



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:** November 10, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** General Services Janette D. Pell, Director (805) 560-1011  
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**SUBJECT:** Audit Report for the Northern Branch Jail Project (AB900) for Fiscal Year ended 6/30/20; Third District

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file the County of Santa Barbara's AB900 Northern Branch Jail Construction Project Financial and Performance Audit from Inception (January 15, 2013) through June 30, 2020;
- b) Receive and file Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 report (Auditor's Letter to the County's Governing Body) for AB900 for the period ending June 30, 2020; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

On January 15, 2013, the Board of Supervisors entered into the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Jail Construction Agreement for Santa Barbara County for the Northern Branch Jail (NBJ) AB900 project.

The BSCC agreement requires that within ninety (90) calendar days of the completion of the NBJ Project that the County must obtain and submit a final program audit to the BSCC. The County is contracting for annual audits of the project fund in addition to the final program audit to ensure that the funds are spent in compliance with the BSCC requirements. This will help to ensure that there are no audit findings or disallowed costs at the end of the project when the BSCC audit is conducted. Six audits have previously

been completed with no findings for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

The agreements require that the audit be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, government auditing standards for financial and compliance audits, and the State of California, Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Audit Guide. To ensure an accurate final program audit, annual audit reports were prepared and are being filed with the Board of Supervisors. The results of these reports are unmodified opinions, which indicate that financial schedules were presented fairly in all material aspects, and that there were no identified instances of non-compliance with respect to the AB900 PhaseII Program requirements.

**Background:**

The Financial and Program Audits for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year was issued by Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation of Bakersfield, California (Brown Armstrong) on September 19, 2020 and covered activity from inception (January 15, 2013) through June 30, 2020. Brown Armstrong issued four reports for each Fiscal Year with the following results:

- a) Report on Financial Schedules – Brown Armstrong issued an unmodified opinion for this audit period for the report on the financial schedules and related notes. An unmodified opinion is issued when the auditor has formed the opinion that the financial schedules contained in the report were presented fairly in all material respects.
- b) Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters- Report was issued with determination that from the results of the audit testing, there were no deficiencies in internal control that are considered to be material weaknesses under *Governmental Auditing Standards* and certain provisions of the *BSCC Audit Guide*.
- c) Report on Compliance with Performance Requirements –The opinion for this report was an unmodified opinion that the County complied, in all material respects, with the performance requirements under the *BSCC audit guide* for the reporting period.
- d) Findings and Recommendations – none noted.

The County has expended approximately \$107,109,711 on the Northern Branch Jail Project from inception through June 30, 2020 including \$77,545,064 of State eligible and \$29,564,647 of County funds.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

**Budgeted: Yes**

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative:

- For the FY 2019-20, the audit contract for the NBJ AB900 was \$8,500.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions: None**

**Attachments:**

1. County of Santa Barbara's AB900 North Branch Jail Construction Project Financial and Performance Audit from Inception (January 15, 2013) Through June 30, 2020
2. SAS 114 report for AB900 for the period ending June 30, 2020 (Auditor's Management Letter)

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