

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Clerk of the Board Use Only**  
**Meeting Date** / / **Held Until** / /  
**Agenda Item No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agenda Item No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** CAO/County Counsel

( ) **4/5 Vote Required**

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**Board Date:**  
04/07/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:**

Northern California Counties Tribal Matters Consortium General Policy Principles

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

1. Approve the Amended General Policy Principles in concept
2. Authorize staff to incorporate additional amendments, as determined necessary by the Consortium, provided the amendments do not substantively change the policy principles as approved.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

<u><b>EXPENDITURES</b></u>		<u><b>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD</b></u>	
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$	<b>Contingencies</b>	\$
		(Fund Name:)	
<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	\$	<b>Unanticipated Revenue</b>	\$
		(Source:)	
<b>Other Avail Approp.</b>	\$	<b>Other Transfer(s)</b>	\$
(Explain below)		(Source:)	
<b>Additional Requested:</b>	\$	<b>Add'l Funds Requested:</b>	\$
<b>Explanation (if required):</b>			

**Prior Board Action(s):**

01/25/05 Board Adopted Resolution 05-0083 Requesting to be a party to the Consortium and agreeing to the Basic Principles.

**Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:**

Board could determine not to approve the amended Principles or could suggest further amendments in which case the Consortium would reconsider its recommendation to amend the existing Principles.

**Background:**

The Northern California Counties Tribal Matters Consortium was formed pursuant to the desire of some Northern California Counties to develop a coordinated, regional approach to addressing tribal matters including land use and other policy issues. The Consortium provides a forum to share information on emerging federal Indian law and policy, and to formulate a coordinated response on behalf of member counties. Napa, Solano, and Sonoma County are members of the Consortium. Yolo County previously considered, and is again contemplating becoming a member of the Consortium.

In January 2005, the Board acted to establish and to become a member of Consortium. The Board adopted a statement of General Policy Principles which were developed in collaboration with other Consortium counties. The General Policy Principles define the purpose and goals of the Consortium, outline general policies regarding tribal trust land acquisitions and development proposals, and describe how federal, tribal, state and local governments should work together to facilitate the furtherance of tribal developments while protecting legitimate public interests.

The Amended General Policy Principles (Attachment A) have been updated to reflect emerging issues in the areas of Indian Land Determinations and to emphasize ongoing concerns. More specifically, language was added to reinforce the need for adequate noticing and the opportunity for meaningful participation by local governments in federal land determination decisions. Language was also added to acknowledge expanded economic development activities occurring on tribal lands, which may provide opportunities for local governments to partner with tribal governments. These activities may include alternate energy productions such as wind and solar farms.

The recommendation before you is to:

1. Approve the Amended General Policy Principles in concept
2. Authorize staff to incorporate additional amendments, as determined necessary by the Consortium, provided the amendments do not substantively change the General Policy Principles as approved

**Attachments:** A: Draft Amended Northern California Counties Tribal Matters Consortium General Policy Guidelines

**On File With Clerk:**

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

**Vote:**