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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
State Assembly, State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 914 (Dodd) Local Agency Contracts – Support

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our support for SB 914 (Dodd), which would expand the types of projects that can be delivered by the County of Santa Barbara using the construction manager at-risk (CMAR) procurement method. The bill would authorize counties or associated public entities, with approval of the board of supervisors, to use the CMAR project delivery method on any infrastructure owned or leased by the county, excluding roads.

Current law allows counties to use CMAR on projects in excess of \$1 million for the construction, alteration, repair or improvement of buildings. Counties may award the projects to the lowest responsible bidder or by the best value method. Counties have CMAR authority until January 1, 2023 and must also meet specified skilled and trained workforce requirements. SB 914 (Dodd) would expand County authority to use the CMAR method for other types of infrastructure projects.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors strongly supports SB 914 (Dodd). If you have questions about the Board’s position, please contact the County’s Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg
Governmental Advocates, Inc.

- cc: Members, Assembly Local Government Committee
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- William Weber, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
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