

DATE: February 8, 2018 **AGENDA ITEM: G**

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 863 (Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program) Santa Clara County Scope Change: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests that the Board of State and Community Corrections approve Santa Clara County's request for a scope change of its Senate Bill 863 Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities (ALCJF) Construction Financing Program facility. The new plan would decrease the number of beds and increase program, visitation and other spaces in the new facility.

Background

On June 20, 2014, Senate Bill 863 (Chapter 37, Statutes of 2014) (SB 863) became law, authorizing up to \$500,000,000 in state lease-revenue bond financing for the acquisition, design and construction of ALCJF.

The Board fully allocated this funding at its November 12, 2015 meeting by making conditional awards to 15 counties. At that meeting the Board made a conditional award of \$80,000,000 to Santa Clara County (Attachment G-1).

Since the award was made in 2015, Santa Clara County has embarked on several jail diversion initiatives and has made changes to its jail classification system, which has resulted in more offenders being diverted from custody. In 2017, the county conducted a jail population projection study that shows it now will require fewer beds than originally proposed in 2015. On January 23, 2018 the BSCC received a letter from Santa Clara County requesting a revised project scope for the Board's consideration and approval (Attachment G-2).

This proposed scope change would reduce the total number of beds to 535 from 815 (280 fewer), but increase the overall size of the project by nearly 24,000 square feet. These changes would result in increased program and treatment space, larger day room and housing areas, larger visitation and court staging areas, and a larger public lobby. All the other uses proposed in the 2015 application would remain unchanged.

Recommendation/Action Needed

1. Staff recommends the Board approve Santa Clara County's request to change the scope of its Senate Bill 863 Financing for Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities project.

Attachments

- G-1: November 12, 2015 BSCC Board Meeting Agenda Item E
- G-2: Santa Clara County Letter, dated January 23, 2018