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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 12, 2000.

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

During the 2000-01 Budget Hearings, your Board took the preliminary actions necessary for the County to receive a fifth year allocation of federal funds from the BJA. 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 \$136,100 for vehicle safety equipment and other equipment purchases for law enforcement in the unincorporated area in the 2000-01 budget. Since the actual BJA allocation is \$132,766, the Sheriff will be recommending a minor adjustment to the expenses for deployed vehicles.

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 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.

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STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

The fifth year SLESF allocation for Santa Cruz County and local front line law enforcement agencies totals approximately \$580,000. These funds support 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. The five deputy sheriff positions and the expenditure and revenue appropriations have already have been budgeted in the 2000-01 Budget. Since the DA investigation and clerical staff positions are currently funded through September 30, 2000, they need to be continued through the remainder of the fiscal year and expenditure and revenue appropriations need to be recognized. Finally, it will be necessary to accept and appropriate the unanticipated revenue for the Detention projects. These accounting transactions will be enclosed in the September 12, 2000 agenda material.

It is therefore Recommended that your Board set public hearings on your morning agenda of September 12, 2000 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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cc: Auditor-Controller
Sheriff- Coroner
District Attorney
BJA Advisory Board Members