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**AGENDA ITEM: J**

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 81 (Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities Construction Financing Program Round 2) Alameda County Request for Scope Change: **Requesting Approval**

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## Summary

This agenda item requests that the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) approve Alameda County Probation Department's (Department) request for a change in project scope for the Camp Sweeney local youthful offender rehabilitative facility project.

## Background

On March 24, 2009 the BSCC conditionally awarded the Department \$35 million for the construction of a new 150-bed camp to replace the existing Camp Sweeney. The replacement facility will provide expanded treatment services for girls and out-of-county placements in a safe and seismically sound facility.

The Department provided the BSCC with an update on the Camp Sweeney project status on November 13, 2014 to address the length of time that had passed since the conditional awards were announced. The project had not yet been established with the State Public Works Board. A reason for delay in moving the project forward was the discovery of seismic issues on the building site.

Subsequent to the November 2014 update, the Department conducted an updated needs assessment that indicated the need for 120 beds, 30 fewer than the originally determined 150 beds. This scope change is predicated on the fact that populations in the existing Camp Sweeney facility continue to trend downward.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopted Board Resolution R-2015-12 on January 13, 2015, approving a change in scope from 150 beds to 120 beds and estimating a project completion date of September 2019 (Attachment J-1).

In a letter dated May 13, 2015 (Attachment J-2) the Department requested approval from the BSCC to reduce the project scope from 150 to 120 beds, based on decreasing populations. This change had also been approved by the County on April 21, 2015 (Attachment J-3). The estimated project completion date remains September 2019. The Department is clear, however, that there remains a need for a replacement facility to provide expanded local programming for girls and to bring out-of-county placement boys back to Alameda County. There are currently 161 youth in placements outside of Alameda County that could be served by the replacement facility.

Representatives from the Department will be present to provide any information necessary to the BSCC Board.

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends the Board approve the change in scope from 150 to 120 beds, and for expanded local programming for Alameda County Probation Department's Camp Sweeney Senate Bill 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Financing Program project.

### **Attachments**

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- J-1: County of Alameda Board of Supervisors Resolution R-2015-12, dated January 13, 2015
- J-2: County of Alameda letter dated May 13, 2015, requesting bed count reduction
- J-3: County of Alameda Board of Supervisors Resolution R-2015-135, dated April 21, 2015