



Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding direction on design of renovations at the Santa Barbara Main Jail (Second District) and possible construction at the Northern Branch Jail (Fifth District), Project No. 20041, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

- a) Receive and file a report on conceptual options for renovations at the Main Jail and new construction at the Northern Branch Jail;
- b) Regarding the Main Jail, direct staff to proceed with a minimized renovation plan that addresses the Inmate Reception Center, makes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, and eliminates use of other beds, as detailed in the report;
- c) Regarding the Northern Branch Jail:
 - i) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 1 (new construction of one pod for a total jail system of 728 beds) and prior to final design, return to the Board with targeted diversion strategies to addresses jail population management, sustainable jail staffing, and identified savings or other revenues to fund the strategies; or
 - ii) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 1.5 (new construction of 1.5 pods for a total jail system of 859 beds); or
 - iii) Direct staff to proceed with obtaining designs for Option 2 (new construction of 2 pods for a total jail system of 984 beds);
- d) Provide other direction as appropriate; and
- e) Find that these actions are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 as a feasibility and planning study for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded, and direct staff to file a notice of exemption on that basis.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY