

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Board of Supervisors

() **4/5 Vote Required**

Contact:
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Board Date:
05/05/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Fee Waiver

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Waive Fees in the amount of \$19,390 for West County Community Services use of the Guerneville Veteran's Building for a homeless shelter from January through March, 2009

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp. \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

Background:

At the December 16, 2008 meeting of the Board, Supervisor Reilly discussed the urgency of providing shelter for homeless individuals in the Russian River area. This area is underserved by social service agencies. A local group, the Interfaith Coalition offered to provide services and management of the shelter during the rainy season. They obtained grant funding for staffing and supervision. West County Community services agreed to be the responsible umbrella agency for liability and contract purposes.

Prior to this season, there had been a shelter facility, but it had closed and there was no replacement. The Veteran's Building was used during the hours of 9pm and 7am daily during the Winter months, with the Interfaith Coalition providing hot meals on a daily basis. The Shelter is now closed for the year, and the Interfaith Coalition is working with the Russian River Redevelopment Oversight Committee on a more permanent solution to this ongoing problem.

Attachments:

On File With Clerk:

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: