

## Budget Hearings Board Inquiry Form

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Department: CEO

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### Request/Question:

Some of the CEO-proposed "one-time" expenditures appear to extend to two or more years:  
North County Jail expansion to 24/7- why is CEO recommending two years as one-time funding?  
General Services/Jail Accounting FTE- recommending for four years with one-time funding?  
Auditor/Controller -recommending 4 years of "one-time" funding

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### Response:

In this year's budget process, we are recommending allocating the entire amount upfront required for these limited term funding needs, rather than relying on unknown availability of one-time funds in the future.

The Santa Maria Jail and Jail Accountant are multi-year but limited term "one-time" funding needs.

The Santa Maria Jail is shown as using one-time funding for 2 years. Thereafter, "transitional new jail staffing" utilizing the Northern Branch Jail Operations Fund are planned to be hired in February 2016 and can be used to staff this location once they are fully trained in July 2016.

The Jail Accountant would be similar in that it is also limited term; until the construction is complete. Once the construction is complete, this function terminates.

The Auditor Controller's department has normal attrition due to the migration of AC staff to other County departments. This has occurred frequently and the department is concerned about the time required to train new staff. This limited term position will allow the department to appropriately train a new staff member with the understanding that they will ultimately fill a future funded vacancy through normal attrition. In this manner, the department will be able to accomplish additional work and have a trained accountant when needed.