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Agenda Placement: 11B

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Alice Hughey for Leanne Link - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112
SUBJECT: Farmworker Housing Funding

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman and staff to communicate to the State Legislature and other pertinent parties support for increased funding for farmworker housing including the amendment of the Government Code to increase the Community Services Area #4 assessment cap from \$10 to \$15 per planted vineyard acre.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2017 Legislative and Regulatory Platform will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in January 2017. Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry's offices have reached out to staff requesting Napa County specific legislative proposals for 2017 in order to begin writing and preparing bills to introduce. Staff is seeking approval for the Chairman and staff to communicate to the Legislature and other pertinent parties support for increased funding for farmworker housing including amending the Government Code to increase the maximum assessment

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff reports.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The 2017 Legislative and Regulatory Platform will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in January 2017. Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry's offices have reached out to staff requesting Napa County specific legislative proposals for 2017 in order to begin preparing bills to introduce.

County staff has identified one necessary legislative change and is seeking approval to work with our local legislators prior to the approval of the annual legislative platform. As the Board is aware, the County is home to three farmworker housing facilities that face long-term fiscal challenges. The farmworker centers are funded in part by a self-imposed assessment on planted vineyard acres countywide known as Community Services Area #4 (CSA 4). The Government Code currently caps the annual assessment per acre at \$10. In partnership with the industry groups in the County, staff is recommending an amendment to the Government Code to increase the cap on the annual assessment per acre to \$15.

Amending the Government Code will not automatically increase the annual assessment to \$15. The assessment is self-imposed by vineyard owners and will be taken to the eligible voters to determine the annual amount to be assessed per acre up to the proposed \$15 maximum.

Additionally, staff is requesting approval and authority for the Chairman and staff to communicate the need for State funding through the Office of Migrant Services or other housing funding sources to support the operations of the Napa County farmworker centers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi