

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 7/26/06  
**Department:** General Services  
**Budget Unit:** 063  
**Agenda Date:** 8/15/06  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Bob Nisbet, Director (560-1011)  
General Services Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)  
General Services Department

**SUBJECT:** ADMHS Crisis Outreach Center (CARES)  
Project #8665  
5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District

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## Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications to remodel an existing 10,000 square foot building into a Crisis Outreach Center for Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services. The estimated construction cost is \$1,765,000; and
- b) Approve the Categorical Exemption pursuant to the County's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines for the ADMHS Crisis Outreach Center (CARES) project; and
- c) Authorize the Director of General Services to advertise for construction bids for ADMHS Crisis Outreach Center (CARES) project.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

*The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 Ensure the Public Health and Safety and Provide Essential Infrastructure.*

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

This work has been proposed by Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services in order to meet their Crisis and Recovery Emergency Services Program need of a Crisis Outreach Center that serves as an Assessment

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Center and as a Treatment Facility. The work includes gutting out an existing 10,000 square foot building on Carmen Lane, the purchase of which was approved by the Board on August 8, 2006, and turning it into the proposed facility, which resembles an emergency medical clinic with several residential units. Compared to other remodel projects, the space is intensive in its design due to the need for seismic upgrades requiring removal of all non-structural walls, ceilings and finishes; total reconfiguration of plumbing, heating and cooling systems; quick response fire sprinkling; specialized security and Closed Circuit Television systems; and architectural elements for outpatient medical and medical/residential units. The total Project Budget including all design, inspection, project management, construction and other fees is estimated at \$2.2 million.

Pursuant to the County's CEQA guidelines, this project has been determined to be exempt from further environmental review (See attached Notice of Exemption). Approval of the Notice of Exemption shall indicate the Board of Supervisors' approval of this project and will commence the appeal period, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

Direction by the Board of Supervisors will not change the programs or service levels.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for this project is provided by a combination of funds; \$314,000 from Tobacco Settlement Advisory Committee (TSAC), \$400,000 from Mental Health Service Act (MHSA), and a \$1.486 million loan from the strategic reserve to be repaid from possible sources such as future allocations from MSHA and TSAC.

Funds are available in Fund No. 0030, Dept. No. 063, Account No. 8700, Program No. 1930.

#### **Special Instructions:**

Please forward a copy of the Minute Order to Todd Morrison, General Services Department - Support Services Div., Courthouse East Wing. Please post a copy of the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval.

**Board letter prepared by Todd Morrison, AC, Project Manager, (934-6228).**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department, Facilities Division

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s) : N/A Case No.: 8665

Location: Santa Maria, Fifth Supervisorial District

Project Title: ADMHS Crisis Outreach Center (CARES)

Project Description: This proposed project consists of gutting out a 10,000 square foot building and turning it into, essentially, an emergency medical clinic with several residential units. Compared to other remodel projects, the space is intensive in its design due to the need for seismic upgrades requiring removal of all non-structural walls, ceilings and finishes; total reconfiguration of plumbing, heating and cooling systems; quick response fire sprinkling; specialized security and CCTV systems; and architectural elements for outpatient medical and medical/residential units.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities. Class I consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to.... (c) Existing highways or streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): All work will be done within an existing building owned by the County.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Note: Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk