

ATTACHMENT VI

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of:
January 31, 2006

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff's Department

Subject: Appropriation Adjustment Request No. 26-046 In The Amount of \$100,000 For Conceptual Approval To Start Site Search And Plan Development For A New Northwest Station House And Midyear Budget Report Back Concerning The Sheriff's Department Facility Plans—With Emphasis on Station Houses, Community Service Centers, and the Communications Center

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Overview

This provides the requested report back to your Board regarding the Sheriff's Department facility plans—with emphasis on location and use of station houses, service centers, and the communications center. This report provides your Board with an overview of current locations and the services provided at each location. This report requests your approval to conduct a site search for a new Northwest Station House and identifies the proposed site search area. In addition, the department is requesting your approval to pursue the relocation of the communications center from 711 G Street to the South Station at 9250 Bond Road.

Recommendations

1. Approve Appropriation Adjustment Request for release of \$100,000 for the site survey and plan development of a new Northwest Station House.
2. Authorize the pursuit of relocating the Communications Center to the South Station at 9250 Bond Road.

Measures/Evaluation

N/A

Fiscal Impact

At this time the only impact to the General Fund would be the release of \$100,000 set aside at the Final Budget Hearings for the site survey and plan development of a new Northwest Station House. The feasibility study for the relocation of the Communications Center will be funded by department savings. The Sheriff's Department will return to the Board when the site search has been completed for further approval. The final South Station debt service payment of \$775, 000 will be made in Fiscal Year 2006-07. In Fiscal Year 2007-08, this funding can be made available to finance the lease payments for the Northwest Station House.

BACKGROUND:

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department provides services to the communities it serves through the use of both community service centers and station houses. The services provided at each location and the staff deployed are different at community service centers versus station houses. The information below briefly outlines the services provided at each type of location.

Community Service Centers:

The community service centers are located in different communities throughout Sacramento County. The centers are staffed by Problem Oriented Policing (POP) officers who are dedicated to handling specific community problems which cannot normally be addressed by patrol officers. POP officers utilize a unique and varied array of resources in resolving identified community problems and work in conjunction with other agencies such as fire, code enforcement, licensing, animal control and numerous others to alleviate complex neighborhood problems.

The centers also have office staff and volunteers to assist the community through the organization and presentation of community meetings, establishment of Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, report writing and provide public assistance and information at the front counters. Volunteers in the centers also provide vacation check services for residents.

The centers are equipped with Megan's Law computers for public use and usually provide inked fingerprinting services.

The current SSD community service center locations are:

Carmichael, Orangevale/Fair Oaks, Arden-Arcade, North Highlands, Florin Station (Central), Rockingham Station (East), James L. Noller Safety Center (Rancho Murieta), Walnut Grove, Willowberrn and Wilton.

Station Houses:

The station houses are located in different communities throughout Sacramento County and are staffed by Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and many have co-located tenants such as the California Highway Patrol, Community Prosecutors and Neighborhood Services. The primary function of a station house is to provide a centralized location for providing daily services to the public which include the day to day operations of patrol operations and investigative services.

The current locations for SSD station houses are:

Garfield Station, Marconi Station, McClellan Station, and the Florin Station.

The City of Rancho Cordova has a contract with SSD to provide services at the Rockingham Station and Community Service Center.

The Cities of Citrus Heights and Elk Grove provide their own station houses and service centers. The current facilities for these locations are leased by their respective cities and are not under the control of the Sheriff's Department.

DISCUSSION:

As part of this analysis the department reviewed its current facilities and the services provided at each location. This analysis concludes that the current Station House locations are satisfactory and adequate to serve each community going forward with two exceptions. The current Northwest Station House is not accessible to the community or properly located for service delivery which is facilitating the request to relocate to a new station house. In addition, the current communications center is located downtown and current space is not sufficient for our current operation and the location of this service downtown is problematic given the threat of flood. Both of these requests are further addressed below.

Communications Center. The Communications Center is currently located at 711 G Street in Sacramento and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a staff of seventy-two. The recent hurricane disasters have heightened the concerns about being able to maintain effective emergency communications during any disaster. 711 G Street lies well within the flood plain, and a disaster of the magnitude of Katrina would either destroy or severely disable emergency communications at a time when they are most needed. The Sheriff's Department has submitted a request to General Services for a feasibility study of the South Station at 9250 Bond Road to see if it meets the requirements for an "essential services building", which requires adequate flood and seismic preparedness. The decision to make this recommendation is based on the fact that the South Station would provide a secure location for the center with limited public access, has secured parking for all employees, and has a separate secured area for communications equipment already in place. The services provided by the Communications Center can be provided from any location within the county. In addition this site will be fully paid for next year and is planned to be vacated due to the relocation of most of current occupants to the new Emergency Operations Center at McClellan Park. The relocation of the communication center would not only be a very cost effective reuse of this facility but also provide much needed space and disaster protection for this critical service.

Northwest Station House. From a broad perspective, the general vicinity of the Northwest Station House is adjacent to the community it serves. However, its actual placement is on the former McClellan Air Force Base in a building owned by the Coast Guard and in space dedicated to the Office of Homeland Security. This makes it almost impossible for the public to access "their" station house. Therefore, all public access is confined to the community service center in North Highlands which is contrary to the practice at other community service centers.

Proposed Site Search Area: The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department is proposing to conduct a site search along Watt Avenue between Interstate 80 and Antelope Road plus or minus three blocks on either side of Watt Avenue. This area was selected because it is on a main thoroughfare with adequate freeway access and existing service from public transportation. Vehicles may access the area by Business 80 at Watt or Greenback/Elkhorn, Interstate 80 at Watt. A location on, or just off Watt Avenue, would make the new station house available to the public with access either by bus or personal vehicle. In addition, this area has been designated by the North Highlands Vision Task Force as its "town center" and as such we anticipate that a site in this area would be embraced by both the business community and residents.

Criteria for Site Evaluation/Recommendation: The site search will be conducted utilizing the standard criteria developed by General Services which includes: population base, transportation corridors, program compatibility with other adjacent businesses, staffing impacts, space impacts, community and business acceptance, cost implications as well as many others. When the possible sites are identified a group composed of representatives from the Sheriff's Department, Real Estate, and Management will meet to discuss and determine the recommended site location. Once the site selection has been made, the recommendation will be brought back to your Board with the specific criteria defined and the possible sites rated and evaluated against the stated criteria.

The following information provides your Board with some additional background and information in regards to our other facilities. No action is being requested by your Board at this time.

East Station House. The City of Rancho Cordova has bought a building for its Police Operations. No set time schedule has been established for the completion of this facility. Indications from the City lead us to believe that they want to continue to co-locate their police department with the Sheriff's East Division. This makes sense from a number of standpoints including service to the communities, deployment of shared resources, and fiscally. In the event that we need to re-locate from the Rockingham location, we believe that other County Departments, e.g. Probation and Human Assistance are interesting in occupying our current facility. As this issue unfolds we will work with Real Estate.

Other Station Houses and Service Centers. We believe that the current site location for other Station Houses is satisfactory and meets the needs in North Vineyard Station, Florin-Vineyard, and Elverta. As this and other construction occurs, we will be receiving additional resources through the Communities Facilities District. A part of our request for additional resources using this financing source will include an updated examination of service center requirements.

MEASURES/EVALUATION:

N/A

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

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Respectfully submitted,

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- Attachment B - GIS Map SSD Station House - Service Centers
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