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PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**



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Riverside County Sheriff's Department

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Sheriff  
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Director  
Criminal Justice Training Center

JETHROE MOORE II \*\*  
Public Member

ANTHONY MUÑOZ  
Sergeant  
Alameda Police Department



POST COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

LAURIE SMITH \*\*  
(*Commission Vice Chair*)  
Sheriff  
Santa Clara County

LAI LAI BUI  
Sergeant  
Sacramento Police Department

SANDRA HUTCHENS \*  
Sheriff-Coroner  
Orange County



A P P E A R A N C E S

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Executive Director  
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MR. STRESAK: I think we're ready to go. We're going to open with roll call, and because of the teleconference configuration, please be mindful of the fact of identifying yourself before speaking so that the reporter can appropriately record comments.

Connie?

MS. PAOLI: We'd like to do attendance, please.

Bui?

COMMISSIONER BUI: Here.

MS. PAOLI: Cooke?

Oh, wrong one.

Doyle?

*(No response)*

MS. PAOLI: Dudley?

*(No response)*

MS. PAOLI: Hutchens?

*(No response)*

MS. PAOLI: Kurylowicz?

COMMISSIONER KURYLOWICZ: Present.

MS. PAOLI: Leichliter?

COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Here.

MS. PAOLI: Lowenberg?



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1 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Here.

2 MS. PAOLI: McDonnell?

3 COMMISSIONER MCDONNELL: Here.

4 MS. PAOLI: Melekian?

5 *(No response)*

6 MS. PAOLI: Moir?

7 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Here.

8 MS. PAOLI: Moore?

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Here.

10 MS. PAOLI: Muñoz?

11 COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ: Here.

12 MS. PAOLI: Smith?

13 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Here.

14 MS. PAOLI: Wallace?

15 *(No response)*

16 MR. STRESAK: Okay, with that, I will turn this

17 meeting over to the chair.

18 Commissioner Moir?

19 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Thank you very much.

20 Welcome, and good morning.

21 And thank you to everyone that was responsible for

22 setting up the technology components of this meeting,

23 and for those at Golden West College for providing such

24 an abundant meal for those of you down in Golden West.

25 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Well, thank you.



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1 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Certainly.

2 So the first item of business is the approval of the  
3 February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Finance Committee meeting minutes.

4 And any conversation, or can we simply move to a  
5 motion to approve?

6 *(No response)*

7 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: And as a reminder, because  
8 we are facilitating this meeting remotely, we will have  
9 a roll-call vote for any items to approve.

10 So can I entertain a motion to approve?

11 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Motion to approve.

12 Lowenberg.

13 COMMISSIONER McDONNELL: Second. McDonnell.

14 MS. PAOLI: The first one was?

15 MR. STRESAK: Lowenberg.

16 MS. PAOLI: Lowenberg.

17 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Lowenberg.

18 So we're going to pause there and ask Mr. Feldhaus  
19 if that -- do you need the name prior to the statement?

20 MR. FELDHAUS: Got it. Thanks.

21 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Okay. Understood.

22 So moving on to the next item is the report on  
23 revenue as of --

24 COMMISSIONER BUI: Do you need a roll call?

25 MS. SCOFIELD: Madam Chair, we need a roll-call



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1 vote.

2 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Correct. I said that, and  
3 then I passed right over it.

4 MS. PAOLI: Bui?

5 COMMISSIONER BUI: Yes.

6 MS. PAOLI: Doyle?

7 *(No response)*

8 MS. PAOLI: Dudley?

9 *(No response)*

10 MS. PAOLI: Hutchens?

11 *(No response)*

12 MS. PAOLI: Kurylowicz?

13 COMMISSIONER KURYLOWICZ: Yes.

14 MS. PAOLI: Leichliter?

15 COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Yes.

16 MS. PAOLI: Lowenberg?

17 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes.

18 MS. PAOLI: McDonnell?

19 COMMISSIONER MCDONNELL: Yes.

20 MS. PAOLI: Melekian?

21 *(No response)*

22 MS. PAOLI: Moir?

23 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Yes.

24 MS. PAOLI: Moore?

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes.



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1 MS. PAOLI: Muñoz?

2 COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ: Yes.

3 MS. PAOLI: Smith?

4 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes.

5 MS. PAOLI: Wallace?

6 *(No response)*

7 COMMISSIONER BUI: Connie, do we just need the  
8 Committee members? The roll call of the Committee  
9 members?

10 MS. PAOLI: Yes. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER BUI: Okay.

12 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Ms. Paoli, we'll move on when  
13 you're satisfied that you have it recorded.

14 MS. PAOLI: Okay.

15 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Okay, moving On to Item 2,  
16 report on revenue as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

17 MS. SCOFIELD: Good morning, Committee Members.  
18 This is Assistant Executive Director Stephanie Scofield.

19 The first item you have on Item Number 2 should be  
20 titled, "Comparison of Revenue by Month." Page 1 of 1 is  
21 titled the "Penalty Assessment Fund." And we'll just  
22 give it some time for it to download on our end here.

23 Okay, we have visual on our end.

24 We're looking at the comparison of revenue by month,  
25 the Penalty Assessment Fund.



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1           This is reporting out through May 31<sup>st</sup>, this fiscal  
2       year. The blue bar is representative of fiscal year  
3       2012-13. And the gold bars are representative of the  
4       current fiscal year, 2013-14.

5           As you can see, there's a decline each month, with  
6       the exception of April, where we were positive of  
7       approximately \$54,000.

8           So our total revenue out of the Penalty Assessment  
9       Fund for 2012-13 totaled 31,000 [sic]. And our  
10      projections to end this fiscal year, 2013-14, is we're  
11      going to be projected at \$29 million. And that is  
12      actually a 7 percent decrease from last fiscal year,  
13      coming out of the Penalty Assessment Fund, which is in  
14      line with our projections from the Department of Finance  
15      on the decline on the penalties on traffic violations  
16      into the Penalty Assessment Fund.

17          We're going to move on to page 2.

18          MR. STRESAK: Does everybody have the visual?

19          COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Looks fine to me.

20          COMMISSIONER MOORE: No, sir. Moore.

21          MR. STRESAK: San José doesn't have a visual?

22          MS. SCOFIELD: Commissioner Moore, do you have the  
23      ability to view it with Commissioner Smith?

24          COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, we do.

25          MS. SCOFIELD: Commissioner Lowenberg at Huntington



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1 Beach, does everybody have visual?

2 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER HUTCHENS: Is that it in the lower  
4 corner?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: First thing, they have to  
6 reverse -- because they have control of it, they have to  
7 reverse which one we see larger, which screen is larger  
8 for us.

9 COMMISSIONER HUTCHENS: Oh, okay.

10 MR. STRESAK: Golden West, do you have the visual up  
11 on your screen?

12 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes, we do.

13 MR. STRESAKE: Okay.

14 MS. SCOFIELD: Okay, we're going to move on to  
15 page 2 of 4, which is the Transfer from the Driver  
16 Training Penalty Assessment Fund.

17 This is, each fiscal year, POST receives \$14 million  
18 from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund. And  
19 we normally see that towards the end of the fiscal year.  
20 This year was interesting. We began seeing deposits  
21 coming into our account in January. And we are on track  
22 for the full \$14 million, through June of this year. And  
23 that is a constant amount that we receive from the Driver  
24 Training Penalty Assessment Fund. That has not changed.

25 COMMISSIONER HUTCHENS: I'm not on the Finance



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1 Committee, so I don't...

2 MS. SCOFFIELD: Okay, we're going to move on to  
3 page 3 of 4. And the title is "Other Sources of  
4 Revenue." And this is our revenue from our coroner's  
5 permit fees, as well as any other miscellaneous POST  
6 fees, such as fees we charge for basic course waiver,  
7 and some interest received on loans, as well as some  
8 unclaimed checks.

9 As you can see, at the bottom of the page, the total  
10 for fiscal year 2012-13 was \$446,000; and in May of this  
11 year, you'll see a spike, up to \$390,000.

12 What happened here is, we received interest of  
13 \$360,000 on a \$5 million loan that we gave to the  
14 General Fund in 2008.

15 So in June, we've actually received payment of  
16 \$4 million and we also received interest of \$360,000.  
17 We are expecting the next million, of that \$5 million, to  
18 be paid next fiscal year in 2015-16.

19 MR. STRESAK: Are there any questions on this chart?

20 *(No response)*

21 MR. STRESAK: Having none, we can move forward.

22 MS. SCOFFIELD: Page 4 of 4. This is our cumulative  
23 totals of all of our revenue per month for each -- for  
24 the entire fiscal year.

25 In January and February, you'll notice an asterisk



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1 next to each of the months there. And the monthly  
2 percent increased 101 percent. And in February, it  
3 increased 95 percent.

4 The explanation behind that --  
5 *(Audio feedback)*

6 MS. SCOFIELD: Are we still online with Golden West  
7 College?

8 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes, you're good.

9 MS. SCOFIELD: And are we still online with  
10 Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Moore?

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes.

12 MS. SCOFIELD: So in January and February, we spiked  
13 101 percent and 95 percent. And that was due to the  
14 deposits from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment  
15 Fund, which we normally don't see until the end of the  
16 fiscal year.

17 And the note on the bottom, you'll note that the  
18 normal revenue coming out of the Peace Officer Training  
19 Fund is \$2.4 million and \$2.06 million, plus the  
20 additional from the Driver Training Penalty Assessment  
21 Fund.

22 So overall, our monthly percent and our cumulative  
23 total percentages are down.

24 The total revenue for last fiscal year was  
25 \$45 million. And we are projected, into this fiscal



1 year, to be at \$44 million. So that's a decrease of  
2 3 percent of total revenue from all of our revenue  
3 sources that we just discussed via the three previous  
4 pages.

5 That completes the report for our revenue.

6 May I answer any questions on any of the four  
7 charts?

8 *(No response)*

9 MS. SCOFIELD: Hearing none, we'll move on to  
10 Item 3, which is our report on expenditures.

11 Commissioner Smith, do you have visual of the  
12 expenditure report, page 1 of 1?

13 COMMISSIONER SMITH: I did see it on the screen.  
14 It's very small; but I do have a printed copy.

15 MS. SCOFIELD: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Lowenberg at Golden West, do you have  
17 visual of the expenditure report?

18 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes, we do. Thank you.

19 MS. SCOFIELD: So with the Budget Act of 2013, our  
20 allocated budget was \$59,677,000, which you can see at  
21 the top there.

22 Our budget is broken down into the four main areas  
23 listed in red: Our administration budget, our training  
24 contracts, our training reimbursements, and our Museum  
25 of Tolerance contracts, as well as reimbursements.



1           So the left-hand column shows what our allocated  
2 budget was for this current fiscal year.

3           Our expenditures as of May 31<sup>st</sup> are listed on the  
4 right.

5           We are trending well in all areas. We currently  
6 have a balance available of \$9.9 million. We estimate  
7 and project our expenditures throughout the rest of the  
8 fiscal year to be approximately \$53.2 million in  
9 expenditures. So that will leave a balance available of  
10 \$6.4 million.

11           Just of note in the training reimbursements areas,  
12 we added an accounts-receivable line. And this is money  
13 we get back from our audits that the State Controller's  
14 Office does on our reimbursements out in the field. And  
15 we've now noted that for your information.

16           May I answer any questions on our expenditure  
17 report?

18           COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Yes. Commissioner Moir. I  
19 have a question.

20           To what do you attribute the savings?

21           MS. SCOFIELD: We attribute the cost savings to our  
22 Expenditure Reduction Plan that began January 1<sup>st</sup> of this  
23 year. And I will provide more detail in our Item 5.

24           COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Excellent. Thank you.

25           MS. SCOFIELD: Any further questions on our



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1 expenditure report?

2 (No response)

3 MS. SCOFIELD: Hearing none, we'll move on to  
4 Item 4. And this is our summary of trainees and  
5 reimbursements.

6 So the chart you should have visual on is entitled  
7 "Summary of Trainees and Reimbursements, Expenses By  
8 Category."

9 And we're just waiting for it to download on our end  
10 here.

11 Commissioner Smith, do you have visual in  
12 Santa Clara?

13 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes, we do.

14 MS. SCOFIELD: Commissioner Lowenberg, do you have  
15 visual in Huntington Beach?

16 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: We do.

17 MS. SCOFIELD: Commissioner Bui, Commissioner Muñoz,  
18 do you have visual on your end?

19 COMMISSIONER BUI: (Nodding head.)

20 MS. SCOFIELD: So this is our summary of our  
21 trainees and our reimbursements for this fiscal year.  
22 This breaks down our categories into our resident  
23 subsistence, commuter subsistence, resident travel,  
24 commuter travel, tuition, and our backfill.

25 You'll notice everything is trending down, with the



1 exception of backfill. Backfill actually increased  
2 481,000 through May 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.

3 We equate that to the fact that our Expenditure  
4 Reduction Plan went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year,  
5 in which we suspended backfill. However, we need to keep  
6 in mind that POST accepts reimbursements for the current  
7 fiscal year, as well as the two previous fiscal years.  
8 So we projected that when agencies heard that our  
9 backfill was going to be suspended, we saw an increase  
10 of reimbursements from the two previous fiscal years that  
11 we pay out in this current fiscal year. So that was the  
12 reason for the increase, although backfill is suspended.

13 So all categories are trending down. And we equate  
14 this to our Expenditure Reduction Plan.

15 In the top area of the graph, you'll see our number  
16 of trainees for this time last fiscal year were 39,330.  
17 And as of the same this year is 31,102. And that is a  
18 decrease, a significant decrease.

19 Our total reimbursements for student reimbursement  
20 went from \$17 million, to date, to \$13 million for this  
21 fiscal year. And that's a decrease of 26 percent  
22 financially in reimbursements to the field.

23 So we are seeing a cost savings with our Expenditure  
24 Reduction Plan that went into place as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of  
25 this year.



1           And I'll provide more detail momentarily on that.

2           May I answer any questions on the expenses by  
3 category of trainees and reimbursements?

4           *(No response)*

5           MS. SCOFIELD: Hearing none, we'll move on to  
6 Item 5. And this is our report on the status of our  
7 Expenditure Reduction Plan.

8           And we have some new faces at the table. So just to  
9 recap quickly: An 18-month Budget Expenditure Reduction  
10 Plan was approved by the Commission in October of 2013,  
11 in efforts to mitigate declining revenue into the Peace  
12 Officer Training Fund from the State Penalty Assessment  
13 Fund.

14           The Department of Finance projected a \$7.8 million  
15 deficit at the end of fiscal year 2014-15 if left  
16 unchecked.

17           The reduction plan consists of four components that  
18 became effective January 1<sup>st</sup> and extends through June 30<sup>th</sup>  
19 of 2015.

20           Number one is to suspend backfill.

21           Number two is to contain contract course costs.

22           Number three, suspend Plan IV reimbursements with  
23 the exception of contract or mandated courses.

24           And number four is to suspend some POST workshops  
25 and symposia which will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.



1           Number two, the contract course costs were contained  
2           at the February Commission meeting, and were approved by  
3           the Commission. So those are -- number two has been  
4           attained to date through the February Commission.

5           Attachment A to this agenda item is the bulletin  
6           that went out on October 7<sup>th</sup> describing the Expenditure  
7           Reduction Plan, as well as all of the courses that are  
8           exempt from the plan for suspension. Those are the  
9           mandated courses and contract courses.

10          Based on the above reduction plan, staff projected  
11          a \$4.9 million savings for fiscal year 2013-14. As of  
12          May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014, expenditures for local agencies  
13          reimbursements totaled \$3.5 million, and expenditures for  
14          training and support contracts totaled \$19.2 million.  
15          Based on these expenditures, cost savings for fiscal year  
16          2013-14 are projected to be at \$5.1 million. This is a  
17          4 percent increase from the initial reported projections.

18          And actual total expenditures and cost savings for  
19          the entire fiscal year are currently being analyzed by  
20          staff. And we'll have a full report for you at the  
21          October meeting.

22          Staff has recently testified before the Senate and  
23          Assembly Budget subcommittees on this Budget Expenditure  
24          Reduction Plan and the significant negative impact to  
25          California law enforcement.



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1           On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the California Legislature  
2       approved a one-time allocation of \$3.2 million from the  
3       State's General Fund to the Commission's fiscal year  
4       2014-15 budget. These funds are specifically allocated  
5       for local assistance to cities, counties, and districts  
6       pursuant to Penal Code 13523.

7           The local assistance funds that were suspended  
8       with the Budget Expenditure Reduction Plan are backfill  
9       reimbursement and Plan IV reimbursement, with the  
10      exception of mandated and contract training courses.

11          The \$3.2 million allocation does not enable the  
12      full reinstatement of both backfill and Plan IV  
13      reimbursements. Therefore, staff has researched two  
14      options for this committee to consider to distribute  
15      these funds in efforts to reinstate a component of the  
16      Budget Expenditure Reduction Plan.

17          Option A would be to reinstate backfill. Backfill,  
18      just to recap, reimburses local agencies for the costs  
19      to fill a vacancy created by sending a peace officer  
20      to a training course, or sending a peace officer to a  
21      training course on his or her day off.

22          Based on Commission regulation, backfill is  
23      authorized with Plan I and Plan II courses. There are  
24      currently 42 certified Plan I courses and 686 certified  
25      Plan II courses.



1           The majority of these courses involve perishable  
2           skills training, such as firearms, use of force, and  
3           arrest/control.

4           Currently, while backfill is suspended, local  
5           agencies can still submit for reimbursement for travel,  
6           per diem, and tuition costs associated with attendance  
7           to these training courses.

8           On average, backfill reimbursements are \$2.7 million  
9           per year, and approximately half of all agencies in the  
10          POST program have submitted for backfill reimbursement  
11          in fiscal year 2012-13.

12          So that's Option A, would be to reinstate backfill.

13          Option B for the Committee to consider, is to  
14          reinstate Plan IV course reimbursement relating to  
15          mental-health training.

16          Plan IV courses reimburse local agency for travel  
17          and per diem costs. The \$3.2 million allocation does  
18          not enable the full reinstatement of reimbursement for  
19          all the Plan IV courses that are currently suspended.

20          Staff analyzed current trends in California law  
21          enforcement, as well as listening to our clients in  
22          the field. We also analyzed the current focus of the  
23          California Legislature in terms of law-enforcement  
24          training.

25          For the last several years, there's been a



1 significant increase in law enforcement interactions  
2 with persons with mental illness or developmental  
3 disabilities. The majority of these contacts are safely  
4 and effectively resolved. Some contacts have ended in  
5 officer-involved shootings or the tragedy of mass  
6 killings and campus violence.

7 In the light of recent events, the Legislature is  
8 looking at law-enforcement training as a means to reduce  
9 or prevent these high-profile encounters. From 2011  
10 to 2013, there has been a 33 percent increase in  
11 law-enforcement personnel attending POST-certified  
12 courses in the areas of mental-health training,  
13 crisis-intervention training, and persons with  
14 developmental disabilities. Staff projects this trend  
15 to continue to increase, and this option would reinstate  
16 reimbursement of courses pertaining to a current critical  
17 training need.

18 And we currently have 30 certified courses in this  
19 area, certified throughout California. So those are two  
20 options for this Committee to discuss.

21 And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

22 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Maybe not a question, but  
23 a comment. Commissioner Lowenberg.

24 And I would like to defer to our working chiefs and  
25 sheriffs in regards to both of these options.



1           This second option, although critical training --  
2           and I use the local example of the crisis-intervention  
3           training we're doing here in Orange County, and it's  
4           being funded by the State, so the cost to local agencies  
5           is zero. But I don't want to use that as the only  
6           reference. I only use that reference because I'm most  
7           familiar with it.

8           So I guess my point is, is that if that's the case  
9           in other regions of the state, then would we be better  
10          to look at your first option regarding backfill?

11          And I think our chiefs and sheriffs could probably  
12          answer that question better than I can.

13          So that's just an observation.

14          MR. STRESAK: Director Stresak here.

15          Commissioner Lowenberg, are you referring to the  
16          \$12.5 million that was proposed through Senator  
17          Steinberg's office?

18          COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Well, Bob, I'm not sure.  
19          I'm not familiar with that proposal.

20          What I am familiar with is the ongoing need for  
21          training to deal more effectively with the mentally ill,  
22          the homeless, and school violence. And I'm sure there's  
23          other training institutions like ours, in partnership  
24          with local law enforcement, that is trying to meet that  
25          need, either through the training that we're offering for



1 campus safety, to the 24-hour course on -- or excuse me,  
2 the 16-hour course on crisis-intervention training. And  
3 that is in partnership with the Orange County Chiefs and  
4 Sheriffs' Association and the Orange County Mental Health  
5 folks.

6 And we've trained 2,000 local peace officers, and  
7 we're offering a course a month, sometimes two a month.  
8 *[brief loss of audio feed]* to this day. And we're just  
9 granted a second five-year contract to continue that  
10 training.

11 So -- but I'm not familiar with what's going on in  
12 other parts of the state. And I'm just trying to  
13 identify the best bang for our buck in regards to these  
14 two options. You know, someone would argue, I suspect,  
15 that crisis-intervention training, or more effectively  
16 dealing with the mentally ill, including adding hours to  
17 the academy, which we have done, in that area; or is it  
18 the backfill issue.

19 So, I don't know. Maybe I'm confusing the issue,  
20 but...

21 COMMISSIONER BUI: May I?

22 MR. STRESAK: Sure.

23 COMMISSIONER BUI: This is Lai Lai Bui.

24 I'm in agreeance with you, Commissioner Lowenberg.  
25 It just seems that Option A would just give us a broader



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1 opportunity for officers to get different types of  
2 training.

3 But I do have a question -- I don't want to put you  
4 on the spot here, Stephanie -- but have you guys looked  
5 at the --

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: We can barely hear you.

7 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yeah, we can't hear at this  
8 end.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BUI: Can you hear me now?

11 No? This one?

12 MR. STRESAK: Lai Lai, you need to use this one.  
13 Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER BUI: Okay. Maybe I should switch  
15 places with you.

16 MR. STRESAK: There you go.

17 Hang on for one second.

18 COMMISSIONER BUI: Okay, so what I was saying is,  
19 I am in agreement regarding Option A, that it affords  
20 officers more opportunities to attend different types of  
21 training, so they're not limited to just mental-health  
22 training.

23 But I was telling Stephanie that I didn't want to  
24 put her on the spot. However, have we looked at the  
25 percentage of increase in assaults or killings of



1 officers over the last couple years relating to persons  
2 with mental-health issues? Any LEOKA studies that would  
3 indicate that?

4 MS. SCOFIELD: I know our LEOKA studies is looking  
5 at that. I do not have the statistics offhand for you.

6 COMMISSIONER BUI: Okay.

7 MR. STRESAK: Bob Stresak.

8 I am not aware of any compelling statistics at this  
9 point on that issue.

10 COMMISSIONER BUI: Okay.

11 MR. STRESAK: Commissioner Lowenberg, just to get  
12 back to your point real quick.

13 The reason I raised that question was that,  
14 initially, there was some money allocated specifically  
15 for mental-health training. The legislation has been  
16 amended to make that money optional for other purposes.  
17 So that's why I was addressing that.

18 So given that, we'll refer back to your original  
19 question regarding input from the chiefs and other  
20 organizations.

21 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Thank you, Bob.

22 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: So this is -- go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Laurie Smith.

24 Bob, can you talk more about this proposal to  
25 Steinberg? Will there be money for mental-health



1 training? I think it's very important, but I also think  
2 backfill is very important.

3 Mental-health training is something that we're all  
4 struggling to do.

5 And also, Reverend Moore just reminded me that if we  
6 approve Option A, we can get backfill for sending people  
7 to mental-health training that many of us provide.

8 So I'll let you know more about what's been proposed  
9 to Steinberg.

10 MR. STRESAK: Thank you, Commissioner.

11 We did not propose anything to Senator Steinberg's  
12 office, just as a point of clarification. And as you  
13 know, his office is focused on mental-health issues, and  
14 has been for many years.

15 There was an initial proposal for mental-health  
16 training, with an allocation of 12.5 to be allocated to  
17 local law enforcement, and an allocation of 24.5 million  
18 to be allocated to the California Department of  
19 Corrections and Rehabilitation.

20 It was my understanding that some law enforcement  
21 organizations had talked to Senator Steinberg's office,  
22 and he had amended the 12.5 allocation to be used  
23 optionally for mental-health training. That's about as  
24 much clarification as I could offer you on that point.

25 I can tell you that in regards to -- from our



1 perspective, with the \$3.2 million -- which we are very  
2 thankful to have and we are very grateful to the support  
3 of all the major law enforcement organizations that  
4 advocated for an increase in our budget. And as I think  
5 you're originally aware, or might be aware, we originally  
6 proposed \$6.4 million, and we received \$3.2 million.  
7 They split the baby in half on that issue.

8 So the question was, for us, is how do we maximize  
9 our dollars to the field? How do we maximize the  
10 delivery of the dollars to the field? And it was our  
11 feeling that out of the \$3.2 million, it could be drawn  
12 upon -- exhausted very quickly if only allocated for  
13 backfill.

14 And we felt that perhaps the best cluck for our  
15 buck, if you will, would be to allow that the majority of  
16 that money to go to Plan IV reimbursement courses.

17 If there's discussion on the specific courses that  
18 need to be addressed, I'm sure this committee will  
19 entertain discussion on those issues. But that was the  
20 thinking and rationale behind that. The issue was, how  
21 do we provide maximum delivery of service to the field  
22 with the amount of money that we've been given.

23 Does that help?

24 MS. SCOFIELD: And also, Commissioner Smith, for  
25 clarification regarding Plan IV reimbursements on the



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1     mental-health courses. Plan IV reimbursements do not  
2     reimburse for backfill. So if Plan IV mental-health  
3     training courses were brought back online, the  
4     reimbursements would be travel and per diem.

5           COMMISSIONER SMITH: Okay, thank you.

6           COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: This is Commissioner Moir.

7           My perspective on this is that while it's appealing  
8     as a local chief to pursue backfill reimbursement, I  
9     think Option B, as recommended by POST staff, is not  
10    only responsive to the field, it is responsive to our  
11    communities, and it is responsive to what our Legislature  
12    is saying is a major issue. And that is why the  
13    conversation has taken place at all levels of our state:  
14    What are first-responders going to do about the  
15    increasing and emerging trend of mental-health issues,  
16    first-responders engaging with those that are mentally  
17    unstable; and what are we going to do to reduce the  
18    tragedy -- or tragedies of mass killings.

19           I think this reflects -- Option B reflects an  
20    equitable distribution of funds when the full restoration  
21    of backfill or full restoration of Plan IV is not  
22    available.

23           Out of the 6.4, we've been given 3.2. I think this  
24    is placing an emphasis on an emerging and increasing  
25    trend. It emphasizes what is a critical need in first



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1 responders in law enforcement. And I would encourage us  
2 to more vigorously pursue conversation around Option B.

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Hello, this is Commissioner  
4 Moore. I would concur with the last opinion given on  
5 Option B.

6 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Thank you, Commissioner.

7 MR. STRESAK: Is there any input from Golden West?

8 COMMISSIONER McDONNELL: Jim McDonnell.

9 I look at a lot of issues we face in the field, and  
10 you look at a lot of these active-shooter scenarios  
11 nationwide, and everybody focuses on guns. But really,  
12 the common denominator on all of these is mental illness.  
13 And whether it's something that arises to that level or  
14 it's something that we deal with on a daily basis, this  
15 is a recurring theme across the board for our failure as  
16 a society to deal alternatively with mental illness.

17 MR. STRESAK: Thank you, Commissioner.

18 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Other questions or  
19 conversation about this item?

20 COMMISSIONER BUI: Going back to Option A -- this  
21 is Lai Lai Bui -- can you kind of give us an estimate of  
22 how many positions or officers would be able to attend  
23 training based on this option?

24 MS. SCOFIELD: I can tell you, we spent  
25 approximately \$2.7 million per year on backfill. And we



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1 have approximately 300 agencies that put in for Plan IV  
2 backfill reimbursement. We don't have the ability to  
3 break that down into number of positions because overtime  
4 varies per agency.

5 COMMISSIONER BUI: Okay.

6 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: So while everyone is  
7 marinating on this, what will occur is, once we conclude  
8 the Finance Committee conversation on this item, we will  
9 take appropriate -- the appropriate action would be to  
10 move forward with a motion to authorize the Executive  
11 Director to reinstate a component of the Budget  
12 Expenditure Reduction Plan as enumerated in this report.  
13 And we would make a recommendation to the full Commission  
14 later today.

15 That gives us a moment to consider if we have other  
16 questions that we want to ask of staff regarding this  
17 item.

18 COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Commissioner Leichliter.

19 So are you just saying that these two items are both  
20 going to be on the same thing that go to the full board?  
21 So all we're doing right now is approving the motion to  
22 go ahead with these two options to give to the entire  
23 board; correct?

24 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: With the recommendation of  
25 the Finance Committee. If we narrowed it down to one,



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1 then we would move forward to the Commission and say that  
2 this group supports -- or this committee supports one  
3 option over another. And that's how it would move  
4 forward to the Commission.

5 COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ: This is Commissioner Muñoz.

7 If there's no other discussion on it, then I'll go  
8 ahead and make a motion that we accept Option B to  
9 forward up to the full committee.

10 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Do we have a second?

11 Did we have a second?

12 COMMISSIONER KURYLOWICZ: Commissioner Kurylowicz.  
13 Second.

14 MR. STRESAK: Did everybody hear the motion?

15 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER KURYLOWICZ: Yes.

18 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: So we will now engage in a  
19 roll-call vote.

20 MS. PAOLI: Moir?

21 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Yes.

22 MS. PAOLI: Lowenberg?

23 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes.

24 MS. PAOLI: McDonnell?

25 COMMISSIONER McDONNELL: Yes.



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1 MS. PAOLI: Doyle?

2 (No response)

3 MS. PAOLI: Kurylowicz?

4 COMMISSIONER KURYLOWICZ: Yes.

5 MS. PAOLI: Leichliter?

6 COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Yes.

7 MS. PAOLI: Muñoz?

8 COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ: Yes.

9 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: That concludes the roll-call  
10 vote.

11 And that concludes Item 5.

12 We're moving on to Item 6, Report on Enacted Budget  
13 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

14 MS. SCOFIELD: Okay, the attachment -- this is  
15 Assistant Executive Director Scofield. The attachment to  
16 this item is entitled "Enacted Budget."

17 Commissioner Smith, do you have visual on your end?

18 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes, we do.

19 MS. SCOFIELD: Commissioner Lowenberg, do you have  
20 visual on your end?

21 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: We do.

22 MS. SCOFIELD: So this is showing you a comparison  
23 of the fiscal year 2013-14 budget, versus our enacted  
24 budget going into fiscal year 2014-15.

25 I'd like to point out, in the gold area on our



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1 revenues, that the May Revise from the Governor's office  
2 showed a decrease of \$1.1 million out of the penalties on  
3 traffic violations into the Peace Officer Training Fund.

4 So the \$28 million that you see there, under fiscal  
5 year 2014 in revenues, is reflective of a decrease of  
6 \$1.1 million coming out of the May Revision that just  
7 recently happened. So our projected revenue going into  
8 2014-15 is \$54 million, which is obviously down from the  
9 \$69 million.

10 What's not reflected yet, and will be reflected at  
11 the October Commission, is our beginning balance is  
12 projected to be \$11 million. This is not reflective of  
13 any adjustments that we have coming at the end of this  
14 fiscal year, such as funds, unencumbered from contracts,  
15 and any adjustments from the previous fiscal year. So  
16 that number will increase, and will be reported at the  
17 October meeting.

18 Our budget allocation, in blue there, you'll see  
19 that we have a slight increase in our administration  
20 budget due to some salary increases that were approved by  
21 the Governor's office.

22 Our training reimbursements are down to \$15 million,  
23 from \$20 million. And that's in line with our Budget  
24 Expenditure Reduction Plan.

25 You'll notice an asterisk next to the \$15 million.



1 And that equates to the very last line, at the bottom of  
2 the page. This -- we'll have \$15 million, plus the  
3 \$3.2 million allocation from the General Fund that we  
4 just had discussion on.

5 We did separate that out in our budget because that  
6 is a one-time allocation from the General Fund versus the  
7 Peace Officer Training Fund.

8 Our training contracts are decreased as well, from  
9 \$20 million to \$19 million. And our Museum of Tolerance  
10 is static, at the \$2 million.

11 So our budget allocation from this fiscal year to  
12 next fiscal year is down 9 percent, from \$58 million,  
13 to \$53 million. And we'll be adjusting our grant funds  
14 as well for fiscal year 2014-15, as well as we'll be  
15 decreasing some of our grant funding. And we will have  
16 that number updated for you at the October Commission.

17 May I answer any questions regarding the enacted  
18 budget?

19 *(No response)*

20 MS. SCOFFIELD: Hearing none, we'll move on to the  
21 last item. And this is a report to request for renewal  
22 of a contract with Corona Solutions.

23 This is a request to enter into a contract with  
24 Corona Solutions for \$210,000. This is coming out of  
25 our Management Counseling and Center For Leadership



1 Development Bureau.

2 Corona Solution provides software for POST staff to  
3 use in our Management Counseling studies.

4 Our Management Counseling studies range from  
5 property and evidence reviews, to full organizational  
6 reviews, as well as workload analysis.

7 This software allows us to gather data from multiple  
8 computer-aided dispatch systems throughout the state,  
9 and analyze CAD data, such as calls for service, officer-  
10 initiated activity, and downtime. This software is  
11 necessary for staff to provide this service as dictated  
12 by the Penal Code. And this will be a three-year  
13 contract, not to exceed \$210,000.

14 May I answer any questions on this particular  
15 renewal of contract?

16 *(No response)*

17 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Hearing no questions, I need  
18 a motion to approve the contract.

19 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Lowenberg. Move to  
20 approve.

21 COMMISSIONER McDONNELL: McDonnell. Second.

22 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Outstanding.

23 That takes us to Item Number 8, which is --

24 MS. PAOLI: Roll call.

25 MR. STRESAK: We need a commissioner roll-call vote.



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1 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Pardon me, again.  
2 MS. PAOLI: Roll-call vote.  
3 Moir?  
4 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Yes.  
5 MS. PAOLI: Lowenberg?  
6 COMMISSIONER LOWENBERG: Yes.  
7 MS. PAOLI: McDonnell?  
8 COMMISSIONER McDONNELL: Yes.  
9 MS. PAOLI: Doyle?  
10 *(No response)*  
11 MS. PAOLI: Kurylowicz?  
12 COMMISSIONER KURYLOWICZ: Yes.  
13 MS. PAOLI: Leichliter?  
14 COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Yes.  
15 MS. PAOLI: Muñoz?  
16 COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ: Yes.  
17 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Now, seeing that that is  
18 concluded, Item 8, Old Business.  
19 Do we have any old business?  
20 *(No response)*  
21 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: None.  
22 *(No response)*  
23 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: New Business?  
24 *(No response)*  
25 COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: None.



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1           So prior to actually seeking a motion to approve the  
2       entire report, I want to commend staff, once again, for  
3       their detail, the analysis, and the presentation, both  
4       visually and verbally on financial items.

5           It always gives us great confidence that staff, led  
6       by Assistant Executive Director Stephanie Scofield, does  
7       an outstanding job.

8           So prior to seeking a motion, I wanted to ensure  
9       that we said that.

10          So we need a motion --

11          MR. STRESAK: Thank you.

12          COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: Absolutely. Thank you.

13          We need a motion to approve the entire report.

14          COMMISSIONER LEICHLITER: Motion. Leichliter.

15          COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ: Second. Muñoz.

16          COMMITTEE CHAIR MOIR: And that concludes the  
17       Finance Committee meeting.

18          We will adjourn until 10:00 for the next committee  
19       meeting.

20          Thank you.

21          MR. STRESAK: Thank you, Commissioners

22          *(The Finance Committee meeting concluded*  
23          *at 9:48 a.m.)*





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