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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** 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, 2007 through June 30, 2008 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. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4569 with County of Del Norte at the rate of \$2,950 per ward per month to insure availability for seven placements, and at a rate of \$3,150 per ward per month on an as needed basis; and
3. Agreement No. 6119 with County of Sonoma at the rate of \$100 per ward per day for placement services and at a rate of \$40 per ward per day for aftercare services.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Napa County Probation Department has maintained agreements with facilities for court ordered placements of Napa County juvenile wards. These facilities offer a higher level of care than a residential treatment center. Fouts Springs Youth Facility is a detention facility created by a 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 male juvenile facility and Sonoma County operates and maintains Probation Camp and Sierra Youth Center. All of these facilities provide a highly structured program for wards that would otherwise go to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?            Yes  
Is it currently budgeted?            Yes

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Where is it budgeted?	Funds are appropriated in the FY 2007-08 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:	If these agreements are not approved, court ordered wards may be placed with the Department of Juvenile Justice. Sending youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice may not always be appropriate or cost effective.
Additional Information:	None.

### **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 two wards placed at the Fouts facility. The total cost of placements for Fiscal Year 2006-07 is estimated to be approximately \$127,000. The department averages three placements on a monthly basis. There is no change in the price of a bed for Fiscal Year 2007-08. The bed rate will remain at \$3,600 per month per ward.

Del Norte County operates and maintains Bar-O Ranch, a male juvenile facility for placement of court ordered wards. Napa County has reserved beds at the Bar-O Ranch since 1995. Currently, Napa County has ten wards placed at the Bar-O Ranch. The total cost of placements for Fiscal Year 2006-07 is estimated to be approximately \$309,000. The price of a bed for FY 2007-08 represents a \$200 monthly increase from the FY 2006-07 bed rate. The bed rate for a reserved bed has been increased from \$2,750 to \$2,950 and an unreserved bed from \$2,950 to \$3,150. This increase is due to increased costs in operating the facility. To mitigate this increase, the Department has reserved only seven (7) beds in Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Sonoma County operates and maintains Probation Camp, a male 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 limited to court ordered juveniles. At this time, Napa County has no minors placed at this facility. This contract also includes a provision for aftercare services which includes weekend housing while the ward is transitioned back into the community. The price of beds for FY 2007-08 is \$100 per ward per day for residential care and \$40 per ward per day for aftercare services.

Napa County Probation only recommends camp placements for juveniles who have committed serious offenses or have failed in other programs or placements.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan