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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Powers agreement with Solano County (Public Health Laboratory)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4092, a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Solano, increasing the amount by \$80,416 for a new maximum of \$95,416 to fund the purchase of laboratory computer systems pursuant to the Napa County and Solano County Bioterrorism Preparedness Plans.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For the past seven years, Napa County and Solano County have operated the Napa/Solano Public Health Lab through a Joint Powers Agreement (Napa County Agreement No. 4092/Solano County Agreement No. 064092). The amendment allows Napa County to reimburse Solano County for the purchase of laboratory equipment pursuant to the Napa County and Solano County Bioterrorism Plans.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Napa County will provide Solano County \$80,416 to upgrade computer equipment in the Public Health Laboratory. These funds will come from Napa's Bioterrorism allocation from the California Department of Health Services. Solano County will pay for the remaining costs, which will enable Napa County to meet Focus Area C's critical capacities and

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	benchmarks per the bioterrorism agreement with the State of California.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The JPA expires June 30, 2007.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County will not meet its Focus Area C critical capacities and benchmarks per its bioterrorism agreement with the State of California.
Additional Information:	None.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

**Categorical Exemption Class 1:** It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Class 1 ("Existing Facilities"), which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15301; see also Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On May 12, 1998, the Board of Supervisors approved a request by the Director of the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency to pursue the establishment of a regional Public Health Laboratory with Solano County, and a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was signed by both counties. On June 21, 2005, the Board approved the renewal of the JPA.

The amendment to the JPA will allow Napa County to reimburse Solano County for a portion of the cost of laboratory computer equipment for the mutual benefit of both Counties pursuant to their respective bioterrorism plans. The purchased computer equipment will be used to link to the Electronic Laboratory Reporting mechanism and assist with the identification of biological agents. By paying for the other portion of the cost of the computer equipment upgrade, Solano County will in turn enable Napa County to meet the benchmarks in Focus Area C of its bioterrorism plan. The purpose of Focus Area C is to implement a program to provide rapid and effective laboratory services to support the response to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health emergencies. Since Napa County and Solano County have a joint laboratory, Focus Area C funding from both Counties will be used. This plan has been reviewed and accepted by the California Department of Health Services Bioterrorism Program Planners. The proposed amendment to the JPA is being presented to the Boards of Supervisors of each of the two counties for approval this month.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Ziálcita