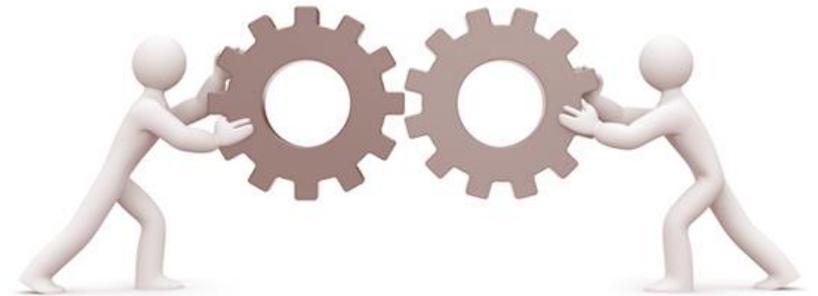


# JULY 22, 2016

## COUNCIL MEETING

Update on the Consolidation of the Central  
Coast and Silicon Valley/Monterey Bay Region



# Background

- On March 8, 2016 the Council acted to consolidate the Central Coast Region with the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Region saving the Council \$330,000. This decision was made due to a \$700,000 structural deficit in the Basic State Grant.
- Under this proposal, the seven counties would be one region called the Central Coast region. The single region would be staffed by the standard staffing ratio of one Manager, one Community Program Specialist II, and one Office Technician. This proposal would go into effect on October 4, 2016.
- Part of the consolidation process requires that the public be given 120-day notice before any changes take place.

# Process

- On June 27, 28, 29, Chair April Lopez conducted public hearings in each of the 7 affected counties. The purpose of these meetings was to collect community feedback and provide it to the Council.
- Since the boundaries affect Councilmembers David Forderer and Sandra Aldana's regions, they also participated in these hearings.
- Council staff present included Executive Director Aaron Carruthers, Deputy Director of Regional Operations (A) Vicki Smith, and Regional Managers David Grady and Yolanda Smith.

# Community Support

- Support for the staff who were in the Central Coast Office.
- Support for the staff in the Silicon Valley/ Monterey Bay Office.
- Appreciation for the work the staff in the Silicon Valley/ Monterey Bay Office has done in the entire region.

# Community Feedback

- Doubt that both regional offices could be adequately served by current staff.
- Desire to meet the needs of the working class and agricultural Spanish-speaking communities in the regions.
- Need to reduce disparities in Regional Center services.
- Importance of personal connections and relationships as the way to effectively work in the region.
- Doubt that their input would matter since they believed the decision to already be made.
- Questions as to whether the Council would receive additional funding.

# Responses Provided to the Community

- The Council does not anticipate an increase in funding.
- Chair Lopez gave the community highlights of many efforts underway to reduce disparities.
- Chair Lopez let the community know that the Silicon Valley/ Monterey Bay Office staff have been covering the Central Coast since June 2015. (The Silicon Valley/ Monterey Bay region stated they had not seen a decrease in presence from staff in this office. However, each community in the Central Coast region stated they had more presence when the Ventura office was staffed **but** Silicon Valley/ Monterey Bay staffs were covering emerging issues and needs.)

# Next Steps/Questions

