

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: March 14, 2013

**SUBJECT: AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program
Kern County Scope Change – Bed Count Increase**

AGENDA ITEM: C-1

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Charlene Aboytes

Summary:

This agenda item requests Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) approval of Kern County's request to add 32 beds to their current Assembly Bill (AB) 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program project.

Background:

At the July 2012 BSCC meeting, Kern County received a conditional award through the AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program. The County's submitted application described their scope of work as the construction of a new 790-bed jail facility (including 576 medium security beds, 128 mental health beds, 32 "high risk" beds, 32 administrative segregation/disciplinary isolation beds, 15 suicide-watch beds and seven infirmary beds).

Upon further review of their project, Kern County has determined that they can double bunk the 32 high risk single occupancy cells, bringing the total number of beds constructed to 822. This will increase the County's ability to effectively and efficiently house current and projected future inmate population. This added bed number is well within the County's identified current need, as is a requirement of this funding program. The County understands that their conditional award will not increase and has determined that by refining their scope of work, they will be able to realize this increase in beds without an increase in budget due to the currently favorable bid climate.

Staff from Kern County will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff recommends the Board approve Kern County's request to add 32 beds to the AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing Program project.



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January 2, 2013

Charlene Aboytes, Field Representative
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Dear Ms. Aboytes,

On 8-7-12, the County of Kern received an AB900 Phase II conditional award for a proposed new 790 bed stand alone jail facility. In addition to 576 medium security beds, the project provided for 128 mental health treatment beds, 32 "high-risk" beds, 32 administrative segregation beds, 7 infirmary beds, and 15 suicide watch beds.

Upon further review of the project, it has become apparent, the ability to "double-bunk" the 32 "high-risk" single occupancy cells currently designated for the special housing units (SHU) will increase Kern County's ability to effectively and efficiently house our current and projected future inmate population, without a significant change in the projected scope or cost of our Phase II jail construction project.

This request for a project scope change, if approved, will not require any square footage changes or staffing adjustments to the planned facility. The planned facility will include a new overall total of 822 beds in a 241,000 square foot facility, distributed between three medium security housing pods, one special housing pod, and medical and suicide watch cells in the infirmary.

The 822 beds will be designated as follows: 576 medium security beds, 128 mental health treatment beds, 64 "high-risk" beds, 32 administrative segregation beds, 7 infirmary beds, and 15 suicide watch beds.

The overall cost of the project will be unchanged from the amount for which the County was awarded Phase II funding. The cost for this change will be fairly insignificant and

will be included in our costs as designated on the updated three page estimate that will be submitted to the State Public Works Board.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office requests approval to include the additional 32 beds to the scope and construction plans of our new AB900 jail facility.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

DONNY YOUNGBLOOD, Sheriff-Coroner

Earl Barnes

By: Lieutenant Earl Barnes
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