

DATE: February 15, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM:** C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 844 (Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program) – Contra Costa County Scope Change: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests that the Board approve Contra Costa County's request for a scope change to decrease the number of rated beds from 288 to 272. The reduction in total beds will allow for the maintenance of a consistent condition of only two inmates per cell throughout the facility and enhance safety measures for incarcerated people with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Background

On June 27, 2016, Senate Bill 844 (Chapter 34, Statutes of 2016) (SB 844) became law, authorizing up to \$250 million in state lease-revenue bond financing for the acquisition, design, and construction of Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities (ALCJF).

On [June 08, 2017](#), the Board approved conditional awards for eight counties, including \$70 million for Contra Costa County, for its Senate Bill 844 Jail Construction Funding Projects.

On [April 11, 2019](#), the Board approved Contra Costa County's first scope change request to decrease the number of rated beds in its SB 844 proposal to 288 from 416 and to make other facility enhancements such as the addition of a court holding area, an increase of treatment space for health care services and the expansion of the medical and psychiatric services unit, the enhancement of programming space to include enlarged dayrooms and an enlarged and improved child/parent (family) contact visitation center.

On [February 10, 2022](#), the Board approved Contra Costa County's request for a second scope change to build the facility on-grade, as a one-story building instead of a two-story building. Two housing units that were previously designed to be stacked as a second story will be constructed beside the three other housing units. All other approved aspects of the project scope were to remain.

On January 09, 2024, the BSCC received a letter from Sheriff David Livingston of Contra Costa County requesting a revised scope for the Board's approval (Attachment C-1). The third proposed scope change consists of eliminating 16 upper bunks located directly above 16 of the ADA beds that were converted from standard beds. If the design is left as is, there will be an inconsistency within the facility whereby seven (7) ADA cells will house a maximum of two incarcerated people and eight (8) housing areas will allow for a maximum of four incarcerated people – two ADA-accessible and two general population.

To improve the living conditions for people who need ADA-accessible accommodations, two upper bunks in each of the eight (8) newly designed ADA-accessible housing areas will be removed so that only two people will be in each cell. This adjustment will result in a decrease in the total number of rated beds, while all other approved elements of the project scope will remain unchanged.

Recommendation/Action Needed

- Staff recommend the Board approve Contra Costa County's request for a scope change to reduce the number of rated beds from 288 to 272 for its SB 844 ALCJF Construction Financing Program project.

Attachments

C-1: January 09, 2024, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Request for Scope Change