

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
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MEETING DATE: January 21, 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
APPROVING PARTY: Jim Beard, Chair, District No. 4
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion/action regarding request from State Senator Jim Nielsen for letter of support for a proposed North State Public Safety Training Center for professional training of first responders throughout Northern California.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other
See attached correspondence and sample letter

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: See attached

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

 Yes, -- --
 No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

<p>BOARD ACTION:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2020- _____ Agreement 2020- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

CLERK TO THE BOARD

DATE

Heather Foster

From: Jim Beard
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Heather Foster
Subject: Fwd: Support Letters Needed- Regional Training Center
Attachments: 2020 RTC Letter of Support Sample.docx; 2020 RTC Letter of Support request general.docx

Hey Heather,

Is this something that I should put on the agenda for the 21st?
It states that support letters must be received by January 31st.

Happy Tuesday, Jim
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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From: Senator Nielsen <Senator.Nielsen@senate.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:18:54 AM
To: Senator Nielsen <Senator.Nielsen@senate.ca.gov>
Cc: Nicholson, Laura <Laura.Nicholson@sen.ca.gov>
Subject: Support Letters Needed- Regional Training Center

Dear colleagues,

I am sending you this email to request your support for a Regional Training Center to benefit North State first responders. I will be requesting a \$15 million one-time allocation in the 2020-2021 California State Budget to fund the project. An overview of the project and a sample letter are attached for your consideration.

The letters need to be received by January 31, 2020. Support letters can be e-mailed or sent to my Yuba City District Office. If you have further questions, please contact my Senior District Representative Laura Nicholson at (530) 751-8657. Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

Jim

Dear Colleague:

I am reaching out to request your support for a proposed North State Public Safety Training Center (Center) that would provide a much needed regional facility for professional training of first responders throughout Northern California.

We received great support for this project in 2019 from almost 70 agencies covering 20 counties in the North State. For 2020, I am continuing to pursue this project, building upon our current support base and refining the details to meet the needs of our public safety community. I am requesting your support for the proposed North State Public Safety Training Center, and have attached a sample letter for your review.

I plan to submit a Budget request of approximately \$15 million be allocated from the California State General Fund for purposes of developing and building the North State Public Safety Training Center. The proposed facility would be located on approximately 7.5 acres of Yuba City-owned property. A site plan and cost estimates are being developed and will be finalized in the next few months. It is my intention that the Center be built with room for continued expansion that responds to the needs of agencies for a convenient, affordable and professional training experience.

The proposed multi-purpose facility would be the first of its kind, and the only regional facility north of Sacramento available to emergency responders. It would provide support and resources for not only Northern California agencies, but for the entire state. This Center will serve firefighting and law enforcement agencies, as well as other governmental and non-governmental first responders in Northern California.

This facility would also provide much needed financial relief to local agencies by serving as an easily accessible site for all Northern California agencies to train, certify, and prepare for future emergencies, including wildfires. Agencies would further realize cost savings in salaries, transportation, housing, and meals incurred from travelling long distances to meet state-mandated training requirements. It is also ideally placed to serve as a staging location to destinations throughout the North State.

The North State Public Safety Training Center is proposed to include, but is not limited to, the following training venues and features:

- **Law Enforcement Indoor Training & Shooting Range**
- **Use of Force Training**
- **Commercial Training Tower and Apartment Venue**
- **Residential Burn Building Venue**
- **Confined Space Rescue Training Venue**
- **HazMat Training Venue**
- **Vehicle Extrication Equipment Training**
- **Wildland Fire Training**
- **Vehicle Maneuvers Training & Helipad**
- **Classroom Space for Emergency Management Training, Remote Training,**

and management of emergency operations

Yuba City officials are actively engaged in this effort. They will work with me and my staff to host informational meetings, as needed, to give you an overview of the project, get your input, and address your questions and concerns. These meetings will include a site tour and options that could be available for your agency to access the site, including partnership agreements, fee-based services, and membership style tiered usage programs.

If you would like more information about the project itself, please contact Yuba City Fire Department Assistant Chief of Administration, Bill Fuller, at (530) 822-4686 or wfuller@yubacity.net

If you would like to submit an updated letter of support on behalf of your agency, I ask that you do so on your agency stationary, if available. Please include a signature, title, and agency at the bottom of the letter. If you are sending a physical copy, please also send an electronic copy in PDF format.

I would like to receive your letter of support for the project no later than January 10, 2020. Please address the letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, though the envelope will be addressed to my Yuba City District Office.

Letters of support can be emailed to Laura.Nicholson@sen.ca.gov or sent to:

Senator Jim Nielsen
1110 Civic Center Blvd, Suite 202-A
Yuba City, CA 95993

I am looking forward to having you as an advocate and consumer of the North State Public Safety Training Center. Your letter of support will help this project come to fruition. If you have any questions or suggestions pertaining to this project, and if you would like to participate in an informational meeting or tour, please feel free to contact my Senior District Representative Laura Nicholson at my Yuba City District Office at 530-751-8657.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am looking forward to working with you to make the North State Public Safety Training Center a reality.

Sincerely,

JIM NIELSEN
Senator, Fourth District

DATE

Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am writing to express my support for the development of the North State Public Safety Training Center being proposed by the City of Yuba City. The facility, once built, will serve firefighting personnel, law enforcement and first responders, as well as other governmental and non-governmental disaster workers, in Northern California.

The training features of the proposed facility will benefit regional personnel on maintaining their certifications, but more importantly keeping their mission critical skills at operational readiness level. This will be made possible with proposed training venues such as a 25-, 50- and 100-yard indoor shooting range for law enforcement; a residential and commercial burn building; confined space rescue; hazardous materials; wildland firefighting; high- and low-angle rescue; SWAT/TEMS training; search and rescue; use of force training; railroad mitigation and utility mitigation components to name a few.

In the past, local government agency budgets had the funding to send personnel to necessary and required training in Central and Southern California. Unfortunately, due to the 2008 nationwide economic collapse, training budgets became a casualty to local government agencies readjusting their bottom dollar in order to maintain first responder staffing and services during the fiscal uncertainty. Over the past 10 years, there have been significant impacts to the financial ability of public safety agencies in the North State to get their first responders trained and to maintain minimum certifications.

Funding made available through the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) and other State agencies has also experienced reductions as Federal agency sources cutback on program funding that was to be directed back to the states and local agencies. The reduction of CSTI's funding for training of public safety first responders has been reduced and the number of courses have been cut back and consolidated at CSTI's San Luis Obispo area campus. Northern California local agencies don't have adequate budgets to send personnel to training sites in San Luis Obispo or Bakersfield.

Logistically, it is almost impossible for CSTI, California OES, and other agencies to plan for and provide training opportunities within the Northern California region without a fixed public safety training center to work from. The North State Public Safety Training Center would provide them a location for their important and required mission of maintaining critical training while minimizing personnel and travel related costs.

Similarly, over the past two years, the Commission on Peace Officers Standards & Training (POST) has experienced a \$6 million reduction in funds available for training-related reimbursement expenses to law enforcement agencies. Per a recent POST study, 50 percent of all

training costs reimbursed by POST were for travel-related expenses. POST has been emphasizing a regional approach to training in an effort to make training available to agencies and to reduce travel-related expenses. A North State Public Safety Training Center can do just that and help support dozens of Northern California law enforcement agencies at all levels of government.

Lacking the ability to provide appropriate and required training and maintaining certification for special response teams will have a detrimental impact on the ability of local government within our area to respond to natural and man-made disasters within the region and within the State.

My business is in full support of the proposed North State Public Safety Training Center, which will provide regional agencies a localized facility to be able to frequently utilize for the training of personnel and minimize our travel-related expenses at the same time. This project will be a significant benefit to the region's first responders and a huge investment into the region that will reap benefits for the public for years to come.

Please consider allocating funding to bring this project to fruition. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name
Agency