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To: Board of Supervisors
From: Michael D. Johnson, County Administrator
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Subject: Biweekly Update of Significant Issues

1. County Administrator's Update on Contracts

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

- First 5 Solano, a \$4,050 contract with Hatchuel Tabernick and Associates (effective October 8, 2010 to December 31, 2011) to provide consultant services for a strategic plan update, \$44,000.
- First 5 Solano, a contract with Glen Price Group (effective December 9, 2010 to July 31, 2011) to write a fund development plan and grant template, \$39,091.

2. Public Meeting on Redwood Parkway/Fairgrounds Drive Improvement Project on Jan. 26

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA), in partnership with Solano County and the City of Vallejo, is working on a project to improve the transportation infrastructure near the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. Potential improvements include modifications to the I-80/Redwood Parkway interchange including several of the on- and off-ramps, widening of Fairgrounds Drive, relocation of the Fairgrounds Drive/Redwood Parkway intersection, and installation and modification of several traffic signals. The project at full build out will require significant right-of-way acquisition, some of which may involve developed properties, and is envisioned to be implemented in phases.

Funding for the environmental work is largely (80 percent) paid for with federal High Priority Project (earmark) funds obtained by Solano County. The local matching funds are provided by Solano County, the City of Vallejo and STA.

The Project Study Report for the improvements was completed and approved by Caltrans in 2009. The current effort is to obtain environmental clearance for the project. The schedule calls for the draft environmental document to be completed by fall 2011, with the final approval of the environmental document slated for summer 2012. To obtain public input on issues that should be considered during the environmental clearance process, the STA will be holding a public scoping meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 26 at Cooper Elementary School, 612 Del Mar Avenue in Vallejo.

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3. Update on Impact of County Assuming Juvenile Parole Supervision

Under the terms of AB 1628, the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2010 that took effect on January 19, 2011, counties will gradually assume juvenile parole supervision over the next three years and courts will establish the conditions for supervision, assuming that responsibility from the Juvenile Parole Board.

The legislation calls for the Juvenile Parole Board to determine when a youth is sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant release from a Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facility, but authorizes local courts to establish supervision conditions and for county probation officers to ensure those conditions have been met. The legislation also authorizes the courts, rather than the Juvenile Parole Board, to conduct hearings to modify those terms, which could include re-confinement when it is warranted by a youth's behavior.

The full transition of juvenile parole to counties will be completed no later than July 1, 2014. Counties will receive \$15,000 per year for two years for each ward released to county supervision. In addition up to \$115,000 will be available for each youth requiring removal from the community due to a violation of probation after being discharged from DJJ.

The impact of this legislation on Solano County is limited due to the small number of youth currently committed to DJJ. There are four releases to probation supervision anticipated this calendar year and a current population of eight Solano wards at DJJ.

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