

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/13/05
Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 2.5 Hours on 12/13/05
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: New County Jail Planning Study

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for Tuesday, December 13, 2005, to receive a jail planning study including options for constructing and operating a new County Jail as well as alternatives for relieving current overcrowding conditions at the existing jail.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On April 12, 2005, the Board received an informational presentation on the status of jail overcrowding and jail property acquisition in the North County from the Sheriff. At this meeting, the Board directed the Sheriff and the County Executive Officer to proceed with planning for a new jail at the Laguna County Sanitation District site as well as alternatives for relieving short-term jail overcrowding issues, and return to the Board with recommendations as appropriate. The County Executive Officer has compiled a team consisting of CEO, Sheriff, County Counsel, Planning and Development, Public Works, Auditor-Controller, General Services and Treasurer-Tax Collector staff to develop a jail planning study.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2005, staff plans to present a report on:

- Current jail overcrowding conditions and reasons therefore
- Existing and remaining alternatives for relieving current jail overcrowding issues
- Needs assessment for a new County jail
- Plans for a new County jail including analyses and current status regarding:
 - Land acquisition
 - Environmental review
 - Facility design
 - Construction costs
 - Operation costs
 - Financing alternatives
- Jail alternatives

Mandates and Service Levels:

This report, study and presentation is not mandated however the County is mandated to provide jail services.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal and facilities impacts with setting the hearing. All relevant fiscal and facilities impacts will be provided within the report submitted for the Board hearing on December 13, 2005.

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