



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: March 1, 2016
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 20 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
 Director
 Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer, 568-3400
SUBJECT: **South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety – Status Report**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive status report from Saul Serrano, Task Force Coordinator regarding activities of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety (SCTFYS) previously named South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs (SCTFYG), and
- b) Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 1378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they are government fiscal, organizational, or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order for the Board of Supervisors to receive a status report from Saul Serrano, Task Force Coordinator about recent activities of the South Coast Gang Task Force on Youth Safety.

Background:

The Task Force was formed in 2009 after a yearlong effort of community meetings and discussions on youth gang issues and solutions. This regional effort is funded by local governments in the south coast and solidified by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU was reviewed and approved by

the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Barbara participation on October 20, 2015. Presently, Supervisors Carbajal and Wolf rotate as co-chairs representing the County on annual basis of the Task Force in partnership with City of Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider. The County’s MOU is funded with ongoing funds of \$50,303.

The regional approach recognizes that the problem of youth gang violence is a community problem and finding a solution will require ongoing collaborative community efforts. The SCTFYs’s focus is specific:

- Take a regional approach focused on the south coast jurisdictions of the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and South Santa Barbara County.
- Advocate for comprehensive programs that include prevention, intervention, and suppression.
- Be experimental with solutions, programs, and opportunities.

The Mission of the Task Force is *“to improve and support the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community.”* The SCTFYs is guided by a Council composed of elected officials, chief executives from public, private and non-profit organizations and community representation. Representatives include City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors, City and County executives, philanthropic organizations, youth and parents, service providers, law enforcement, County Probation and Social Services departments, school districts, Santa Barbara Community College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the faith of the community. Representatives work in support of the task force and attend meetings.

Regional administrative support is provided by the Community Action Commission (CAC) which serves as the host agency and fiscal agent. Using per-capita formula, the effort is funded by a combined contribution of \$189,327.00 from government partners.

Key Accomplishments Include:

- Reduction in youth with gang terms and conditions decreased from 245 in 2009 to 118 in 2014
- Shift in focus to include prevention, intervention, and suppression
- \$3.3 million in funding received from the California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention Funds from 2009-2015
 - Served 449 in intervention programs
 - 3,186 in school prevention
 - **3,635** Total served in region

The FY 2015-16 funding includes:

| Agency | Amount |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| County of Santa Barbara | \$50,303.00 |
| City of Santa Barbara | \$67,665.00 |
| City of Goleta | \$22,854.00 |
| City of Carpinteria | \$10,063.00 |
| CAC In-kind funding | \$38,442.00 |
| Total | \$189,327.00 |

Performance Measure:

The Task Force agreement through 2016 includes the preparation of a 5-year Strategic Plan and current guiding principles as well as drafting performance measures for the next five years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

The MOU is funded annually from General Fund, Dept. 990. For FY 15/16, the amount is \$50,303.

Key Contract Risks: N/A

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the minute order to Susan Foley at foley@countyofsb.org.

Attachment:

Attachment A: South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety Presentation

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cc:

Saul Serrano, Task Force Coordinator