

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office | (2) MEETING DATE 7/7/2015 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Geoff O'Quest, 781-5011 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Request to receive and file recommended response from the Sheriff to the Grand Jury's 2014-15 report "San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies Inspection Report." All Districts. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board receive and file response from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2014-15 report "San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies Inspection Report." | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? N/A |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____ | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW This item was prepared by the County Administrative Office. | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts | | | |

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Administrative Office / Geoff O'Quest, 781-5011

DATE: 7/7/2015

SUBJECT: Request to receive and file recommended response from the Sheriff to the Grand Jury's 2014-15 report "San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies Inspection Report." All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board receive and file response from the Sheriff-Coroner to the Grand Jury's 2014-15 report "San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies Inspection Report."

DISCUSSION

On June 9, 2015 the Grand Jury issued a report titled "San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies Inspection Report." This report presents the 2014-15 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury's inquiry into the conditions and management of the County Jail (Jail), Honor Farms, Crime Lab and Property Storage, Coroner's Office, Juvenile Hall, and the county's and cities' temporary holding cells. This inquiry fulfills the requirements of California Penal Code section 919(b), which states that "(t)he grand jury shall inquire into the conditions and management of the public prisons within the county."

The Grand Jury found all places of incarceration to be well managed, providing for both the health and safety of inmates, as well as the safety of all personnel. The Grand Jury also found the allied services of the Crime Lab and Property Room, Coroner's Office and all holding cells to be well managed and effective. In the report the Grand Jury congratulates the Sheriff's Department and Juvenile Hall for their "continued excellent work."

The report contains three findings and one recommendation:

Finding #1: Current staffing of forensic specialists in the Crime Lab is limited to two well trained and experienced professionals.

Finding #2: Forensic specialists are required to have extensive hands-on training which could take up to five years.

Finding #3: There is currently no plan to obtain an additional specialist or provide back-up.

Recommendation #1: The Sheriff's Department should hire a third full-time forensic specialist in the Crime Lab to provide additional support and long-term capability for personnel replacement.

A copy of the full Grand Jury report and the Sheriff's response are attached to this staff report.

The response from the Sheriff, which is due to the Presiding Judge within 60 days, has already been provided to the Grand Jury and the Presiding Judge of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court. No response is required from the Board of Supervisors.

OTHER DEPARTMENT INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Grand Jury conducted a series of visits to each of the facilities addressed in the report in September and October 2014. The Grand Jury's report is based on jurors' observations, interviews and discussions with correctional deputies and other personnel at Juvenile Hall and the Sheriff's Department.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this item.

RESULTS

This response will meet the legal requirements and time frames for responding to a Grand Jury report with findings and delivers to the Board the Sheriff's response to the Grand Jury's 2014-15 report "San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall, Jail and Allied Agencies Inspection Report."

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sheriff's Response to 14-15 GJ Report Juvenile Hall, Jail, Allied Agencies Inspection Report
2. GJ Report 14-15 - Juvenile Hall, Jail, Allied Agencies Inspection Report