SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 **Agenda Number:**

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Department Name: General Services

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bob Nisbet, Director (560-1011)

General Services Department

STAFF Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)

CONTACT: General Services Department

SUBJECT: Los Prietos Staff Residences Project, Probation Department

Project #8646

3rd Supervisorial District

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the plans and specifications to prepare the site for four modular homes for the Los Prietos Staff at the Los Prietos Boys Camp; 3900 Paradise Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105, Project #8646.
- b) Authorize the General Services Department to advertise the project for public bidding.

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:

The four proposed modular homes replace five houses that had to be demolished as part of the United States Forest Service's (USFS) campground project at the first river crossing site. The USFS was required to demolish the existing residences due to sensitive archeological issues and other needs. The new homes will be on the upper campus to provide below-market employee rental housing for staff. The project strives to provide the least cost building method for the new residences that considers environmental, access and utility requirements. The residences will be 2 bedroom/ 2 bath, and each with about 950 square feet plus covered parking. Site work includes paving the access road and tie-in to a distant, existing septic tank.

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Mandates and Service Levels:

Due to lack of on-site housing and a 30 minute plus emergency response time to the remote location of the Boys Camp, a third-shift staffing pattern currently required exceeds state regulations by 2 full-time equivalent employees. The addition of staff housing and resident staff creates a rapid response time in emergencies and allows the Probation Department to staff the third shift at state regulation levels, for a net savings.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The total cost of construction is estimated at \$670,000. The Probation Department has funded this project in the amount of \$518,000. The funds for the current fiscal year have been appropriated and are available in Fund 0030, Department 063, Account 8700, Program 1930, Project 8646. It is shown in the Department Summary as *Capital Improvements* on page B-29 of the Santa Barbara County Budget for FY 2005-2006. The project will be bid with alternative options to deduct one modular trailer if needed to be within the current available funds or the Probation Department may allocate additional funds to cover the project costs.

Special Instructions:

Upon approval, please forward the Minute Order to Scott Hosking (568-2622), Support Services Division, General Services Department.