

TO: Chair and Members

DATE: March 13, 2014

**SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 900 Phase I Jail Construction
Financing Program Amador County
Time Extension Request. Requesting Approval.**

AGENDA ITEM: H

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Lenard LaChappell

Summary:

This agenda item provides the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) with an update on Amador County's project status specific to meeting the site assurance requirement as part of the Assembly Bill (AB) 900 Phase I Jail Construction Financing Program.

Background:

On November 13, 2008 Amador County was provided a conditional award by the BSCC for the construction of its new county jail facility. Providing site assurance through Board of Supervisors' resolution of the project site location and county ownership has been a long-standing requirement of the BSCC construction financing process to ensure a county's readiness to proceed with the project and ability to avoid undue delays that may result from the uncertainty of project site location and/or accessibility. As per the AB 900 Jail Construction Request for Proposals, this site assurance requirement is to be met within 90 days of the county receiving notice of conditional award.

Following the county's receipt of the official jail construction award notification in November 2008, the 90-day timeframe for providing site assurance ended on February 18, 2009. As Amador County has worked to purchase a piece of property for their jail, unexpected delays compromised the county's ability to complete the purchase transaction in a timely fashion. The delays have necessitated the county's AB 900 project coming before the Board on two occasions in the past to request time extensions to meet the site assurance requirement while the county continued its focus on making the land purchase. The extension requests were approved.

In February 2014, the county requested a time extension until September 11, 2014. While it represents both additional time and a departure from the county's previous direction in terms of site location, the county believes the shift will benefit them by meeting their jail construction needs and meet the site assurance requirement of AB 900.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff recommends that the Board approve Amador County continuing in the jail construction financing process and grant the county's request for an extension of time to September 11, 2014 in order to meet the site assurance requirement.