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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Agreements related to California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign:

1. The CalSAWS Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) to amend and restate the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated December 1998, and any and all amendments thereto, for the term June 28, 2019 until terminated by mutual consent to form the CalSAWS Consortium; and
2. Memorandum of Understanding with the CalSAWS Consortium ("Consortium") for the term June 28, 2019 to remain in effect so long as the Member is a member of the Consortium to delineate the areas of understanding and agreement among the Consortium and the Members regarding matters related to the administration and fulfillment of the Consortium's purpose.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Food and Nutrition Services agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture directed California to move to a single statewide automated welfare system (CalSAWS) by 2023. In moving toward this goal, the 18 counties that were part of the Welfare Client Data Systems Consortium (WCDS) and the 40 counties (including Napa County), which joined together in September 2017 to form the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES), are joining together to form the CalSAWS Consortium ("Consortium") pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated JPA before the Board today.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) replaces all previous MOUs and sets out responsibilities of the County members and the Consortium regarding: fiscal responsibilities and claiming, hardware and software license purchases, separate services and limitations of liability and exclusive remedies.

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

To determine eligibility for public assistance programs the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency is a member of the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalACES). This statewide system, to be utilized by 40 counties, provides uniformity and consistency in the application of public assistance programs and policies for programs such as Foster Care, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).

Los Angeles County (LA) currently uses the LEADER Replacement System ("LRS") versus the C-IV system which is currently used by 39 counties (Napa included). LA joined the consortium as its fortieth County-member in July 2017, which resulted in the formation of a new consortium utilizing a new system to be jointly designed by the 40 member counties. The improved/updated system was to be called the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES) which would replace C-IV and LRS.

However, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Food and Nutrition Services agencies directed California to move to a single statewide automated welfare system by 2023. In addition to the 40 CalACES Counties, the remaining eighteen (18) counties have an agreement with a primary vendor known as CalWIN which provides them the necessary equipment and services. In moving toward a single system as required, the CalACES Consortium and The CalWIN Counties have joined together to form the CalSAWS Consortium.

The CalWIN and CalACES leadership have been working collaboratively on governance planning efforts to successfully establish a 58-County Consortium. The Consortium operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each Member County. The purpose of the MOU is to delineate the areas of understanding and agreement between the parties regarding the various vendor agreements and other areas of mutual interest in the fulfillment of the Consortium's purpose. The Second Amended Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) delineates the procedures by which the members of the CalACES Consortium will participate in the migration from the current C-IV System to the CalACES system. As part of this transition the JPA structure and bylaws have also been amended.

The purpose of today's recommended actions will enable Napa County to be a member of the new 58-County CalSAWS consortium.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri