

SAN BENITO COUNTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Elected</i>	<i>Oath of Office</i>	<i>CAA President</i>	<i>Retired</i>	<i>Deceased</i>
Haydon Dowdy	03/26/1874, 09/01/1875, 09/03/1879, 11/07/1882				
D.F.H. McPhail	11/02/1886, 11/04/1890, 11/06/1894				
G.W. McConnell	11/08/1898, 11/04/1902, 11/06/1906, 11/08/1910, 11/03/1914, 11/05/1918				1921
George W. Justice	06/06/1921 **, 11/07/1922, 11/02/1926				
M.C. Donovan	08/26/1930				1930
T.H. Donovan	08/26/1931 **, 08/28/1934, 08/30/1938				
G.R. McConnell	08/25/1942, 06/04/1946				1950
Adele McConnell	06/01/1950 **				
Wright A. Lynn	06/06/1950, 06/08/1954				
Joseph J. Rianda	06/03/1958, 06/05/1962, 06/07/1966				08/12/1967
John R. Hodges	09/01/1967 **			06/02/1970	
Arnold R. Fontes	09/01/1970 **, 06/04/1974, 06/06/1978, 06/08/1982, 06/03/1986, 06/05/1990, 1994, 1998, 2002	09/01/1970	1982	01/31/2005	

Tom J. Slavich	02/01/2005 ** 06/06/2006 06/08/2010 06/03/2014				
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San Benito County was created on February 12, 1874 from a portion of Monterey County. The County also expanded in 1887 when portions of Merced and Fresno Counties were annexed in. Father Juan Crespi, in his expedition in 1772, named a small river in honor of San Benedicto (Saint Benedict, "the Blessed"), the patron saint of the married, and it is from the contraction of the name of this beloved saint that this county took its name. *

San Juan Mission was founded in 1797 and designated as a National Historical Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior on April 15, 1970.

Anza Trail Colonizing Expedition of 1775-76 was led by Spanish Captain Juan De Anza to connect New Spain (Mexico) to Alta California. The 1200 mile route started in Nogales, Arizona and ended in San Francisco. The trail through San Benito County to Monterey County follows along San Juan Grade Road.

Pinnacles National Park was created from an ancient volcano. The monument with all 26,000 acres was recently elevated to national park status thru Congressional Bill H.R. 2641, The Pinnacles National Park Act. The park is the release point for the California condor.

* H.M. Moreno, Moreno's Dictionary of Spanish-Named California Cities and Towns, (San Luis Obispo, CA, 1916)

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