

<b>County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report</b>			Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date ____/____/____ Agenda Item No: _____	
<b>Department:</b> Human Services			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4/5 Vote Required</b>	
<b>Contact:</b> Jo Weber	<b>Phone:</b> (707) 565-5746	<b>Board Date:</b> 9/15/09	<b>Deadline for Board Action:</b> <b>9/15/09</b>	
<b>AGENDA SHORT TITLE:</b> Valley of the Moon Children's Center playground project				
<b>REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:</b> Authorize the use of volunteers to install new Landscape Structures Evos playground equipment at Valley of the Moon Children's Center. Volunteers will be licensed contractors.				
<b>CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>				
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			<b><u>ADDL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u></b>	
Estimated Cost	\$	000.00	Contingencies (Fund Name: )	\$ 000.00
Amount Budgeted	\$	000.00	Unanticipated Revenue (Source: )	\$ 000.00
Other Available Approp. (Explain Below)	\$	000.00	Other Transfer(s) (Source: )	\$ 000.00
Additional Requested:	\$	0.00	Total Source of Funds:	\$ 0.00
<b>Explanation</b> (if required): Outside funding (i.e., Valley of the Moon Children's Foundation) has been secured to complete the project. Local contractors will donate their time to install the equipment under the direction of the Sonoma County Architects' Division.				
<b>Prior Board Action(s):</b>				
<b>Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:</b>  Non-approval will prevent the County from taking advantage of a resource that will save over \$10,000 in installation costs for the playground project.				

**Background:**

Valley of the Moon Children’s Center (VMCC), located at the Los Guilicos campus on Highway 12, is operated by the Human Services Department as a residential facility for abused and neglected children. The facility also houses the Redwood Children’s Center, which is a multidisciplinary program that provides interviews, examinations, and other services for child sexual assault victims. Over the past few years it has become apparent that the current small play structures at the Children’s Center did not provide adequate space and equipment to allow children to engage in extended periods of physical play. Physical play in a safe and structured environment is an important tool to help children in crisis deal with the emotional and behavioral problems they are experiences. This new playground structure will give children at the VMCC an opportunity to relieve stress and anxiety while improving their health by being physically activity.

The Valley of the Moon Children’s Foundation understood the need for a large playground structure to meet the needs of children at VMCC and agreed to raise the funds to pay for the structure. At the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Valley of the Moon Children’s Foundation Board meeting, the board voted to approve the funding for the playground structures.

Through the Foundation’s fundraising efforts, donors became excited about the project and began to identify other ways that they could help support it. This included identifying local contractors who were willing to donate their time to the installation of the equipment and thus reduce the overall cost of the project.

The volunteers will work under the direction and supervision of a project coordinator from the Sonoma County Architect’s Division.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A- rendering of playground structure, Attachment B-itemized costs of structure

**On File With Clerk:**

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

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