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Kathleen T. Howard, Executive Officer  
Board of State Community Corrections  
2590 Venture Oaks Way  
Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: Acceptance of Additional AB 900 Phase II Adult Local Jail Construction  
Finance Program Grant Funds

Dear Ms. Howard;

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I accept the conditional offer of AB 900 Phase II Adult Local Jail Construction Finance Program Grant funds in the amount of \$13 million. As you may know, Tuolumne County's Jail was built in the early 1950's with modest remodels in the 1980's. The jail currently contains 149 beds and is outdated, undersized and inefficient. The Tuolumne County Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, County Administration and County residents all realized the need for a new Jail and began working towards a new facility with the purchase of land for the Law and Justice Center in 2009.

In 2009, the County applied for AB 900 grant funds and received a partial award of \$13 million. The County could not make the project viable with the partial award so funds were relinquished back to the State. In 2011, Tuolumne County applied for AB 900 Phase II grant funds but did not rank high enough for grant funding. Two years later, we were successful in obtaining \$20 million in SB 1022 grant funds. The County's SB 1022 project called for the construction of 198 bed facility consisting of administrative and program space, with limited kitchen and laundry. The total projected cost of the new jail was \$36 million thus resulting in a hard cash match of \$16 million from the County.

With the recent relinquishment of previously awarded AB 900 funding and the passage of AB 114, authorization of AB 900 II lease revenue bond financing authority was increased. This gave the Board of State Community Corrections the ability for Tuolumne and other counties to make their dream of a new jail a reality. The additional award of

\$13 million for Tuolumne County brings the total State financing to \$33 million allowing us to:

- increase the number of beds from 198 to 226;
- provide better classification separation;
- add full kitchen and laundry functions; and
- reduce the cash match from \$16 million to \$9 million.

Tuolumne County would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the rest of the BSCC and other State staff for all of their hard work and efforts in making this happen for Tuolumne County.

Sincerely,

John Gray  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

C. Linda Penner, Chair of BSCC  
Lenard La Chappell, Project Director  
James Mele, Sheriff  
Bill Pooley, Undersheriff  
Tamara McCaig, Jail Commander

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