

**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

() **4/5 Vote Required**

Contact:
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Board Date:
05/12/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Superior Court of California.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

1. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, Exhibit A, Amendment 1, to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and Superior Court of California, to reflect a change in services provided by the Auditor-Controller, Treasurer, Tax Collector.

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):

Approved previous agreements in March 2000, May 2002, January 2006, and September 2008.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

The Court and County would not have an agreement for ACTTC services which actually reflects services to be provided.

Background:

In 1997 the State Legislature passed the Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act, which provided state funding to local courts for “court operations.” The act requires the courts and counties to enter into written contracts for the provision of county services. The contracts are required to identify the scope of services, method of service delivery, terms of agreement, anticipated service outcomes, and the costs of the services.

The Board approved contracts in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The original MOU was executed in March 2000. Subsequent MOU were executed in May 2002, January 2006, and September 2008. A copy of the current MOU, executed on September 9, 2008, for the period of September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The MOU includes services provided to the Courts by the following County departments: Auditor-Controller Treasurer Tax Collector, County Counsel, General Services, Health Services, Information Systems, and Human Resources. Court provided services to the County include management of the Dispute Resolution Program and Collection Services for court ordered fines and fees.

Recently, the Courts notified the County of their intent to transition to a new provider of payroll services, effective December 21, 2009. As a result, the County Court MOU must be amended to reflect changes necessitated by this transition.

Amendment 1 to Exhibit A of the MOU effectuates these changes. The Amendment was developed through negotiations between ACTTC and the Courts. It has been reviewed as to form by County Counsel and signed by the Presiding Judge.

Recommended Action:

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Attachments: Exhibit A, Amendment 1

On File With Clerk: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and Superior Court of California, dated September 9, 2008.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Background: (Continued)