

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN



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June 13, 2013

Dr. Jeffrey Beard, Chairman
California Board of State and Community Corrections
600 Bercut Drive
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Honorable Chairman, Board Members and Staff,

Relinquishment of AB 900 Phase I Conditional Award for San Joaquin County

The San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office applied for funding under AB 900 Phase I in March of 2008. A multitude of challenges to the successful completion of the project ensued shortly after the County was conditionally awarded \$80 million. These challenges included: being over project budget, an economic crisis resulting in staff reductions, and an inability to identify a funding source for the operational and staffing costs associated with the 1,280-bed Jail Expansion Project. Despite all these obstacles, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) staff has extended its assistance in all matters requested from San Joaquin County. That assistance is truly appreciated.

On several occasions, County staff presented to the Board of Supervisors the County's budget and financial position, as well as potential staffing plans for the Board's consideration to move the Jail Expansion Project forward in a manner that is both prudent to the County of San Joaquin and acceptable to the BSCC for the intent of AB 900. Unfortunately, the major issue of operational and staffing costs remains unresolved.

On Tuesday, June 4, 2013, following a lengthy discussion and public comment, the Board of Supervisors voted to relinquish the San Joaquin County AB 900 Phase I conditional award and directed County staff to terminate the Jail Expansion Project. It is, therefore, with sincere regret that I write to inform you of the County's official notice of relinquishment of our Conditional Award of \$80 million under AB 900 Phase I. Attached is Board Order B-13-415 reflecting the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors' actions.

Before the Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin, State of California

B-13- 415

MOTION: Bestolarides/Ruhstaller/3-2
Consider Options for Proposed Jail Expansion Project

The Board of Supervisors does hereby direct staff to decline the current State construction grant offer under the AB 900 program and direct the Interim County Administrator to terminate the Jail Expansion Project.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on June 4, 2013 by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: **Villapudua, Bestolarides, Ruhstaller**

NOES: **Vogel, Elliott**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

MIMI DUZENSKI
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin
State of California



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