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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Lynn Perez for Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer  
Care of Juvenile Court Wards  
**REPORT BY:** Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126  
**SUBJECT:** Agreements with Residential Treatment Facilities

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following renewal agreements for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to provide court ordered placement of wards:

1. Agreement No. 4391 with County of Solano - Fouts Springs Youth Facility at a monthly rate of \$3,600 per ward;
2. Agreement No. 4569 with the County of Del Norte at the rate of \$2,750 per ward per month to insure availability for seven placements, and at a rate of \$2,950 per ward per month on an as needed basis; and
3. Agreement No. 6119 with County of Sonoma at the rate of \$3,000 per ward per month, and at a rate of \$1,200 per ward per month for aftercare services.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Napa County Probation Department has maintained agreements with these facilities to provide for court ordered placements of Napa County Wards. Fouts Springs Youth Facility is a detention facility created by joint powers agreement between Solano and Colusa Counties for the placement of male juveniles who are court ordered wards. Del Norte County operates and maintains Bar-O Ranch, a boys juvenile facility. Sonoma County operates and maintains Probation Camp and Sierra Youth Center. All of these facilities provide a highly structured program working with wards that would otherwise have gone to the California Youth Authority.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Funds are appropriated in the FY 06-07 Recommended Budget for Care of

## Juvenile Court Wards

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	These agreements are reviewed annually by the department.
Consequences if not approved:	Court ordered placements will placed in CYA which may not be appropriate or cost effective.
Additional Information:	

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Fouts Springs has been operating continuously as a juvenile placement option for counties since 1959. It was created as a collaboration between Colusa, Placer and Solano Counties. Fouts Springs is currently administered under a joint powers agreement between Colusa and Solano Counties. In Fiscal Year 2005-06, the JPA agreed to transfer the management of Fouts Springs from a freestanding department in the Solano County structure, to a division of the Solano County Probation Department. Currently, Napa County has three wards placed at the Fouts facility. The total cost of placements for Fiscal Year 2005-06 is estimated to be approximately \$102,000. The department averages three placements on a monthly basis. The price of a bed for FY 2006-07 represents a \$100 increase over FY 2005-06 from \$3,500 per month to \$3,600 per month. This increase is due to increased costs in operating the facility.

Del Norte County operates and maintains Bar-O Ranch, a boys juvenile facility for placement of juveniles who are court ordered wards. Napa County has reserved beds at the Bar-O Ranch to house wards since 1995. Currently, Napa County has twelve wards placed at the Bar-O facility. The total cost of placements for Fiscal Year 2005-06 is estimated to be approximately \$295,000. The price of a reserved and unreserved beds for FY 2006-07 represents a \$250 and \$200 increase since FY 2004-05. There was not an increase in FY 2005-06. The increase in FY 2006-07 is reflective of increased costs in operating the facility. To mitigate this increase, the department has increased the number of reserved beds from five (5) to seven (7).

Sonoma County operates and maintains Probation Camp, a boys juvenile facility for placement of juveniles ages 16 to 18 and Sierra Youth Center, a facility for placement of juveniles ages 12 - 18. Placement to both of these facilities are for juveniles who are at-risk and have been ordered by the court. At this time, Napa County has three female juveniles who have been ordered by the court to be placed at Sierra Youth Center. This contract also includes a provision for aftercare services. Aftercare services provides weekend housing for a transition back to the community. The minor is home four days a week, on a monitor for curfew violations, and returns to camp for the weekend. The price of beds for FY 2006-07 is the same as FY 2005-06.

Napa County Probation only recommends camp placements for juveniles who have committed serious offenses or have failed at several other programs and placements. It is anticipated that some juveniles referred to camp in the past will now be recommended for the new program in Juvenile Hall now that the new facility is complete. The Probation Department is also continuing to explore other options for placements.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi