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## Staff Report

ITEM NO. 5

**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Jeff R. Laws, Chief of Police**  
**Date: September 23, 2011**  
**Subject: Corrections and Rehabilitation Realignment Plan**

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### Discussion:

The Realignment Plan is the shifting of certain corrections functions to the local counties. The locals are given broad discretion concerning the parameters of realignment in their counties. Law enforcement will be uniquely challenged in shaping the parameters in their counties to assure the best public safety outcomes.

Realignment will go into effect on October 1, 2011, when persons convicted of certain crimes will be incarcerated at the local level and certain persons who would have been on state parole will, instead, come under local post – release local supervision.

No one who is currently in state prison or anyone convicted prior to October 1, 2011 will be released or transferred to local custody pursuant to realignment.

After October 1, 2011, the following will occur:

- Persons convicted of most non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenses will serve their sentences at the local level. Persons convicted of violent, serious, or sex offenses will continue to serve their sentences in state prison.
- State parole functions will be bifurcated. The state will continue to supervise 3rd strikers, individuals with a serious or violent commitment offense, high risk sex offenders, as well as Mentally Disordered Offenders.
- Counties will have the responsibility of supervising anyone convicted of a non-violent offense, irrespective of priors.
- Post release revocations will be capped at 180 days, and revocations would be served at the local level. Additionally, if a post-release-local supervised person has no violations for a period of six months, the local supervising authority has the authority to discharge them from post-release local supervision.

There is no funding provided for front-line law enforcement through realignment. However, the county will receive \$3,266,935.00 for realignment functions within our county.

At the end of 2015 the County of Kings will have an estimated 321 additional convicted inmates to house at the county jail. The Sheriff had added bunk-beds to the day room at the current county jail and has increased the jail capacity to 469. The county jail as of September 22, 2011, has an inmate population of 361.

Clearly, a successful plan will require a significant paradigm shift in our communities. The Probation Department will add electronic monitoring for pre-sentence and post-sentenced offenders, freeing up jail beds. Electronic Monitoring will be upgraded to provide GPS tracking for selected offenders.

The Probation Department will partner with the Public Works Department to provide low level sanctions for technical violations of probations, as well as low level offenders sentenced to County Jail in a work program diversion. The program would also provide manual labor for public service within the County. This program would also divert jail bed space.

Sheriff David Robinson and Chief Probation Officer Steve Brum will be in attendance on Tuesday night to discuss the impacts of realignment.

**Budget Impact:**

No budget impact at this time.

**Recommendation:**

Informational only.