



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
For Agenda Of: November 6, 2012  
Placement: Departmental  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

---

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Beverly A. Taylor, Chief Probation Officer  
Contact Info: Tanja Heitman, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, 805.739.8537  
[heitman@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:heitman@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)

**SUBJECT: Public Safety Realignment Quarterly Operational Impact Report**

---

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

Consider and file the Public Safety Realignment quarterly impact reports for July through September 2012.

**Summary Text:**

Public Safety Realignment resulted in significant operational and resource changes for the Departments of Probation, the Sheriff, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services, the District Attorney, and the Public Defender, as well as for the Courts. The quarterly report provides a snapshot of the resources being used to deliver the broad array of services associated with Realignment. The report is divided into four (4) sections: Probation, Court Services, Sheriff and Financial.

**Background:**

The Board of Supervisors approved the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act Implementation Plan for the County of Santa Barbara at their September 20, 2011, meeting. Since Public Safety Realignment went into effect on October 1, 2011, quarterly presentations have been made to update the Board regarding implementation. At the Board of Supervisors meeting held May 22, 2012, the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Implementation Plan was adopted, and the last quarterly impact presentation received by the Board occurred on August 14, 2012, which addressed the operational period of April through June 2012. The presentation will cover July through September 2012, and will complete the first year of Realignment and the first quarter of the current Fiscal Year's Plan.

### **Probation/Court**

The current Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) population is trending in line with the projections included in the 2012-2013 Implementation Plan. As discharge dates are dependent on an offender's performance, it was previously difficult to project discharge rates; however, having experienced a full year of implementation, the rate at which PRCS offenders discharge can now be closely monitored. This data will be crucial to next year's projections.

Sentences under Section 1170(h)(5) of the Penal Code, represented on the impact report as NX3 (Non-Violent, Non-Serious, Non-Sex) sentences, are those offenders that would have been sentenced to prison prior to Realignment but are now sentenced to local custody and/or supervision time. The total number of monthly sentences continues to track within the anticipated range; however, the majority of these sentences continue to be straight jail sentences without any supervision time. This has adversely affected the jail and efforts to increase the use of mandatory supervision have had limited success.

Flash incarceration continues to be utilized as a primary means of addressing violations in the PRCS population with revocations continuing to be used on a very limited basis. Additionally, most PRCS offenders with a revocation continue to waive their right to a full hearing, which has insulated the Court and partner agencies from unnecessary hearings.

### **Sheriff**

The Sheriff's Office has not yet released any inmates to home detention in-lieu of bail. The number of anticipated jail bed days has been modified to remove any offenders being held on new criminal charges, as those would have been in the jail prior to Realignment; thus, the report is providing a more accurate reflection of the impacts. The bed days have also been adjusted to exclude those days that the State previously reimbursed the Sheriff's Office for when an inmate was being held locally pending transportation to prison.

### **Financial**

An overview of quarterly spending is provided on the September Impact Report. It is noted that the expenditures are not fully reflected due to pending claims. However, this variance is not anticipated to be significant. Spending in many contracted services are likely to fluctuate through out the year as offenders cycle in and out.

Realignment continues to require nimble and creative multi-agency cooperation and coordination. Monthly Operational Impact Reports will continue to be produced and placed on the Administrative Agenda on a quarterly basis to provide the Board and the public with an overview of implementation and emerging issues. At a minimum, yearly presentations will be made before the Board to aid in the budget allocation planning process. It is currently anticipated that the next presentation will come before the Board in May 2013.

### **Fiscal Analysis:**

The compilation of the quarterly report equates to a countywide effort requiring a total of approximately 15 - 20 hours per month.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: July, August and September Monthly Impact Reports

Attachment B: Departmental Mandates

Attachment C: Presentation

**Authored by:**

Tanja Heitman, Deputy Chief Probation Officer

**CC:**

Sheriff Bill Brown

Joyce Dudley, District Attorney

Raimundo Montes De Oca, Public Defender

Ann Detrick, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Department