

**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: County Administrator

() **4/5 Vote Required**

Contact:
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Board Date:
10/06/2009

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: State Legislative Program – End of Session Report

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Accept informational report regarding the County’s State Legislative Program.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

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): January 2005: Entered into 2-yr contract with Peterson and Associates for legislative advocacy services; January 2006: Board adopted annual legislative program; January 2007: Board adopted annual legislative program; January 2007 contract with Peterson and Associates was extended to December 31st, 2008; January 2008: Adopted annual legislative program. June 2009 extended contract with Peterson Consulting, Inc. until December 31st, 2009; January 2009, Board adopted 2009 legislative program; September 2009, RFP for State Advocacy Services released.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval: None

Background:

The Board has asked the County Administrator, with input from county department heads, to prepare an annual legislative program designed to support legislation, execute regulatory directives, take actions necessary to support the well-being of the County's citizens, and enhance the economic, environmental, and social quality of life in the County. The legislative program is designed to provide greater focus and accountability to our advocacy effort, and to assist our legislators and advocates in representing the highest interests of Sonoma County. Further, the legislative program should be utilized to advance the implementation of the County's Strategic Plan. The Board of Supervisors reviews and approves the legislative program on an annual basis.

To that end, the Board of Supervisors entered into a contract with Peterson Consulting and Shaw/Yoder, Inc., to assist the County with State legislative advocacy in January of 2005. The contract, which was extended in June of 2009, expires on December 31, 2009.

The contract calls for a presentation at the end of the legislative session, outlining the progress made with our legislative program and providing recommendations for planning of future legislative programs. Consistent with the terms of the contract, Don Peterson will provide an end of session report for 2009 and insights and recommendations for the County's 2010 legislative programs.

The process for compiling the County's recommended 2010 Legislative Program has been initiated and will be ready for the Board to review and approve in January 2010.

Attachments: Sonoma County Legislative Update from Peterson Consulting, Inc.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

