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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER- DEATH PENALTY CASES OF PEOPLE VS. JAMES ERWIN DOTSON AND PEOPLE VS. KIMBERLY LABORE

Dear Board Members:

Your Board's approval is requested for the attached transfer of funds to provide appropriations for the 1998-99 costs of defense counsel and related investigative expenses in the death penalty cases of People vs. James Erwin Dotson and People vs. Kimberly Labore. These defendants are charged with the murder with special circumstances of Gaylord Chilcote of Watsonville and are represented by court appointed counsel.

As your Board is aware, it is very difficult to accurately project costs for these cases due to the varying length and complexity of issues related to each case. Since these cases were unanticipated at the beginning of the fiscal year, current appropriations for court appointed counsel are not sufficient and a transfer of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from general contingencies is required. For 1999-00 funds have been included in the CAO Proposed Budget for these death penalty cases. The trial for both defendants is currently anticipated to begin in early 2000. All death penalty case costs are tracked and accounted for separately which will allow the County to seek State reimbursement at the completion of the case to the extent allowable.

It is therefore recommended that your Board approve the attached transfer of funds from general contingencies in the amount of \$50,000 for costs of court appointed defense counsel and related investigative expenses in the death penalty cases of People vs. James Erwin Dotson and People vs. Kimberly Labore.

Very truly yours

SUSAN A.MAURIELLO

County Administrative Officer

cc. Superior Court
Auditor-Controller
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