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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
Date: September 6, 2011
Subject: Biweekly Update of Significant Issues

1. County Administrator's Update on Contracts

The County Administrator has signed the following contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues update.

- Health and Human Services Public Health, a contract with Janen Clinical Pharmacy Consultants. (effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) to provide required pharmacy inventory audits, \$32,828.

2. Deputy Sheriff's Salaries Adjusted Based on Market Survey

The current Memorandum of Understanding for the Deputy Sheriff's Association requires that salaries be set to market median effective October 2, 2011. The County's salary survey of comparable jurisdictions documents that the salaries for this unit are 2% below the market median. As such, salaries will increase by 2%. The next adjustment to the compensation for this bargaining group is in June 10, 2012. At that time, the Deputy Sheriff's will have their Employer Paid Member Contributions (EPMC) toward CalPERS retirement decreased from 3% to 0%.

- Contact: Georgia Cochran, Interim Human Resources Director, Department of Human Resources, 784-3406

3. Public Works Division Repairing, Improving Over 21 Miles of Roads

The Public Works Operations Division of Resource Management will be involved in the road maintenance projects listed below. Throughout all the projects, all efforts will be made to minimize traffic delays.

A 1.3 mile section of Fox Road that is currently gravel will be re-constructed into a permanent sealed road surface by applying additional rock and Double Chip Seal. This work will start the week of September 12 and should be completed by September 30.

The Fall Chip Seal Program is planned to start on September 26 and conclude on October 7. A number of different roads sections in the Fairfield and Rio Vista Road Maintenance Districts areas will be chip sealed for a total of approximately 21 miles. Chip sealing is a road surface

treatment of applied asphalt oil with a small gradation of rock (5/16”) imbedded in the curing oil. This seals the road surface from water penetration to the base, which can contribute to road failures.

- Contact: Wayne Spencer, Public Works Operations Manager, Department of Resource Management, 421-6055

4. Status Report on the Nut Tree Airport Master Plan Update

The Airport Master Plan Update process under way is the first master planning effort to be undertaken for the Airport since 1993. When completed, it will lay the groundwork for further environmental analysis to enable the Nut Tree Airport to obtain FAA funding for runway and other infrastructure improvements.

The Master Plan update process was placed on temporary hold during the first part of 2011 pending the arrival of a new Airport Manager. Following a refinement of the scope of work, the Master Plan update process is moving forward. The FAA is providing 95% of the funds necessary to update the Nut Tree Airport Master Plan.

Alternatives for the Master Plan Update will be presented to airport stakeholders, City of Vacaville representatives, and community groups in September 2011. The Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee considered the current Master Plan alternatives at its August 25, 2011 meeting, and will again review the proposed alternatives in October 2011. It is anticipated that the Master Plan alternatives will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in January 2012.

- Contact: Dave Daly, Airport Manager, Department of General Services, 469-4600

5. Solano County Selected for Phase II of California Family Justice Initiative

In early July 2011, the Office of Family Violence Prevention (OFVP) was notified of an opportunity to apply for the California Family Justice Initiative (CFJI), Phase II. The Office of Family Violence Prevention applied in year one on behalf of the Solano Family Justice Center, but was not chosen. In applying for the second phase, programs that are chosen receive intensive technical assistance and training from model family justice center programs and from the National Family Justice Center Alliance. The Office of Family Violence Prevention submitted an application in early August and was chosen to host a site visit of CFJI evaluators on August 24, 2011.

On August 25, the Family Violence Prevention Coordinator was notified that Solano County was chosen to participate in the CFJI Phase II. Only five programs from throughout California were chosen to participate and staff feels strongly that the County's success is largely due to the support of the Board of Supervisors, Senator Lois Wolk, the District Attorney, OFVP staff, and all of the collaborative partners who have come together to support this important program.

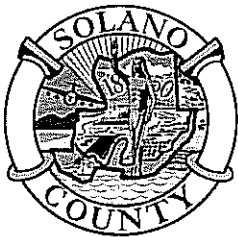
- Contact: Carolyn Wold, Office of Family Violence Prevention, Office of the District Attorney, 784-7691

6. Summary Report on Solano County Exhibit at the 2011 California State Fair

Attached is the summary report on the Solano County exhibit at the 2011 California State Fair, which won a Gold Medal, Best Agricultural Display Award, the People's Choice Award and the Manager's Award. The 2011 exhibit reflects a different approach to the exhibit. The County

used a \$45,000 fixed-cost contract (from the County's perspective) for the design, construction and staffing of the exhibit at the California State Fair. The contractor could acquire in-kind and cash sponsorships to offset the costs of the exhibit. In addition, any prize monies generated from the 2011 exhibit were directed to the contractor. The County intends to pursue a similar arrangement for the 2012 exhibit.

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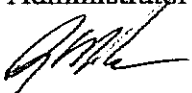
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Birgitta Corsello, Solano County Administrator

CC: Stephen Pierce, Public Communications Officer, Office of County Administrator

FROM: Robert C. Meador, Solano County State Fair Exhibit Coordinator 

DATE: September 2, 2011

SUBJECT: 2011 State Fair Exhibit Final Report

The 2011 Solano County exhibit, under the banner of "SOLANO COUNTY - WE HAVE A GREEN THUMB," continued our annual practice of showcasing the county's agricultural heritage. The central feature of the 2011 exhibit was a life-sized greenhouse stocked with fresh locally grown produce, flowers and greenery of all shapes and sizes. Visitors were able to walk through the greenhouse and around the exterior areas, which featured a brass head and foot board "bed of flowers" arranged as the American Flag. Complementing the exterior area was an Asian garden with fabricated animated rabbits acknowledging the Chinese "Year of the Rabbit," and paying tribute to Solano County's Sister City of J'ian in the Republic of China. A PowerPoint display reflected our county's crop report and a scenic video of Solano County filmed from the air, water and land, providing visitors with an interesting overview of the county. Our entire exhibit was complemented by many bright colors and a lively country music sound track. In advance of the opening of the 2011 State Fair, we had the opportunity to promote our exhibit through an entry in the Vacaville Fiesta Days parade in May. Our entry consisted of a decorated truck with banners and "Poppy" the official mascot of the California State Fair. Our entry placed first in the novelty-miscellaneous group.

As in years past, we handed out tens of thousands of packets of Jelly Belly samples to visitors to our exhibit. Additionally, copies of tourist guides and other informative publications concerning the county and its cities were also available for visitors.

The exhibit was staffed on a full-time basis with volunteers from across the county, including representatives from Travis AFB. We had approximately 140 volunteers this year, all of whom were outfitted with colorful "Solano County" T-shirts and aprons.

This year's exhibit, as with the past eleven years' exhibits, was created and designed by Paul Curtis, who provided all artistic design and fabrication of the whimsical animals and other display items. County staff member, Cliff Covey, during non-county time, engineered the computer programming that controlled the exhibit. Kanon Artiche, on non-county time, assisted in auditing the final display.

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This year's effort was a new experience for Paul Curtis and me since we were the only remaining members of a once larger State Fair Exhibit Team that had constructed the county's exhibits over the previous 11 years. As you are aware, we operated under a completely new concept, where I was responsible for creating the exhibit with greatly reduced funding. The funding amounted to \$45,000, with which I was responsible for purchasing all materials and services necessary for construction of a respectable exhibit. The contract also provided use of sponsor donations. Under the authority allowed in the contract, I sub-contracted Curtis Designs (Paul Curtis) for design, fabrication, and other creative services dedicated to the exhibit. Two carpenters were also hired to build the greenhouse and related components. The greenhouse modular panels were first built in Vacaville, assembled in its intended final form and then disassembled for painting and subsequent transport to Cal Expo. The painting was performed by Paul Curtis, a volunteer and me. We were permitted to move our greenhouse, in panel sections, into Cal Expo on June 24th. We did so with the assistance of two volunteers and one of our long-time sponsors, Vince Guisande of Tri-City Glass and Mirror of Suisun. Vince provided the glass hauling type A-Frame trailer and truck free of charge.

Once the greenhouse sections were in place at Cal Expo our carpenters assembled it and completed some fine finishing work as well as assist in the installation of a small picket fence bordering the entire exhibit space. One of the carpenters came back on three occasions to volunteer by staffing the exhibit.

The actual task of setting up the remainder of the exhibit and all display items was performed by Paul Curtis, a volunteer friend of Paul Curtis, Dennis Ujimori, and me.

Our efforts in putting forth a first class exhibit were acknowledged by the California State Fair Judges in awarding us a Gold Medal for scoring 95 out of a possible 100 points. The score of 95 points resulted in a tie for first place with Placer County, making us both eligible for the Best of Show Award. The Judges broke the tie on a 3-2 vote with Placer winning out. However, once again, visitors to the Fair overwhelmingly voted for Solano County as the most popular county exhibit for the "People's Choice Award." We were also honored with the Manager's Award which is given to the county that staffs its exhibit with volunteers full time, the friendliness of the volunteers, the uniformity of the volunteer's dress (T-shirts) and the quality of handouts to visitors.

I have attached a financial accounting statement to this report which reveals that we finished well under our projected budget. This was possible through careful planning, prudent use of funding and the assistance of our sponsors with both monetary and in-kind donations. The awards we received also translated to cash premiums, as we received \$4,486.70 from the State Fair for our accomplishments. This is a lower amount than in previous years for similar awards because of reduced budgets by the State Fair for their award pool. Adding to the award money, we received a total of \$1,650 in cash donations from local sponsors from our business community. Much appreciated monetary contribution sponsors were as follows: the Vacaville Conference and Visitors Bureau (\$500), Travis Credit Union (\$500), Plumbers and Steamfitters Union Local 343 (\$250), Link and Link Realtors of Vacaville (\$200), Superior Farms of Dixon (\$100), and Solano First Federal Credit Union (\$100).

We would also like to publicly acknowledge the generous and continuous donations of the Jelly Belly Candy Company, whose in-kind handouts and display products were valued at approximately \$11,000. Hines Nurseries, for the twelfth consecutive year, donated nursery display products valued

at approximately \$5,000; All Bay Mill and Lumber Company of American Canyon provided deeply discounted lumber and other building materials; Fenton's Creamery of Vacaville provided free ice cream coupons valued at approximately \$1,500; Mariani Packing Company provided dried fruit display items; Gibson Canyon Farm provided fresh produce at discounted cost, and Tri-City Mirror and Glass of Suisun City donated transportation of the greenhouse and provided all plastic panels for the greenhouse at cost. Donations or loan of display and handout items were also received from the following: Ledgewood Winery and Wooden Valley Winery of Suisun Valley, El Rancho Nursery of Vacaville, Campbell's of Dixon. Shelli Vasquez and Vasquez Deli in Vacaville donated a variety of display items. California Railroad Museum, Vallejo Visitors and Convention Bureau, Vacaville Visitor's and Conference Bureau, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Bureau and Jovia Olive Oil of Dixon all provided handout or display items.

Once the exhibit was in place and open to the public, the volunteers who staffed the exhibit performed magnificently as Ambassadors of Solano County. There were many complimentary comments emanating from State Fair Management and Staff as well as the many exhibit visitors concerning the friendliness of our volunteers. We are extremely proud of all the individuals who contributed so much to the success of this award-winning exhibit.

Solano County has also once again been promoted and showcased to the approximately 700,000 visitors to the counties exhibits at the 2011 California State Fair. The comments from a multitude of visitors, both Solano County residents and others, strongly validated the success of the exhibit and those involved. Solano County residents expressed extreme pride in the exhibit. As in years past, a great number of non-Solano County residents, for the first time, became aware of our county and what it has to offer. Many were not even aware of the existence or location of the county until visiting the exhibit and asking questions of the volunteers and me. The comments and questions from Solano County residents and especially non-residents, leaves all of us involved, including staffing volunteers, that this type of effort is a significant promotion and marketing tool for our county.

I would like to once again extends my sincere appreciation to the Solano County Administrator and the Solano County Board of Supervisors for their continuing support of our county's participation in the State Fair, by far being the most supportive of any California county.

ACCOUNTING SUMMARY
2011 SOLANO COUNTY STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

REVENUE

Contract Amount	\$45,000.00
Sponsor Donations	1,650.00
State Fair award premium	<u>4,487.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	51,137.00

EXPENSES

Basic Construction materials, All Bay Mill and Lumber	659.90
Plastic Panels – Tri-City Glass and Mirror	1,243.18
Construction hardware, parts, supplies, materials and display items	3,907.38
Electronic Parts	149.18
Produce purchases	164.36
Solano Grown Seed Packets (Handouts) (Solano County Ag Dept)	202.50
Silkworm Graphics (T-shirts for Volunteers)	1,166.74
Cleaning and general supplies	104.51
Arik Phillips construction/ carpentry compensation	1,900.00
Luis Demarchena construction/carpentry compensation	1,900.00
Postage	27.20
Document copying fees (volunteer instruction packets)	70.23
Miscellaneous expense	108.02
Curtis Designs Payment	19,755.19
Contractor Compensation	<u>19,778.61</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	51,137.00