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May 12, 2015

Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)
Facilities Standards & Operations Division
Attention: Linda Penner, Chair of the Board of State and Community Corrections
600 Bercut Drive
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: SB863 ESC Change to Special Factor Point System

Dear Ms. Penner:

By way of background, the Amador County Board of Supervisors applied for AB900 Phase I funding on March 11, 2008 and on November 19, 2008 received notification from Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) the County had been granted a Conditional Award of \$22.7 million for the construction of a new 165 bed jail to replace our outdated and overcrowded 76 bed facility.

Although the need for increased jail capacity and other improvements remained, particularly in light of the burdens placed on the County through AB 109, difficulties followed our conditional award which included: a decline in our economy resulting in the loss of programs and staffing, increases in site development and project costs, and the amount of additional capital debt combined with projected operational and staffing costs for the proposed 165 bed facility could not be absorbed. Even with the AB 900 award, additional debt service required for construction and additional operating costs for the new facility would consume approximately 15% of the discretionary portion of the Amador County General Fund.

On August 12, 2014 the Amador County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to relinquish the County's AB900 Phase I Conditional Award of \$22.7 million due to these insurmountable fiscal impacts on our 165 bed AB900 new jail project that would have exceeded \$45 million plus operating costs.

Amador County originally met all of the criteria required for receipt of the AB900 Conditional Award. Significant county funds were expended for consultants to prepare the RFP, to acquire an acceptable property plus a significant amount of staff time working through the many other requirements preparing for a project of this size. In the end, The Board of Supervisors returned the award in a timely manner which allowed other counties to apply for this funding for their projects. At all times, Amador County complied with the requirements set forth by the AB 900 legislation and the subsequent CSA (BSCC) rules. It needs to be stated that Amador County never received any monies from the state towards the development of this project.

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It was with great concern therefore, that the SB 863 Executive Steering Committee on April 29, 2015 recommended a revision in the SB 863 scoring under item 5a, Statement of Need, Special Factors, whereby Amador County would only receive partial special factor points because we returned our AB900 Conditional Award. It is our understanding that those returning Conditional Awards would receive 2 special factor points as opposed to those who have never received a Conditional Award receiving 4 under this recommendation.

Even though Amador County established an AB 900 jail project worthy of a Conditional Award, our county, like those that were either denied a Conditional Award, or never applied for one, we never received a single dollar of state funding and should therefore be treated in the same manner with regard to the award of the maximum number of special factor points.

Sincerely yours,



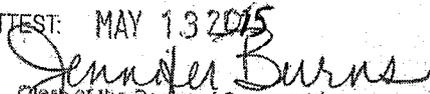
Brian Oneto, Chairman
Amador County Board of Supervisors



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Amador County

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- Jon Hopkins, GSA Director
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ATTEST: MAY 13 2015

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Amador County, California