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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:** Agreement with FOUTS Springs Youth Facility for placement of Napa County Wards

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 4391 with County of Solano - Fouts Springs Youth Facility for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 to provide court ordered placement of wards at a monthly rate of \$3,500 per ward.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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. This facility provides 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 05-06 Recommended Budget for Care of Juvenile Court Wards
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement is reviewed annually by the department. It is anticipated that with the opening of new Juvenile Justice Center camp placements will be reduced.
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. For Fiscal Year 2005-06, the facility is improving its program to enhance educational and vocational opportunities for wards and to strengthen the reentry counseling component. In addition, to improve program quality 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. Unfortunately, the facility was forced to close the female program during the current fiscal year due to budget restraints.

Currently, Napa County has three wards placed at the Fouts facility. The total cost of placements for Fiscal Year 2004-05 is estimated to be approximately \$110,000. The department averages three placements on a monthly basis. The price of a bed for FY 2005-06 represents a \$154 increase over FY 2004/05 from \$3,346 per month to \$3,500 per month. This increase is due to increased costs in operating the facility. It is anticipated that placements to camps will be reduced once the new Juvenile Justice Center is fully operational.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi