



BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS AGENDA
LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: May 5, 2015
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 10 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: CEO Office: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400
Contact Info: Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, 568-3551

SUBJECT: Response to 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report: All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Consider and adopt responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2014-2015 Grand Jury report entitled *Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau-Still an Unhealthy Environment*, Attachment B;
- B. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment A and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
- C. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(4) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because it is a government fiscal activity that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

In February 2015, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report entitled *Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau -Still an Unhealthy Environment*. Today, the Board will consider the proposed response to the report, adopt their preferred response and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by May 15, 2015.

Background:

On February 2, 2015, The Santa Barbara County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) released a report entitled *Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau - Still an Unhealthy Environment*, which investigated the Sheriff Coroner's Bureau. In preparing their report, the Grand Jury reviewed a FY 2012-13 prior Report, (*The Manner of Death—A Final Diagnosis*) on the facility and interviewed senior staff members from the Department of General Services and the Sheriff's Office. The report concluded that, in the opinion of the Grand Jury, the Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau facility should be replaced makes recommendations the Grand Jury believes will result in the facility meeting Cal/OSHA standards.

The Board of Supervisors is named as a responder to Findings 1 and 2, as well as Recommendations 1a, 1b and 2. The Sheriff's Office was asked to respond to Findings 1 through 7 and Recommendations 2 through 7.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipates no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board's action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommendation B, please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Richard Morgantini, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: Grand Jury Report; *Santa Barbara Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau – Still an Unhealthy Environment*

Attachment C: Sheriff's Office response to Grand Jury report *Santa Barbara Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau -Still an Unhealthy Environment*.

Attachment D: Grand Jury Report (FY 2012-13); *Santa Barbara Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau – A Manner of Death-A Final Diagnosis*

Authored by:

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