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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
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Subject: Biweekly Update of Significant Issues

1. County Administrator's Update on Contracts

The County Administrator has signed the following contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues update:

- Resource Management, a \$24,999 contract amendment with Roberta Goulart (effective April 12, 2012 to September 30, 2012) to provide technical assistance and administrative support to the Delta Water program, for a total of \$49,999.
- Resource Management, a \$48,000 contract amendment with Reclamation District 2068 (effective July 1, 2011 to July 30, 2014) to provide technical support on legislative, flood control, water control and supply issues, for a total of \$72,000.

2. Workforce Investment Board Assisting Dislocated SCIF Workers

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County has been awarded \$340,380 from the State of California Employment Development Department to serve 55 workers who were laid off/transitioned from the State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) office in Vacaville. The grant will provide enrolled participants with retraining, new skills development, intensive instruction, job search/placement assistance as well as follow-up and retention services. Through this program the dislocated workers will increase their opportunity to reenter the workforce in a new and marketable occupation. This grant enables the WIB to focus direct and intensive retraining services to this target population in career paths such as health care, clean/green/energy-related occupations as well as computer and internet security positions.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Development Department.

- Contact: Robert Bloom, Workforce Investment Board Executive Director, 863-3501

3. Assemblywoman Yamada honored Ted Puntillo as Veteran of the Year for the 8th District

Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, who is also a member of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee, joined several other members of the Assembly on June 27, 2012 to recognize California veterans at the 5th annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon celebration at the

Sacramento Convention Center. Yamada honored Solano County Veterans Service Officer and Davis resident Ted Puntillo as the 2012 Veteran of the Year for the 8th Assembly District. The Veterans Recognition Luncheon is an opportunity for State Assembly members to honor a veteran residing in their district who has contributed significantly to their community. Each designee was honored, recognized, and presented with a certificate at the luncheon.

The award recognizes Puntillo's service in the U.S. Army and his service to veterans as the former director of the Yolo County Veterans Service Office, deputy secretary for Veterans Services at the state Department of Veterans Affairs, and most recently as Solano County's Veterans Services Director. The award also recognizes his other community involvements, including 20 years as postmaster in Davis, nine years as a volunteer firefighter for the Davis Fire Department, four years on the Davis City Council, and several community organizations in Davis.

- Contact: Ted Puntillo, Veteran Services Director, 784-6584

4. Extension of Opt-e-man Services with AT&T

The Department of Information Technology executed a pricing agreement with AT&T for the provision of their Opt-e-man (fiber-optic Ethernet) services between the main County facilities. The County has used this cost-effective, high-speed data service since March 2006. The agreement has been revised a number of times since 2006 to account for changes to building and locations as well as increasing bandwidth requirements. This latest agreement accounts for the de-installation of the Parker Street location in Vacaville and the installation of service to the new William J. Carroll Government Center. The agreement waives all one-time construction costs for the William J. Carroll building as well as the estimated \$70,000 in one-time construction/installation costs for the warehouse at 2543 Cordelia Road in Fairfield. Totally, monthly costs for Opt-e-man services have been reduced from \$10,435 per month to \$8,152 per month, for an annual savings of more \$27,000.

- Contact: Ira Rosenthal, Department of Information Technology Director, 784-2703

5. IHSS Drop Boxes for Provider Time Sheets Closing on August 1

IHSS provides financial assistance for disabled individuals of all ages who have low incomes, enabling them to hire an in-home care provider. In-home care providers assist those who may otherwise require placement in board-and-care or skilled-nursing facilities. Providers assist clients with personal daily living activities as well as light housework, meal preparation, grocery shopping, laundry and non-medical personal care.

For years, there have been two designated drop boxes at 275 Beck Avenue – one inside and one outside the building – to allow providers the option of dropping off their time sheets as an alternative to mailing them. On August 1, 2012, the two drop boxes will be closed. Starting in August, providers must mail their time sheets. If time sheets are hand-delivered, they will be returned to the provider with instructions to mail the time sheet. The mailing address is on the time sheet.

Many counties are implementing this change now in order to prepare IHSS providers for new procedures associated with the new statewide computer system, Case Management Information and Payroll System (CMIPS II), which is scheduled to occur in Solano County in December 2012. Other counties report there has been little or no response to the change. New procedures include:

- New format for the time sheet – with time to be recorded in hours and minutes instead of hours and partial hours
- Time sheets must be mailed to a Time Sheet Processing Facility in Chico
- New way to report a change of address

Solano IHSS began notifying providers of this change beginning with the June 15, 2012 check paystub. The message was both in English and Spanish saying the drop boxes would close on August 1 and time sheets must be mailed. Both drop boxes will have the same message posted. A message will be sent to notify all Beck Avenue H&SS staff of the change, with special notices to the people who work at the Beck Avenue reception desks and the security guards.

In August, a presentation to the Board of Supervisors is anticipated on the State's implementation of the new CMIPS II in Solano. All providers and recipients will get a very detailed notice from the state about all of the changes 30 days before the new CMIPS II system goes live.

- Linda Orrante, Health and Social Services, Deputy Director for Child and Adult Resources and Services, 784-8331

6. Sales of County Real Property

Portion of County Corporation Yard in Vacaville: On June 5, 2012, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of 27,832 square feet of vacant land at the 4.45 acre County Corporation Yard at 301 Brown Street in Vacaville to the City of Vacaville for \$69,580 for public works upgrades. Less closing costs, the sale generated \$69,321 in one-time revenue for the County Road Fund. The transaction closed escrow on June 29, 2012.

228 Broadway Street in Vallejo: On June 12, 2012, at a published, public hearing to accept bids for County-owned surplus property, the Board adopted Resolution 2012-114 awarding the bid to purchase the surplus property located at 228 Broadway Street in Vallejo to the highest responsible bidder, Mr. Sunil Asthana, for \$175,000. Mr. Asthana executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the County that allowed for a 30-day contingency period to conduct title and property condition due diligence. Prior to the expiration of the contingency period, Mr. Asthana provided the required written notice to terminate the Agreement based on the results and findings of his inspection of the condition of the property.

The Board delegated authority to the Director of General Services to award the sale of the property to the next highest bidder in the event the previously awarded bidder fails to consummate the transaction. Staff anticipates providing a status update to the Board in August regarding the potential property transaction with the next highest bidder.

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