



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: February 15, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director (s): Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Jeff Frapwell, Assistant County Executive Officer
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Contact Info: Ray Aromatorio, Risk Manager

SUBJECT: Response to 2021 Grand Jury Report: Cybersecurity for Special Districts And County Service Areas in Santa Barbara County

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider and adopt the responses in Attachment A as the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2021 Grand Jury report entitled "Cybersecurity for Special Districts and County Service Areas in Santa Barbara County"; Attachment B;
b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment A and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court; and
c) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because they are is government administrative activities that do not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

On December 7, 2021, the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury published a report titled “Cybersecurity for Special Districts and County Service Areas in Santa Barbara County.” Today, the Board will consider the County’s proposed response to the report, adopt their preferred response and authorize the Board Chair to sign the response letter. The Board is required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by March 6, 2022.

Background:

The 2021-22 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report encourages the 53 special districts in Santa Barbara County to review their cyber-systems in order to identify cybersecurity threats. Special districts and service areas are urged to take all necessary measures to protect their operational data and computer systems. A proposed list of best practices was provided and special districts are encouraged to consider identifying, protecting, and if necessary, upgrading their cybersecurity activities to advance the best interests of their consumers.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Staff anticipates no fiscal or facilities impacts as a result of the Board’s action on this matter.

Special Instructions:

1. As per Recommendation b), please forward the original signed letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.
2. Please send a copy of the signed letter and a copy of the minute order to Reese Ellestad, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, CEO office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board of Supervisors Response

Attachment B: FY2020-21 Grand Jury Report

Authored by:

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