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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Carol Strobel for Lieberstein, Gary - District Attorney  
District Attorney  
**REPORT BY:** Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215  
**SUBJECT:** State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board Contract

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

District Attorney requests adoption of a resolution authorizing the execution of a revenue agreement with the State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for a maximum of \$134,362 for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has contracted with the County of Napa for the past ten years to assist with restitution recovery. This resolution authorizes the Napa County District Attorney to accept \$134,362 in funding for a Paralegal to provide services during Fiscal Year 2007-08 and Fiscal Year 2008-09. These funds do not require a County Match.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	District Attorney
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate to provide these services and accept these funds. However, funds from the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board cover the cost of a Paralegal who aids crime victims and the State of California in recovering restitution. There are no County General Funds required for this program.

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Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This contract extends through June 30, 2009. The impact in future fiscal years depends on the funds available.
Consequences if not approved:	If this item is not approved, the District Attorney's Office will not be able to fund a Paralegal position to assist with restitution recovery.
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 State Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board provide funding to the District Attorney's Office for the cost of a Paralegal to pursue restitution from convicted individuals to reimburse the State. Funds collected reimburse the State of California's Victims of Crimes Fund. This allocation funds the entire cost of the Paralegal position; no County General Funds are required.

The Napa District Attorney's Office was the first program created in the State of California and has been so successful that Napa County is being used as a model throughout the State. Napa County has been funded for the past ten years and has maintained funding even when Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board contracts have been cut or discontinued in other counties. This is a reflection of Napa County's continued success.

In Fiscal Year 2005-06, Napa County processed 242 claims, recovering \$16,520 in fines and \$43,163 for victim's costs. Napa County will receive \$ 134,362 for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan