



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 9/01/09
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes on 9/1/09
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Response to the Grand Jury Report on "SBCAG: A Road Not Taken"

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report entitled "SBCAG": A Road Not Taken;" and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On June 11, 2009, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "SBCAG: A Road Not Taken," which reviewed the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) approach to regional planning. (A copy of the report is attached for reference.) The report includes five Findings (Findings 1a, 1b, 1c, 2 and 3) as well as three Recommendations. The Civil grand Jury has requested responses from SBCAG, cities (Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Solvang) and the County Board of Supervisors.

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 September 8, 2009.

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Responding to a civil grand jury report is a State mandate. Any specific fiscal impacts associated with the particular findings and recommendations contained within this report will be included as part of the departmental item on September 1, 2009.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than September 8, 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 an electronic copy 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. Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "SBCAG: A Road Not Taken"

Authored by:

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