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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Stoltz for Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Juan Arias, PRINCIPAL PUB WORKS ENGINEER , 259-8374
SUBJECT: Historical Courthouse Stained Glass Installation Project - Acceptance of Various Donations

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests authorization to accept the following donations for the Historical Courthouse:

1. Stained glass dome artwork by and from Gordon Heuther of Napa, valued at approximately \$100,000; and
2. Two paintings depicting the Napa Valley in 1879 by local artists Joanne Ortega and Suzanne Ortega donated by the artists and the Hon. W. Scott Snowden, each valued at approximately \$10,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This requested action accepts 3 donations at an aggregate value of \$120,000 for the benefit of the Historic Courthouse.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

On August 15, 2006 the Board approved and authorized the Chair to sign an agreement with Gordon Huether, at no cost, for the term September 1, 2006 through September 11, 2006 to allow the artist to install a stained glass skylight fixture at the Historic Courthouse for public display. Mr. Huether wishes to donate the art fixture, valued at approximately \$100,000, to the County. In addition, two paintings depicting the Napa Valley in 1879, valued at approximately \$10,000 each, have also been offered as a donation to the County by the local artists Joanne Ortega and Suzanne Ortega, and the Hon. W. Scott Snowden. It is anticipated that the paintings will be displayed in the Historic Courthouse.

The Director of Public Works is requesting that the Board of Supervisors accept these three donations, which will be consistent with the Historic Courthouse remodeling and aesthetic upgrades begun in 2003.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey