

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** 2002 California State Association of Counties Challenge Awards

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt resolution endorsing the four (4) Santa Barbara County entries submitted for the 2002 CSAC Challenge Awards, as follows: 1) The Santa Barbara Fire Department's "Fire Safety Program Outreach"; 2) Probation Department's "Santa Barbara Assets & Risks Assessment (SB ARA)"; 3) Public Works' "Combining New Technology and An Ancient Art"; and 4) County Administrator's "Five Year Capital Improvement Program".

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal #1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

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## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Staff requests the Board's concurrence and endorsement of the 4 Santa Barbara County entries submitted for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2002 Challenge Awards Program. These annual awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments for finding new and effective ways of providing programs and services to their citizens.

Last year in 2001, 174 entries were submitted by 33 counties statewide. Of the 174 entries, 12 outstanding programs were selected to receive 2001 Challenge awards, plus there were 14 merit award winners. Santa Barbara County submitted 4 entries, including the award winning "Community Supervision University" program submitted by the Probation Department, and the merit award recognition of the "Sheriff's Council", submitted by the Sheriff's Department.

Our 2002 entries are:

1. Fire Department: "Fire Safety Program Outreach". The Santa Barbara County Fire Department, in collaboration with public and private agencies has created an extensive Fire Safety Program outreach for the urban/wildland interfaces. This is a broad-based educational outreach program which also includes a pre-fire mitigation task force.
2. Probation Department: "Santa Barbara Assets & Risks Assessment (SB ARA)". This is a gender appropriate, culturally sensitive assessment designed to make informed supervision and intervention service decisions for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The SB ARA was developed through a collaborative partnership between Santa Barbara County Probation Department and the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB).
3. Public Works Department: "Combining New Technology with an Ancient Art". Ongoing challenges with Tajiguas Landfill Bird Abatement and related public concerns have led to combining DNA technology and the ancient art of falconry.
4. County Administrator: "Five Year Capital Improvement Program". This is a comprehensive compilation of the County's short and long-term capital needs, both funded and unfunded, coupled with identified funding sources and forecasted ongoing operations costs.

We are proud to add our innovative, cost-effective programs to CSAC's ongoing recognition effort. We thank the department directors and staff who have submitted entries, all of which deserve an award.

### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

Participation in the CSAC Challenge Award Program is an optional activity. The program provides for statewide recognition of exemplary Santa Barbara County programs. The Challenge Award Program is also an opportunity for examining new and best practices around the State.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is a \$35 fee per entry for a total cost of \$140.00. Public Works issued their own cashier's check for \$35.00; the remaining \$105.00 is being paid for by the County Administrator's Office.

### **Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board is requested to deliver an executed copy of the attached resolution to the County Administrator.

### **Enclosures:**

Four Challenge Award entries from Fire Department, Probation Department, Public Works Department, and County Administrator.

cc: All Department Directors

