

SISKIYOU COUNTY**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

June 22, 2016

Jon Lopey
Sheriff

Michael Scott, Field Representative
 Board of State and Community Corrections
 2590 Venture Oaks Way
 Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: Request for time Extension for Project Establishment for AB 900 Grant ID #A20-12

Dear Mr. Scott,

The purpose of this letter is to formally request an extension for the State Public Works Board (SPWB) Project establishment date from September 2016 to May 2017.

As you are aware, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors placed an initiative on the June 2016 ballot to create a sales tax so the county could fund the gap in the AB900 project. This initiative, which received nearly a majority vote, did not pass the 2/3 majority vote that was needed. Siskiyou County is re-examining funding possibilities including a new initiative for the November 2016 ballot. For these reasons Siskiyou County is asking for a project extension to May 2017. This would allow the results of the November election to be certified and give us sufficient time to produce the required materials to the state in the timeframes outlined by the SPWB.

Since our Conditional Award was announced on November 3, 2012, we have been working diligently to complete all the required steps to purchase property and complete the required due diligence to meet the requirements in preparation for a new jail facility. The county has purchased a site, completed and submitted the Real Estate Due Diligence Packet by the deadline in the timetable.

In July 2015 the BSCC graciously changed our award from a partial award to a full award. This necessitated a change of scope from the previous plans. With the changes to the project and the increased projected construction costs Siskiyou County must explore other funding options to ensure completion of the project.

In December of 2015 the BSCC board again graciously granted an extension to the Siskiyou County AB900 timeline to change the scope of the project.

The county has contracted with the architectural firm of Nacht & Lewis to assist in preparing the material necessary for the project establishment with the SPWB. We are moving forward with the project and ask for this extension to identify and secure the necessary funds to satisfy CDCR fiscal requirements and to design and fund the best possible project for SPWB review and approval within the required timeframes.

Siskiyou County greatly appreciates the previous extensions granted and your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions please contact me at (530) 842-8300

Sincerely,


 Jon E. Lopey, Sheriff - Coroner