

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date      Held Until  
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Agenda Item No:      Agenda Item No:  
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**Department:** Health Services

( ) **4/5 Vote Required**

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**Board Date:**  
7/21/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreements

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Resolution authorizing the Director of Health Services to execute Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement No. 08-85708 with the California Department of Public Health for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010, and all related agreements, documents and amendments, subject to County Counsel review, that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$55,812).

Resolution authorizing the Director of Health Services to execute Supplemental Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement No. 09-11386 with the California Department of Public Health for October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010, and all related agreements, documents and amendments, subject to County Counsel review, that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$25,000).

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL**

**Estimated Cost**

\$ 80,812

**Contingencies**  
(Fund Name: )

**Amount Budgeted**

80,812

**Unanticipated Revenue**  
(Source: )

**Other Avail Approp**  
(Explain below)

**Other Transfer(s)**  
(Source: )

**Additional Requested:**

\$ 0

**Add'l Funds Requested:**

\$ 0

**Explanation (if required):**

**Prior Board Action(s):** 9/16/08 – Authorized Beach Sanitation Standard Agreement Amendment; 7/8/08 – Authorized Supplemental Beach Sanitation Standard Agreement; 7/18/06 – Authorized Beach Sanitation Standard Agreement.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Regular testing of beaches would not continue which could result in unsanitary conditions and pose a threat to public health.

**BACKGROUND:** (Note: Standard Agreements 08-85708 and 09-11386 are on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

**Beach Sanitation Program**

Since June 2000, the Board of Supervisors has approved Standard Agreements with the State Department of Public Health that provided funding to the County to administer the Beach Sanitation Program (Program). County participation in the Program is mandated by State law when State funds are allocated for that purpose. The Program requires County Health Agencies to test for bacteria once a week from April to October at beaches which have 50,000 or more annual users and are located adjacent to storm drains, creeks or rivers. If bacteria levels pose a threat to public health, the County is required to post easy-to-understand signage advising residents of the risks. County beaches subject to testing under the Program include:

- Black Point Beach
- Campbell Cove State Beach
- Doran Park Regional Park Beach
- Goat Rock State Beach
- Gualala Regional Park Beach
- Salmon Creek State Beach
- Stillwater Cove Regional Park Beach

During 2008, the Department of Health Services (Department) conducted 33 routine tests for bacteria and 10 resample tests at Sonoma County Beaches under the Beach Sanitation Program. The testing resulted in 29 samples that exceeded the acceptable bacteria limits, of which 23 required public notice postings. In addition to inspecting and sampling, the Department maintains a beach sampling website and Sonoma County Ocean Beach Hotline as part of the Program.

**Fiscal Impact - Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement**

In July 2006, the Board approved the Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. In September 2008, the State withdrew the funding allocation for the agreement due to budget issues as well as a change in funding source. Except for April and May 2009, the Department was able to continue with beach monitoring samples using funds provided by the supplemental agreement described below.

Sampling resumed in June 2009 based on allocated funding from the new Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement No. 08-85708 effective for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. Funds not used in FY 08-09 are available for use in FY 09-10.

**Attachments:** Resolution authorizing execution of Beach Sanitation Standard Agreement 08-85708; Resolution authorizing execution of Supplemental Beach Sanitation Standard Agreement 09-11386.

**On File With Clerk:** Standard Agreements 08-85708 and 09-11386.

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

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**Vote:**

**BACKGROUND:** (continued)

**Fiscal Impact - Supplemental Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement**

In July 2008, the Board approved the *Supplemental* Beach Sanitation Program Standard Agreement for October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, authorizing the Department to receive funding from the State to submit beach testing data to the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (Project) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Supplemental funding may also be used for Program beach monitoring as needed.

This funding is sufficient to cover costs associated with the performance of duties specified in the Standard Agreements. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use of Realignment.



