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RE: Old Monterey County Jail - Salinas Historic Resources Board (HRB) Comments on the Final Report of the Adaptive Reuse Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Holm,

On February 2, 2015, Donald Searle, representing the Monterey County Public Works Division, made a PowerPoint presentation to the Salinas Historic Resources Board regarding the Final Report of the Adaptive Reuse Feasibility Study of the Old Jail on Alisal Street. Mr. Searle answered questions from the Board and Staff and advised that the full study is on the County website. He also gave one copy of the study to the City. In general, the Board has found the Final Report to be professional and informative, and provided a high level of detail and evaluation of the alternatives. The Board recommends that the County accept the Final Report for its historical evaluation of this important National Register property, but notes that the Report does not provide "preferred" alternatives in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior standards.

The Salinas Historic Resources Board appreciates the County providing the presentation of the document and evaluation of this historic property. At their regularly scheduled meeting on March 2, 2015, the Board approved wording for this letter regarding the Final Report. The Board is opposed to the complete demolition of the building. Instead, the Board recommends that the County follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for adaptive use of the building which may include partial demolition. The Board looks forward to commenting in the future on the County's chosen alternative for the Old Jail and its related CEQA document.

Please contact Alan Stumpf to schedule any future review by the City's Historic Resources Board.

Sincerely,

Carey Pearce, Chair

Salinas Historic Resources Board

cc: Dave Pratt