



# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: August 20, 2002

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

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### 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 17, 2002.

#### Bureau of Justice Assistance

During the 2002-03 Budget Hearings, your Board took the preliminary actions necessary for the County to receive a seventh 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 \$125,000 primarily for the purchase and installation of radios for front line Patrol vehicles. The actual BJA allocation for the unincorporated area of the County is \$86,786. This reduction is due primarily to modifications that have been made to the criteria for applying for BJA funds, resulting in a greater number of agencies qualifying for the same amount of total available funds. The September public hearing agenda materials will include a resolution cancelling estimated revenue and appropriations to reflect actual funds received. At that time, the Sheriff's Office will recommend the purchase of items for a total amount of \$86,786 and report on how the loss in anticipated revenue will be addressed in the department's 2002-03 budget.

Prior to the public hearing on the BJA funds, an advisory group will be convened to consider the use of these 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, the

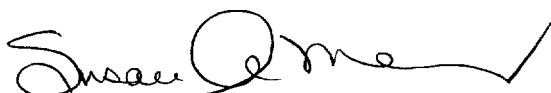
District Attorney's Office, the Courts, the County Office of Education, the Human Care Alliance and the County Administrative Office.

State Law Enforcement Supplemental Funds

The seventh year SLESF allocations for the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County are estimated to total approximately \$448,000. Due to State budget uncertainties, CSAC has suggested that we use the dollar amount of SLESF funds that were allocated to the County last year until a more specific figure has been determined. SLESF funds currently 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 2002-03 Budget. If the actual allocations from the State are determined prior to the September 17" public hearing, this information will be included in the associated agenda materials.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board set public hearings on the September 17, 2002 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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cc: Auditor-Controller  
Sheriff-Coroner  
District Attorney  
BJA Advisory Board Members