and parts of 4S Ranch, as well as contracted services to the cities of Poway and Santee.



## Public Health & Protection: Keeping communities healthy and preventing illness.

- Continued funding to build a new \$92 million, state-of-the-art public health lab expected to open in 2025.



## Environmental Sustainability: Protecting the natural environment to preserve it for future generations.

- Additional investment in the Demonstration Garden at the County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa, designed to promote home, urban and community gardening, and its connection to sustainability.
- \$2.5 million increase to update the Climate Action Plan.

*\$16 million to preserve land to protect species as part of the Multiple Species Conservation Program.*

*\$14.1 million to protect the environment and local agriculture from destructive pests.*

*\$14.5 million to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses by treating 1,600 breeding sites.*

