



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: March 8, 2016
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Public Safety Realignment in Santa Barbara County: Annual Evaluation Report**

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. Receive and file a presentation on the *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2014*.

- B. Determine that the acceptance of the *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2014* is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

In an effort to address overcrowding in California's prisons and assist in alleviating the State financial crisis, the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act transferred the responsibility for specific inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. This change was implemented on October 1, 2011.

The Act expanded the role of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) established in the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678) and created an Executive Committee from at-large CCP members. Pursuant to Section 1230.1 of the Penal Code, the Executive Committee of the CCP is required to recommend an Implementation Plan to the Board of Supervisors. The most recent Implementation Plan (Fiscal Year [FY] 2015-2016) was approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on April 21, 2015. The local Implementation Plan, in turn, provides for an outcome evaluation to assist the County in more effectively serving the population and reducing recidivism rates. As supported by the CCP and BOS, it is anticipated that evaluation reports will be produced each year and will aggregate offender data to allow for the most comprehensive and statistically significant findings possible.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County CCP continues its commitment to implementing Public Safety Realignment as effectively and cost efficiently as possible. Acknowledging that evaluation of the outcomes attained by the strategies included in the Plans will be critical in order to guide future decisions in the investment of subsequent Realignment funds, the CCP received approval from the Board of Supervisors to allocate funding to support formal data analysis and outcome measurement assessment. The University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Research Team has published the third report, entitled *Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2014*.

The report provides an in-depth review of the local Realignment population and the programming and services being provided. As the third Realignment Evaluation report, the available offender data has been aggregated with data presented previously and, thus, allows for more significant analysis.

Some notable highlights from the Annual Report:

- A total of 798 offenders were released onto Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and 650 offenders have received local sentences under Section 1170(h) of the Penal Code. Overall the population of Realigned offenders are predominantly male, Latino or White, and between the ages of 25-45 years of age. They were likely to score in the high risk range for violence and recidivism.
- Within the PRCS population, 505 offenders exited supervision. The majority (68%) completed their terms successfully. A total of 86 offenders (24%) received new convictions during their supervision term.
- Within the split sentence population, 161 offenders have completed their sentences. The majority (58%) completed their terms successfully. A total of 31 offenders (27%) received new convictions during the first year post release from jail.
- Within the offender population that received a local sentence under Section 1170(h) of the Penal Code, 27% of those who were sentenced to a split sentence that included probation supervision upon release, received a new conviction within one year of release. Of those offenders that were sentenced to a straight jail sentence, without supervision, 41.1% received a new conviction within one year of release.

There continues to be many areas where further analysis and data collection are recommended; yet, there are emerging patterns that indicate local efforts are showing improved outcomes. Without question, the annual accumulation of data increases the local base of information regarding Realignment and generates questions and valuable opportunities for continued learning.

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

Attachment A: Santa Barbara County Annual Report Public Safety Realignment Act, October 2011 – December 2014

Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Attachment C: Power Point Presentation

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