



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff's Department
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: June 19, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department BILL BROWN, Sheriff – Coroner
Director(s)
Contact Info: Undersheriff Ken Shemwell 681-4290

SUBJECT: Agreement of Cooperation between the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the County of Santa Barbara for a Secure Re-entry Facility

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Sign an Agreement of Cooperation with the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to reduce crime and combat the effects of recidivism by allocating state resources to ensure comprehensive parolee re-entry supervision and continuing services for parolees returning to Santa Barbara County

Summary Text: Entering into the Agreement of Cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will allow both parties to proceed with discussions regarding the design, development and programming for a Secure Re-entry Facility to be established in Santa Barbara County and co-located with a new County jail.

Background:

In 2005, eight hundred seventy-nine (879) offenders were committed to State Prison from Santa Barbara County and 25 percent of those were on parole. Eight hundred eighty-two (882) were returned to Santa Barbara County with 62 percent (546) being first time parolees (*California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Report of Prisoners and Parolees, 2005*). These numbers are expected to increase each year. All of these offenders pass directly through the Santa Barbara County Jail adding to the overcrowded conditions. On May 2, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 900, the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007. This bill included a provision to establish and fund

16,000 Secure Reentry beds for returning parolees. Santa Barbara County is eligible to participate in the Secure Re-entry Facility program which will enhance the ability to receive grant funding for a local jail facility under the provisions of AB 900. Participation has the potential to reduce parolee recidivism, which would positively impact local jail overcrowding.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The signing of this agreement will not create a financial obligation on the part of the County. This agreement allows for continued discussions on the concept of a Secured Reentry Facility, which should be cost neutral to the County. Additional cost impacts will occur with the co-location of a County Jail with a Re-Entry Facility. The Sheriff will return to the Board once these financial impacts are known.

Staffing Impacts:

Special Instructions:

Please send copy of minute order to Undersheriff Ken Shemwell, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department

Attachments:

Authored by:

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