



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: June 16, 2009
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director
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SUBJECT: Consider and Adopt the Response to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report on Santa Barbara County Emergency Communications –Further Improvement Needed

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the responses, as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report entitled "Santa Barbara County Emergency Communications – Further Improvement Needed," and
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On March 24, 2009, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Santa Barbara County Emergency Communications – Further Improvement Needed." The report includes five findings and five recommendations. The Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Officer, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services, and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department were named as the Santa Barbara County government responders to the findings and recommendations.

It is recommended that the Board agree with findings 1b and 2; partially agree with findings 1a, 3, 4, and 5; recommend to implement recommendation 3; recommend not to implement recommendations 1, 2, and 4. Recommendations 5a and 5b have been implemented.

Background:

Per California Penal Code Section 933 (b), the governing body of the agency, the Board of Supervisors, must respond within 90 days after the issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Courts and the Grand Jury no later than June 26, 2009.

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fiscal impacts associated with filing this report.

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than June 26, 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 "Santa Barbara County Emergency Communications – Further Improvement Needed"
3. Hawaii Earthquake Report

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