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AGENDA: August 21, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SETTING 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 21, 2001.

Bureau of Justice Assistance

During the 2001-02 Budget Hearings, your Board took the preliminary actions necessary for the County to receive a sixth year allocation of federal funds from the BJA. At that time, 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 \$115,000 for various new equipment purchases for law enforcement in the unincorporated area of the County. The actual BJA allocation is \$125,803. The September public hearing agenda materials will include a resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue to reflect the additional funds received from the State. At that time, the Sheriff's Office will recommend the purchase of items for a total amount of \$125,803.

Prior to the public hearing on the BJA funds, an advisory group will be convened to consider the use of 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 representatives from the Sheriff-Coroner's Office, representing local law enforcement; the District Attorney's Office, representing the Prosecutor's Office; the Courts, representing the court system; the County Office of Education, representing the school system; the Human Care Alliance, representing non-profit agencies active in crime

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prevention or drug abuse prevention and treatment; and the County Administrative Office.

State Law Enforcement Supplemental Funds

The sixth year SLESF allocations for the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County are estimated to total approximately \$448,000. SLESF funds support five deputy sheriff positions in the Sheriff's Office, capital projects related to detention facilities and investigation and clerical positions in the District Attorney's Office. Estimated expenditure and revenue appropriations associated with positions have already been budgeted in the 2001-02 Budget. Once the actual allocations from the State are determined, any necessary accounting transactions reflecting actual funds received will be included in the September 21, 2001 agenda materials.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board set public hearings on the September 21, 2001 agenda 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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