

C O U N T Y O F S A N M A T E O**County Manager's Office****Date:** May 29, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
SUBJECT: Quarterly Status Report – 1999 Grand Jury Responses

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report on the status of responses to the 1999 Grand Jury recommendations.

Discussion

On February 27, 2001 you approved the responses from County Departments to the 1999 Grand Jury Recommendations. I am pleased to present to you this update as of May 31, 2001. You will continue to receive quarterly updates on the progress of implementing any recommendations requiring ongoing or further action from the 1999 recommendations.

SAN MATEO COUNTY

QUARTERLY STATUS

1999 GRAND JURY REPORT

(May 31, 2001)

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT / PUBLIC WORKS

Hall of Justice Seismic Retrofit

RECOMMENDATION 33: The San Mateo County 1999 Grand Jury recommends that the County Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Public Works to prepare a comprehensive time-phased plan for completion of the seismic retrofit and lead/asbestos abatement of the County Hall of Justice. Urgency should be placed on the development and implementation of the plan, including a detailed time-phased series of actions and the designation of personnel responsible for each action and associated deadlines. The plan should include details on office and employee relocation. The County Board of Supervisors should give high priority to implementation and funding of this program.

RESPONSE: Concur. The Director of Public Works will work with the Court on developing a tentative phasing plan that allows for the work to go forward on the 7th and 8th floors. A similar approach will be undertaken with the Probation Department for the 5th Floor. However, a key aspect of this plan will be to identify additional funding sources. An additional \$2.2 million will be required to complete the project. To date, the County has spent approximately \$1.6 million in the design of the seismic retrofit plan, the remediation work that was done immediately after the Loma Prieta Earthquake, and for the work completed or under construction on the 4th and 6th floors. Public Works estimates that it will take approximately two years to complete the work once funding is identified and agreement with the Court and Probation is obtained.

Abatement work is generally done in conjunction with other work on the structure, as encapsulated lead and asbestos in the building will remain in place and does not present a threat to either the citizens visiting the Hall of Justice or employees.

Status of the County's response to this Grand Jury recommendation will be reported in the next quarterly report to the Board.

STATUS:

- The Board of Supervisors appropriated \$2,550,000 in the FY 2000-01 adopted budget for seismic upgrade work on the 5th, 7th and 8th floors in the Hall of Justice.

As of April 30, 2001 bidding to retrofit the 7th and 8th floors was underway and sealed bids were due May 1, 2001. Bids were received and referred to Public Works for checking and recommendation. The contract for the retrofit of the 7th and 8th floors was awarded to Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Company who submitted the lowest bid of \$2,125,000 which was \$75,000 over the Public Works Engineer's estimate of \$2,050,000. The contract will be taken to the Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2001.

The 7th floor seismic retrofit project is scheduled to commence July 2001. The Court will vacate the 7th floor before the start of construction. The 7th floor retrofit is anticipated to last approximately six months and will be followed immediately by the retrofit work on the 8th floor which is also expected to last six months. This schedule is based on both floors being unoccupied as the work is done. The 5th floor work will not be bid until the 7th and 8th floors are complete. The Recommended FY 2001-02 budget includes \$1,200,000 for the 5th floor which is expected to remain occupied while work is in progress.