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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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STATUS REPORT ON WATSONVILLE COURT FACILITY PLANNING

Dear Members of the Board:

On September 25, 2001 we provided your Board with a status report on Watsonville Court Facility planning which informed your Board that we were continuing to work with the City of Watsonville, the Superior Court, and various County agencies to develop the required programming and preliminary cost estimates for the replacement of the modular courts in a multi-use building in downtown Watsonville. At that time it was anticipated that the programming and cost estimates would be completed by early November, 2001.

As we have informed your Board in previous reports the proposed building in downtown Watsonville will include, at a minimum, the Courts, the City Library, City offices, and retail spaces on the ground floor. The County and City architects are in the process of coordinating the overall base plan for the building with the individual building occupants plans. Due to the complex design and programming requirements for a multi-use building, approximately one more month will be required to complete the programming, preliminary design, and cost estimates. These initial stages are critical to the success of the building project and must be done in a thorough and thoughtful manner.

Based on information from the City's construction management firm and the County's architect, building and cost information should be completed by mid-December for consideration by your Board at the second meeting in January, 2002. That report will also provide recommendations for the next steps in this process.

It is therefore Recommended that your Board:

- 1) Accept and file this status report on Watsonville Courts facility planning; and,
- 2) Direct the County Administrative Office to report back to your Board with a further report on this matter on or before January 15, 2002.

Very truly yours,



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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Carlos Palacios, City Manager, City of Watsonville
Jan Davison, Director, City of Watsonville Housing and Econ. Develop. Director
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