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AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: 3/4/2008
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimate Time: 30 minutes on 3/11/08
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Bob Nisbet (560-1011) *Robert Nisbet*
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)
SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing on March 11, 2008
**Certification of Subsequent Environmental Impact Report
for County Jail – Northern Branch, Project #8551
4th Supervisorial District**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for Tuesday, March 11, 2008, (30-minutes) to consider:

1. Adoption of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Consideration for certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
2. Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCN: 2007111099) and Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the development of a new Santa Barbara County Jail in the Santa Maria area.

Summary:

For this project at this site, a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been performed and is ready for consideration by the Board for certification on March 11, 2008.

All impacts are discussed in detail in the SEIR which can be found online at
<http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/PDF/projects/07EIR-00003/New-County-Jail-SEIR.pdf>

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
THE PROPOSED COUNTY JAIL – NORTHERN BRANCH**

Case # 07EIR-00000-00003, 07GPA-00000-00011

SCH#2007111009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department is proposing to acquire approximately 50 acres of property for the construction and operation of an 304-bed detention facility. The site may ultimately support other County public safety facilities as well. These may include a public safety training facility (which could include police and fire facilities), an indoor firing range (lead free), and an emergency vehicle operation course. Construction of the Jail facility will occur in two broad phases. Phase 1 would include the first 304 beds of a County jail as well as supporting medical, administrative, warehouse, food service, classroom, vocation, courtroom and law enforcement uses. The initial phase of the project would include an estimated 391,663 square feet of building area. It is expected to be completed over a period of approximately one to three years, but could take up to approximately five years. Phase 2 would consist of an additional 712 beds with up to an additional 155,104 square feet of new facilities, including the live-in work furlough program. Total building area at full build out would be approximately 546,767 square feet.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 50 acre project site includes portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 113-210-004 and 113-210-013 and is located at the southwest corner of Black and Betteravia Roads within the unincorporated Santa Barbara County adjacent to and immediately southwest of a portion of the City of Santa Maria. The site is approximately 2 miles northeast of State Route 1 and approximately 2 miles northwest of the Santa Maria airport. The main public access to the facility will be from Black Road.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor's is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the subject Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR). You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on **Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:00 p.m. at the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisor's Hear Room** located at **511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, California** and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on **March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Subsequent EIR pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D began preparation of an EIR for the proposed project because of its complexity (i.e., impacts individually limited but cumulatively considerable) and potential to have significant adverse effects on the environment. The EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas.

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