



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Sheriff-Coroner
Department No.: 032
Agenda Date: July 1, 2025
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff's Office Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner
Contact Info: Selim Celmeta, Lieutenant

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Sheriff, or his designee, to Enter into an Agreement with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for Day Reporting Centers

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff, or his designee, on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and execute other documents made part of the Agreement to provide continued services for parolees at the two Day Reporting Centers in the County of Santa Barbara, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, subject to the concurrence of Risk Management, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller's Office.
- b) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(5), in that they are government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This action considers a Resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the Sheriff, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to operate two Day Reporting Centers (DRCs) to provide services within the County to individuals released from prison.

CDCR requires a Resolution that authorizes the Sheriff, or his designee, to approve and sign the Agreement between the Sheriff's Office and CDCR for the provision of two Parolee DRCs in Santa Barbara County. This is a five-year Agreement and is contingent upon continued funding by CDCR.

Discussion:

The Agreement with CDCR is to operate two DRCs in Santa Barbara County that provide an array of evidence-based services targeted to address the criminogenic needs of the participants that contribute to reducing re-offending behaviors. The services include a housing component, education aimed at changing criminal thinking, managing anger and aggression, and assistance with educational and vocational needs. Other program components include providing substance abuse treatment, providing a 52-week batterer program, and processes targeted at developing pro-social relationships. These services assist the parolees' successful reintegration into our communities upon release from prison. The goal is to reduce recidivism through effective community reintegration, thereby increasing public safety.

County Purchasing and the Sheriff's Office are currently completing a competitive bid process to select a contractor to provide the direct DRC services. Once completed, the Sheriff's Office will return to the Board for approval of the five-year Board contract. The largest share of the Agreement will be paid to the DRC provider as a sub-contract. Other revenue received will be utilized to support the Sheriff's Office's oversight of the selected contractor. CDCR will reimburse all costs associated with the awarded contract.

State Parole directly refers parolees to the DRC. Apart from 290 Registrants, the DRC does not have control over who is accepted into the program. However, for 290 Registrants, certain offenses automatically disqualify individuals from participating. These offenses are outlined in the exclusionary list established by Santa Barbara County Reentry Steering Committee. In 2024, 232 individuals participated in DRC programs within the County.

Acceptance of this Agreement allows continued operation of the local DRCs and provides the continuation of a program that has proven to be a critical piece of the many steps the Sheriff's Office and County have taken to reduce recidivism. Programs and trainings offered by DRCs nationwide have been shown to reduce the number of repeat offenses among parolees by providing structured support and intervention. DRCs assist parole officers in addressing minor violations through corrective measures rather than resorting to booking a parolee into the jail. This approach not only helps parolees stay on the path toward reintegration but also alleviates the burden on the correctional facilities by minimizing unnecessary bookings.

This Agreement is a reimbursement agreement with CDCR for a value of \$15,819,758 over the five-year term of the contract. Most of the funding, \$14,774,705, is designated to pay the provider for direct DRC services once the vendor is selected. The remainder of the funding, \$1,045,053 will cover the costs incurred by the Sheriff's Office to oversee the operation of the DRCs. The Sheriff's Office

will continue to oversee the operation of the DRCs, with the State reimbursing approximately 44% of a Custody Lieutenant position and 35% of an Accountant III position within the department.

Background:

The Sheriff contracted to have a justice system assessment done through the National Institute of Corrections. That assessment was completed and presented to the Board on August 1, 2006. Among the recommendations made to the Board was to start a local DRC.

On February 16, 2010, the Sheriff conducted an informational presentation to the Board on two proposed State Parolee DRCs.

On April 6, 2010, your Board adopted the original resolution that authorized the Sheriff to enter into the initial agreement with CDCR and approved the service contract with Community Solutions, Inc. (CSI). On July 9, 2013, April 19, 2016, and June 16, 2020, your Board adopted subsequent resolutions that authorized the Sheriff to enter into new agreements with CDCR and approved the service contracts with CSI.

The Sheriff's Office has provided oversight of the operation of the DRCs using a portion of two existing staff positions. These positions and associated functions will continue to be reimbursed by CDCR throughout the five-year Agreement.

Performance Measure:

The Sheriff's Office will return to your Board with an agreement for the selected vendor to provide these services which will include performance measures applicable to this contract.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Fiscal Year	Paid to DRC provider as a sub-contract	Operational Costs	Contract Amount
FY 2025-2026	\$2,849,802	\$199,104	\$3,048,906
FY 2026-2027	2,905,950	203,934	3,109,884
FY 2027-2028	2,960,186	211,895	3,172,002
FY 2028-2029	3,022,088	213,435	3,235,523
FY 2029-2030	3,036,678	216,685	3,253,363
Total	\$14,774,705	\$1,045,053	\$15,819,758

The total value of the reimbursement Agreement with CDCR is \$15,819,758 over the five-year contract term. The predominant share of the Agreement, \$14,774,705, will be paid to the DRC provider as a sub-contract. The sub-contract will include the cost of the facility rent, as well as staffing costs related to providing services to participants in the programs. The remainder of the funding, \$1,045,053, will cover the costs incurred by the Sheriff's Office to oversee operation of the DRCs,

including approximately 44% of a Custody Lieutenant position and 35% of an Accountant III position. These positions will be responsible for overseeing the contract, monitoring performance, reviewing program denials, assisting with the selection of the DRC staff, monitoring the budget, and approving expenditures. The current contract with CSI will expire on June 30, 2025.

This project with preliminary amounts is included in the Sheriff's Office Recommended budget for FY 2025-26. Final amounts will be adjusted as necessary in the next fiscal year.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send two copies of signed Resolution and the Minute Order to the Sheriff's Office, Attention CFO Hope Vasquez, and Lieutenant Selim Celmeta.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution

Authored by:

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