



# County of Santa Cruz

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Agenda: August 10, 1999

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

### SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) AND THE STATE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDS (SLESF)

Dear Members of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to set the required public hearings for both the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the State Supplemental Law Enforcement Funds (SLESF) allocations on September 14, 1999.

During the 1999-00 Budget Hearings, your Board took the preliminary actions necessary for the County to receive a third year allocation of federal funds from the BJA and SLESF. At the time of budget hearings, the application packet for the BJA grant funds had not yet been received. Your Board approved the use of anticipated BJA funds in the amount of \$160,341 for vehicle safety equipment and other equipment purchases for law enforcement in the unincorporated area. and included those appropriations in the 1999-00 budget.

SLESF funds total approximately \$500,000 for Santa Cruz County and have been allocated during the past three years for the support of five deputy sheriff positions in the Sheriffs Department, investigation and clerical positions in the District Attorney's office, and capital projects in the Detention Budget. These positions are currently funded through September 30, 1999. The recommended actions on September 14 will include the receipt and appropriation of the SLESF monies for the 1999-00 Budget and the consideration of the requests by the Sheriff and the District Attorney for the continuation of these positions and Detention projects.

Prior to the public hearing on the BJA funds, an advisory group will be convened to consider the use of the BJA funds and to forward a recommendation to your Board. The advisory group membership is prescribed by the BJA guidelines and has been previously

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approved by your Board. Advisory Group members include the Sheriff-Coroner, representing local law enforcement; the District Attorney, representing the Prosecutor's Office; the Courts' Executive Officer, representing the Court System; the Superintendent of the County Office of Education, representing the School System; the Chair of the Human Care Alliance, representing non-profit agencies active in crime prevention or drug abuse prevention and treatment; and the County Administrative Officer, representing the County Administrative Office.

It is therefore Recommended that your Board set public hearings on your morning agenda of September 14, 1999 to consider the allocation of federal funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the State Supplemental Law Enforcement Funds (SLESF).

Very truly yours,



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County Administrative Officer

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s/:BJAPUB99

cc: Auditor-Controller  
Sheriff- Coroner  
District Attorney  
BJA Advisory Board Members