



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: Probation Department
Department No.: 022
Agenda Date: September 16, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer
Contact: Damon Fletcher, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to Execute Agreement C5612911 with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the Provision of Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to execute Agreement C5612911 with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the provision of Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp services including the housing, care, and training of youthful offenders for a period of July 1, 2025 or Upon Approval to June 30, 2028 with costs based on the per-day rates and cost reimbursement obligations estimated at \$124,484; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The recommended actions adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to execute an Agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The Agreement is for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide housing, care, and training of male youthful offenders who meet specific criteria for services. The estimated costs under this Agreement are based on per-day rates per youthful offender and cost reimbursement obligations which are estimated at \$124,484.00 for the Agreement period of July 1, 2025 or upon approval to June 30, 2028.

Discussion:

On October 15, 2024 your Board adopted a resolution approving the Probation Department to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for the provision of Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp (PGYCC) services. The resolution was subsequently submitted to the State for the CDCR contract unit to generate the Agreement which is in the recommended action for execution. The prior resolution did not request approval to execute the agreement as there was no prior agreement to be presented to the Board indicating what would be agreed to by the action. Following approval by your Board for the Chief Probation Officer to execute the contract, the State contracts unit will route the contract electronically for signature. Once signed by the Chief and CDCR, a fully executed contract will be returned to the Clerk of the Board.

Background:

In September 2020, the State of California approved Juvenile Justice Realignment with the approval of Senate Bill No. 823 (SB 823) which, among other changes, returned responsibility for youthful offenders ("youth") formerly housed at the Division of Juvenile Justice to counties. A component of this bill includes moving youth from juvenile halls to Less Restrictive Programs (LRP). PGYCC is an LRP and the Probation Department has been working to execute a contract for these services for over a year. This will be the first contract for an LRP.

PGYCC has been in operation since 1945. PGYCC provides education and trauma-informed treatment services to California's justice-involved male youth under the jurisdiction of juvenile court, 18 years old up to the age of 25. The Integrated Behavior Treatment Model constitutes the framework for PGYCC's services. It is designed to reduce institutional violence and future criminal behavior by teaching anti-criminal attitudes and providing young men with personal skills to better manage their environments. PGYCC staff from every professional discipline work as a team to assess the unique needs of each youth. They develop individualized treatment services to address those needs. Collaborating with the youth, the team administers a case plan that utilizes their personal strengths to maximize treatment and reduce risk of re-offending. PGYCC provides academic and vocational education and treatment services that address criminogenic needs and risk-related behaviors. Additionally, services treat substance abuse and mental health needs while maintaining a safe and secure environment conducive to learning.

Justice-involved youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and the supervision of probation departments, who agree to participate on a voluntary basis and are ordered by the Court to receive PGYCC services, also participate in a Fire Camp Program, led by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) in collaboration with CDCR and community-based organizations. The Fire Camp Program includes, but is not limited to, firefighter training, camp work assignments, and self-help programs, (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous, religious services, hobbies and crafts, etc.), as available. Youth completing the Fire Camp Program are certified to engage in wildland firefighting operations. The major emphasis of the Fire Camp Program is to provide the

youth with employable skills and to develop within them solid work habits. In addition, youth receive leadership training within their Fire Camp Program crew structure.

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 730(a)(1)(D) allows for the placement of youth under juvenile court jurisdiction at PGYCC if the following conditions are met: the youth meets the placement criteria; the County has entered into a contract with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation either directly or through another county; CDCR has found the ward amenable; and there is space and resources available for the placement. CDCR is authorized to enter into such contracts pursuant to WIC 1760.45.

The Probation Department desires to enter into an agreement with CDCR for the provision of PGYCC services as a Less Restrictive Program (LRP) opportunity for qualifying youth, including some who are subject to a Secure Youth Track Facility (SYTF) disposition and may now be eligible for LRP with a CDCR override for PGYCC services.

Following the execution of the agreement, in-custody youth who have met initial program goals as determined by the youth's multi-disciplinary team (MDT), and who request to be placed at PGYCC, will be screened for eligibility as determined by CDCR. Thereafter, the Probation Department will prepare the PGYCC application and clearance documentation that will be submitted to CDCR for approval before petitioning the Court for PGYCC services and a placement order. CDCR acceptance will be based on compliance with all State statutes or such other applicable laws, regulations, and CDCR criteria. Youth placed at PGYCC shall be required to comply with the rules and regulations of the CDCR consistent with Division 6, Title 9 or the California Code of Regulations and with Welfare & Institutions Code 1760.4. Youth who abscond, fail to comply, or refuse to participate will be returned to Santa Barbara County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The process of contracting with the State takes time. Your board originally authorized the Probation Department to enter into an agreement in October 2024 at which time it was anticipated the contract would be executed in time to incur costs in FY 2024-25. However, the contract was not executed and due to the time needed to make adjustments, the Department is moving forward with the attached agreement which was generated based on the October action. The three year contract term was updated to begin in FY 2025-26. SB 823 funds for this contract are included the Department's FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Executing the contract will not impact the Probation Department's General Fund Contribution

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	Total
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State	\$28,704	\$47,940	\$47,840	\$124,484
Total	\$28,704	\$47,940	\$47,840	\$124,484

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts resulting from the execution of the contract.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order and one (1) certified copy of the resolution approving the Chief Probation Officer to execute an agreement with CDCR for housing youth at Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp to Probation Department Attn: Damon Fletcher, 117 E. Carrillo St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to execute an agreement with CDCR for housing youth at Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp

Attachment B – Agreement Number C5612911 between County of Santa Barbara and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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