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BACKGROUND FOR LEON
Tuesday, November 26, 1991
COUNTY LIBRARY CLOSURE

Total cost avoidance	$300,773
Cost to re-deploy staff	- 111,696
Net savings	$189,077

Library staff are proposing to reduce the number of library facilities by 7 for a net savings to the County of $189,077;

Libraries slated for closure or consolidation:

Cardiff Branch	- service to be provided by Encinitas
Crest Branch	- 7 miles from El Cajon Branch
Fletcher Hills Branch	- Service to be provided by El Cajon
Jacumba Branch	- Bookmobile serve to be provided
Lincoln Acres Branch	- Bookmobile service to be provided
Pine Valley Branch	- Bookmobile service to be provided
Potrero Branch	- To be combined with Campo Branch

Criteria used:

- o proximity of one library branch to another
- o limit of the number of branches in an individual commty.
- o number of items being circulated per hour
- o minimum number of hours a branch is to be open.

Time line:

- o 45 Days Community meetings discuss implications and budget information.
- o The item will return to Board for approval in 90 days for approval of Departmental Actions necessary to implement librarians proposal.
- o 2 Weeks to adopt changes at Board direction or community input.

Community Input: (Summary of letters received)

- o Communities are willing to share burdeon of expenses by waiving lease costs for facilities;
- o there is no public tranisit system in the rural areas to transport the children to a distant facility; currently they can walk to the neighborhood library.
- o community believes that usage estimates the county used were low.
- o costs to remain open are negligible in comparison to the benefits a library facility offers children and seniors.

Revenues at Risk of cut:

1. Special District Augmentation Fund	$475,790
2. State Public Library Fund	207,818
3. County General Fund	128,475

	$812,083

1. SDAF could loose $277,000 if LAFCO approves another consolidation. (There are 2 fire districts remaining)

2. State Public Library Funds could be hit by 100% depending on outcome at state. States budget was reduced from $12 million to $6 million due to decrease in sales tax.

3. General Fund monies risky