

April 3, 2007

**Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
San Rafael, CA 94903**

Subject: County support of renewed State efforts to eliminate the planned construction of the new death row facility at San Quentin State Prison

Dear Board Members:

Recommendation: Amend County's Legislative Plan to indicate support for eliminating the planned construction of the new death row facility at San Quentin.

Summary: At the request of Supervisor Kinsey, we are requesting your Board's action to support renewed State efforts to eliminate the planned construction of a new death row facility at San Quentin State Prison, which is now estimated to cost at least \$337 million compared with the original authorization by the Legislature of \$220 million in 2003. These renewed efforts include proposals in the Senate and Assembly budget committees as well as SB 228, a bill recently introduced that establishes requirements for the decommissioning and redevelopment of the prison. County support of this legislation is contingent upon the consistency of the San Quentin redevelopment with the 2005 Draft Countywide Plan.

It is recommended that your Board amend the County's Legislative Plan to indicate support of these State efforts. Staff would follow up on your Board's action by sending support letters to our local delegation and other key legislative leaders. Attached for your information is a recent letter about San Quentin from Senator Carole Migden to the Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee with oversight of Adult Corrections.

Please feel free to contact myself or Matt Bronson on my staff with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Hymel
County Administrator