

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**From:** Chairman Marion Ashley

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 1, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Report from Alternatives to Jail Ad Hoc Committee

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Receive and File the Summary of Discussions of the Alternatives to Jail Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On July 7, 2015 Chairman Ashley appointed an Ad Hoc committee on alternatives to jail. The appointed members are; Chairman Ashley, Vice-Chairman Benoit, Presiding Judge Hopp, Chief Probation Officer Mark Hake, Sheriff Stan Sniff, DA Mike Hestrin, Assistant CEO Zareh Sarrafian, Assistant CEO Rob Field, Deputy CEO Brian Nestande, County Counsel Greg Priamos. Appointees are asked to send designees if they cannot attend meetings.

Departmental Concurrence

*Marion Ashley*  
Chairman Marion Ashley  
Fifth District Supervisor

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>				<b>Budget Adjustment: N/A</b>	
				<b>For Fiscal Year: N/A</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**County Executive Office Signature**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

There have been two meetings of the committee, July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>. In the first meeting Chairman Ashley and Vice-Chair Benoit stated their interest in the current status of county reentry and alternative programs while exploring new ideas and understanding any barriers to implementing new concepts and programs.

Judge Dugan (designee of Judge Hopp), Chief Hake and Undersheriff Di Yorio (designee of Sheriff Sniff) carried the discussion outlining the current programs and potential new programs. It was suggested that San Diego's operational philosophies for Reentry programs is worth studying.

The July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting featured a presentation from California Forward, guests of Chief Hake. California Forward has partnered with our county and the criminal justice stake holders to implement a culture of data driven decision making that has focused on policies and practices that impact the use of jail beds. Much of the work thus far has involved collecting data and conducting a study in the Probation and Sheriff's departments. The goal is to provide quality data analysis for the benefit of policy makers as they weigh decisions on programs. Chief Hake described the probation department's work with regard to the filing of violations, impacts of those violations on all other criminal justice agencies, and efforts to improve the level of reentry preparation for those being released from jail, including the homeless population. He mentioned the lack of facilities and programs that focus on reentry and the need to pursue a Transitional Reentry Facility. Chief Hake also mentioned the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission facility as a successful program, but it has limited availability.

Undersheriff Di Yorio explained the process for the release of inmates pursuant to the 1993 Federal Court Order. The department evaluates the entire inmate population to determine releases of either sentenced or post arraignment pre-trial inmates to comply with the court order. So, the department is forced to release the best of the worst. The process is staff intensive and time consuming, and the decision moves through the chain of command to the Chief Deputy of Corrections. Mr. Di Yorio also talked about the problem of incentives for release instead of incentives for individuals participating in available inmate programs. Due to the lack of adequate jail beds, inmates often chose to wait for an early release instead of entering into a program. He further explained that inmates housed in the county jail system, resulting from AB 109, account for approximately 25% - 28% of the jail population. On average, about 70% of the jail population is waiting for trial.

Rob Field, Assistant CEO/EDA, discussed options for new facilities and explained programs through the workforce development to help prisoners with reentry. EDA is working with probation to identify facilities throughout the county to create multi-dimensional reentry facilities.