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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
REPORT BY: Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager - 253-4126
SUBJECT: Amendment #1 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6283 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. amending the Scope of Work to include additional drug testing services for adult and juvenile probationers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Redwood Toxicology Laboratory currently performs urine and saliva drug screen tests for adult and juvenile probationers at the request of the Probation Officer. This amendment will add the option of steroid testing and EtG alcohol testing to the current agreement. Drug screenings are often included in the probation terms and conditions ordered by the Courts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Probation
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Funds will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, Probation Officers will not be able to test probationers for steroids or alcohol use. Not having the ability to test for substance use makes it difficult to hold probationers accountable to the terms

and conditions of their probation orders.

Additional Information: None

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 Probation Department currently contracts with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory for urine and saliva testing to determine the presence of amphetamines, opiates, barbiturates, cocaine, benzodiazepines, creatinine, alcohol and THC. Redwood Toxicology also tests for substances in addition to the routine panel at the request of the Probation Officer. Results are provided within 48 hours. Redwood Toxicology provides all supplies including forms, labels, bottles and security seals.

The Probation Department is amending this agreement to include the option of steroid testing at \$60 per test and EtG alcohol testing at \$19.95 per test. These new tests will be used only under special circumstances, not on a routine basis. The agreement is also amended to change the oral testing from a 5 panel test to a 4 panel test, reducing the cost of each test from \$3.10 to \$2.85.

The use of steroids, not under the care of a physician, is illegal and has grown in popularity over the past couple of years. Steroids are used as a performance enhancing drug and as a cosmetic tool to improve physique. Steroid use is most common among adolescents and young adults. The EtG test can detect alcohol more accurately than the current test the Department uses and three to four days after alcohol consumption. The use of these tests will help the Probation Officers enforce the terms and conditions of each probation order.

The Department conducts approximately 1,200 adult tests and 1,400 juvenile tests on an annual basis. This agreement includes an automatic renewal for an additional year at the end of this current fiscal year.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan