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June 25, 2025

**Mona Miyasato**  
**County Executive Officer**  
**Santa Barbara County**

Subject: Growth Cap Expenditure Plan Approval for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23

Dear Mona Miyasato:

The Department of State Hospitals (DSH) is pleased to inform you that Santa Barbara County's Growth Cap Expenditure Plan has been approved.

DSH released an invoice to your county for FY 2022-23 Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Growth Cap overage due to exceeding the FY 2021-22 baseline count of IST determinations on June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$414,000. DSH received payment in full on September 17, 2024.

Counties subject to penalty payment are required to submit an Expenditure Plan to DSH outlining the use of Growth Cap funds prior to reimbursement of funds to the county. DSH received Santa Barbara's Growth Cap Expenditure Plan on June 5, 2025. A meeting with county and DSH representatives was held to review the plan on June 13, 2025, with no subsequent follow up inquiry. We would like to thank you for meeting with us and promptly and providing a comprehensive overview.

DSH has initiated reimbursement of the county's FY 2022-23 Growth Cap funds. Payment will be made from Mental Health Diversion Fund as processed by the State Controller's Office as soon as possible. Payment to the county is expected to occur within 45 days.

The Expenditure Plan will remain on file at DSH. Should you need to make updates or have questions related to the Growth Cap Program please reach us at [DSHISTGrowthCap@dsh.ca.gov](mailto:DSHISTGrowthCap@dsh.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Christina Edens  
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