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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  
Probation  
**REPORT BY:** Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126  
**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Agreement #6283 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 6283 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. for a maximum of \$30,000 for the term September 19, 2006 through June 30, 2007, with an automatic annual renewal, to provide drug screening services for adult and juvenile probationers.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Redwood Toxicology Laboratory currently performs urine drug screen tests for adult and juvenile probationers at the request of the Probation Officer. Drug screenings are court ordered and are part of the terms and conditions of being on probation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Costs for services under this agreement are included in the Probation Department FY 06/07 approved budget.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement is renewed annually and is subject to available funds.
Consequences if not approved:	The Probation Department would be unable to hold probationers accountable to their terms and conditions of probation unless we were to find another

vendor who could supply the testing equipment and results.

Additional Information:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Under the current agreement, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory performs urine testing to determine the presence of amphetamines, opiates, barbiturates, cocaine, benzodiazepines, creatinine, alcohol, and THC. The contractor also tests for substances in addition to the routine panel at the request of the Probation Officer. Confirmation testing is provided to department within 48 hours. The contractor provides supplies, including forms, labels, bottles and chain of custody and security seals. If needed, the Contractor will provide up to two court appearances.

In addition to urine screening, the contract will include the option of saliva testing. This will be effective with the contract renewal on September 19, 2006. Random urine testing is one of the most effective vehicles available to probation to deter offender drug use. Efforts to obtain urine samples are at times hampered because the officer is in the field or an officer of the same sex as the offender isn't available. Saliva testing removes these obstacles by providing officers with a tool that they can use anytime. Saliva testing will not be used as a routine substitute for urine testing only when urine testing is not an option.

The Department conducts approximately 2,000 adult tests and 1,500 juvenile tests on an annual basis. This agreement includes an automatic renewal for an additional year at the end of this current fiscal year, under the same terms and condition.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi