

**Board of Supervisors Response**  
**Ventura County Detention Facilities: Conditions and Management.**

**R-01:** The VCSD, BOS and CEO should determine the most appropriate build-out option for Todd Road, and set a start date.

**Concur.** The Board of Supervisors has held two study sessions to gather information and discuss the appropriate build-out for Todd Road Jail. There are two more study sessions scheduled to discuss this issue: one in September and another in October. A needs assessment and engineering analysis was completed by HDR Architecture, Inc. in April 2007 and presented to the Board. The needs assessment identified four options for expanding the jail. The two highest priced options have been mutually agreed upon as too expensive for the County, so that the focus is now on the remaining two options.

**R-02:** The BOS should continue to explore alternative funding sources for Todd Road build-out, such as issuing Certificates of Participation, (a type of bond which places liens on county assets), and/or other alternatives such as direct financing through private entities.

**Concur.** The CEO in conjunction with the Sheriff have already identified construction and operating costs for the various build-out options. Debt service in the form of Certificates of Participation has already been calculated and presented to the Board. The October study session will explore additional financing alternatives. The Board has also met to discuss the reentry program proposed by the State to qualify for AB 900 jail construction bonds as possible financing for the Todd Road expansion. The Sheriff decided not to pursue this alternative due to the onerous requirements and difficulty in obtaining an approved site.

**R-03:** The County Probation Agency and the CEO should decide whether to remodel, expand, or rebuild the Work Furlough facility so that the maximum capacity of 235 inmates can be attained.

The Board is still awaiting the results of the standard capital projects evaluation process before making any decision. There has been a needs assessment completed in April 2008 by Rasmussen & Associates. The General Services Agency has also been consulted on this project by Probation. The Capital Planning Committee in May 2008 approved the remodel of the facility. The CEO is in the process of completing its evaluation of renovating and financing the Work Furlough facility.

**R-04:** The BOS should secure funding for the remodel and/or rebuild of the County Probation's Work Furlough Program facility.

**Partially Concur.** While work Furlough has been a successful program, the Board and CEO must also consider the additional operational costs that will incur due to increasing the capacity of the Work Furlough facility. Also there are many worthy capital projects in consideration at this time. The Board and CEO are working to prioritize the various projects and to determine the available funding. Due to the budget difficulties of the State, the Board must wait until a budget is passed by the State and assess how it may impact the County's finances. The CEO will review the viability of this project at mid-year of FY 2008-09.