



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO/OES
Department No.: 012/990
For Agenda Of: July 7, 2009
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 20 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
Contact Info: Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief, 560-1081
SUBJECT: Hearing to Consider Board of Supervisors Response to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report entitled "Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center – How Many More Delays?"

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following actions:

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- a) Adopt the responses in Attachment (1) as the Board of Supervisors' responses to the 2008-2009 Grand Jury Report entitled "Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center, How Many More Delays?"
- b) Authorize the Chair to sign the letter included in Attachment (1) forwarding the responses to the Presiding Judge.

Summary Text:

On April 29, 2009, the Civil Grand Jury released a report entitled "Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center – How Many More Delays?" The report includes five findings and five recommendations. The Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Officer, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department were named as the Santa Barbara County government responders to the findings and recommendations. Attached is the recommended Board of Supervisors response to the Grand Jury report. The purpose of this hearing is to respond to the Grand Jury, it has not been agendized as to whether to proceed with the construction of an EOC. That item will come to the Board in August 2009.

Background:

Per California Penal Code Section 933 (b), the governing body of the agency, the Board of Supervisors, must respond within 90 days after the issuance of the Grand Jury Report. Therefore, the Board of

Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Courts and the Grand Jury no later than July 24, 2009.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The response of the Board of Supervisors must be transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court no later than July 24, 2009. The Clerk of the Board is requested to return the signed letter to Brenda Castillo, County Executive Office, for distribution to the Superior Court. The signed letter, written responses and an electronic copy with the response in a Microsoft Word file must be forwarded to the Grand Jury.

Attachments:

1. Letter to Superior Court Judge J. William McLafferty with Board of Supervisors' Responses
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center – How Many More Delays?"

Authored by:

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