



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: May 19, 2009
Placement: Set Hearing on June 2,
2009
Estimated Tme: 20 minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
Contact Info: Michael F. Brown, 568-3404
**SUBJECT: Consider and Adopt the Response to the Grand Jury Report on “Detention
Facilities Report”**

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing to consider the response to the Civil Grand Jury report entitled “Detention Facilities Report” on May 2, 2009 for 20 minutes to:

- a) Adopt the responses as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report entitled “Detention Facilities Report,” and
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge

Summary Text:

On March 17th, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “Detention Facilities Report.” The report includes one finding and one recommendation. The Board of Supervisors is named as the responder to both the finding and the recommendation and the Sheriff’s Department is named as the responder to the finding.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the Sheriff’s response to finding 1 and agree with recommendation 1.

Background:

The Grand Jury Report was released on May 17th, 2009. In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933(b), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than June 16, 2009.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Recommendation 1 requires funding of \$80.2 million for the North County Jail project as proposed by the Sheriff. \$56.3 million has been awarded to the County by the State in AB 900 grant; however, the AB 900 program is currently pending approvals at the State level and is behind schedule. AB 900 grant funding substantially reduces the capital cost of the project to the County.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than June 16, 2009. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and a 3 ½" computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments: *

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Detention Facilities Report"

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cc:

Bill Brown, Sheriff