



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: County Executive Office  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: April 22, 2008  
Placement: Set Hearing May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes  
Continued Item: NO  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director  
Contact Info: Michael F. Brown, 568-3404  
**SUBJECT:** Consider and Adopt the Response to the Grand Jury Report on “North County Jail: A Step at a Time”

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**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing to consider the response to the Civil Grand Jury report entitled “North County Jail: A Step at a Time”.

- a) Adopt the responses as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2006-07 Grand Jury Report entitled “North County Jail: A Step at a Time”, and
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge

**Summary Text:**

On February 14, 2008, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled “North County Jail: A Step at a Time.” The report includes two findings and two recommendations. The Board of Supervisors is named as the responder to both findings 1 and 2 and recommendations 1 and 2 and the Sheriff’s Department is named as the responder to finding 1 and recommendation 1.

It is recommended that the Board partially agree with finding 1 and agree with finding 2. It is also recommended that the Board determine that both recommendation 1 and 2 have been implemented.

**Background:**

The Grand Jury Report was released on February 14, 2008. In accordance with California Penal Code Section 933(b), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' responses must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than May 14th, 2008.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

The estimated one time County cost for the North County Jail project is \$29 million, including COP issuance costs. The cost of the land is included in this amount.

The North County Jail operating costs will be approximately \$20 million total, or \$16 million additional cost to the County after transferring staff from other facilities. The estimates are based on FY2012-13 dollars, which is when the new facility is expected to begin its operation.

**Special Instructions:**

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than May 14, 2008. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and a 3 1/2" computer disc with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

**Attachments: \***

1. Letter to the Superior Court Judge with Board of Supervisors Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "North County Jail: A Step at a Time"

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**cc:**

Bill Brown, Sheriff