



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: General Services  
Department No.: 063  
For Agenda Of: January 22, 2008  
Placement: Set Hearing – for  
February 5, 2008  
Estimated Time: 30 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(s)  
Contact Info: Bob Nisbet, Director-General Services (560-1011)

SUBJECT: **Discretionary Facility Projects Tentatively Approved for FY 2008-09**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing on February 5, 2008 to:

Provide direction to the CEO whether or not the Board would like to postpone consideration of certain facility capital improvement projects that are currently in the design phase, given the current challenging financial outlook facing the County.

**Summary Text:**

During the past two Board meetings, discussion occurred regarding the prudence of proceeding with certain large facility capital improvement projects given the current challenging budget climate facing the County.

At the January 8, 2008 meeting the Board decided to not proceed with the Cuyama Aquatic Center project. This project was estimated to cost \$2.2 million. At the January 15, 2008 meeting, the Board had a similar discussion regarding the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) project, and the Betteravia Administration Building Expansion project. These projects are estimated to cost \$7.4 million and \$6.1 million, respectively. The Board decided to continue with design of the two projects through the June budget hearings, but that a decision would be made at that time of whether or not to actually proceed with construction.

At that meeting, the Board also directed the CEO to return with a list of other discretionary facility capital improvement projects so a similar decision could be made about whether or not to proceed, or delay the projects.

**List of Projects** The following two projects are in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and have been tentatively approved by the Debt Advisory Committee (DAC) as *candidate projects* should the Board decide to finance them by issuing Certificates of Participation (COPs).

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Cash (or previous COP issuance)</b>	<b>Proposed COP</b>	<b>Approximate spent-to-date</b>
Public Defender Remodel	\$6 million	\$1.5 million (cash)	\$4.5 million	\$170,000
Sheriff Technical Services Building	\$7.9 million	\$4.6 million (previous COP)	\$3.4 million	\$125,000

There are two other projects that have also been tentatively approved by the DAC as candidate projects for COPs but the debt service for these projects would not be paid by the General Fund. They are a series of projects funded by the IV Redevelopment Agency (\$14 million), and an expansion to the Tajiguas landfill (\$6 million) which will be repaid by the Solid Waste Fund. These will be brought back separately.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: As described above