

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date: _____ Held Until: _____
Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Probation

() 4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
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Board Date:
08/25/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:
North Bay Electric Contract

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, on behalf of the County, to sign a contract for a term to begin on September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010, and any amendments or extensions that do not significantly change the contract content, with North Bay Electric for the provision of volunteer electrical labor services and donated materials for the Sierra Youth Center garden shed project.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost

\$0 Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted

\$0 Unanticipated Revenue
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Additional Requested:

\$0 Add'l Funds Requested:

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):
None

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

Sierra Youth Center will not be able to have electrical outlets on the inside and outside of the garden shed located on the premises.

BACKGROUND:

The Probation Department is requesting that the Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign a contract with North Bay Electric Company which will allow the Department to accept volunteer labor services and donated materials for electrical work being completed at the Sonoma County Sierra Youth Center (SYC), in the form of indoor and outdoor lights and electrical outlets.

SYC is designed to provide local residential placement and intervention services for adolescent females, adjudicated by the Juvenile Court as wards of the Court. The program provides services aimed at reducing risk behaviors and developing healthier skills and abilities, with the goal of returning residents to their families and communities. While in the program, residents have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities designed to expose them to cultural experiences, as well as teach them important life skills and respect for themselves, others, and their environment.

One of the more recent activities created at SYC is the garden project, in which residents learn how to cultivate and tend a garden. SYC has planted a variety of vegetables onsite and is producing considerable amounts of produce for residents' consumption and donations. As the SYC garden is expanding and flourishing, being able to tend to it without the use of electricity and proper lighting is becoming increasingly difficult.

Situated next to the vegetable garden is a shed that houses most of the gardening equipment. SYC would like to install interior and exterior light fixtures in the shed, as well as interior and exterior electrical outlets. Lighting and electricity in the shed will allow the residents and staff to work after dark on projects in and around the shed and to have heat. The type of projects the shed could accommodate would include demonstrations, instruction, crafts with some of the products grown in the garden, etc. Additionally, good lighting will allow the staff and residents to take garden tools in and out of the shed safely. Lastly, electricity on the exterior of the shed will allow staff and residents to operate gardening equipment for which electricity is required.

SYC does not have the funding available in its budget to complete this project. However, North Bay Electrical Company has graciously volunteered to provide all of the labor required for this project at no cost to the County or SYC. Additionally, the Valley of the Moon Rotary Club has agreed to donate all of the materials needed to complete the project. A contract for these volunteer services is necessary to allow the project to be covered by North Bay Electric's insurance company.

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Attachments: None

On File With Clerk: Agreement with North Bay Electric Company

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

