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Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
For Agenda Of: December 9, 2014  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme: 45 minutes  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**SUBJECT:** Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara County: Annual Evaluation Report

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive and file a presentation on *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2013*
- B. Determine that the acceptance of the *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2013* is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

**Summary Text:**

In an effort to address overcrowding in California’s prisons and assist in alleviating the State financial crisis, the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act transferred the responsibility for specific inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. This change was implemented on October 1, 2011.

The Act expanded the role of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) established in the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678) and created a

seven member Executive Committee from at-large CCP members. The Executive Committee of the CCP is required to recommend an implementation plan to the Board of Supervisors. The most recent Implementation Plan (Fiscal Year [FY] 2014-2015) was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 20, 2014.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County CCP continues its commitment to implementing Public Safety Realignment as effectively and cost efficiently as possible. Acknowledging that evaluation of the outcomes attained by the strategies included in the Plans will be critical in order to guide future decisions in the investment of subsequent Realignment funds, the CCP received approval from the Board of Supervisors to allocate funding to support formal data analysis and outcome measurement assessment. The University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) Research Team has published the second report, entitled *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2013*.

Additionally, Santa Barbara County's Realignment-related outcomes continue to be reviewed in a variety of ways. On a quarterly basis, local data is submitted to the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). An interactive data dashboard is electronically accessible at <http://www.cpoc.org/assets/Realignment/splitsentencedashboard.swf>, where local data as well as statewide data is available. Through CPOC's data effort, outcomes regarding Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post Sentence Supervision (PSS) recidivism can be compared statewide.

The *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2013* allows for a more in-depth review of local Realignment programming. Each report aggregates the offender data available, allowing each subsequent report to become more robust as increased data becomes available.

Some notable highlights from the Annual Report:

- Between October 2011 and December 2013 there were 631 offenders referred to PRCS in Santa Barbara County upon their release from prison.
  - Of the 216 PRCS participants who were exited from supervision locally, 154 achieved successful early termination (71%)
  - Exited female participants (n=28) were particularly successful in PRCS, with the vast majority earning successful early termination (n=26; 93%)
  - Of the 216 clients who exited the PRCS program, 106 (49%) received one or more supervision violations, one or more new convictions, and/or an exit status of unsuccessful – new felony.

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Attachments:**

Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2013

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