



**SOLANO
COUNTY**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
Date: July 14, 2014
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's Update on Contracts

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

- Department of Human Resources, a contract with Bartel Associates LLC to continue to provide analysis of PERS pension rates, \$30,000 for April 22, 2013 to June 30, 2015.
- Department of Human Resources, a contract with Randy Young to provide professional services to Human Resources in the area of classification/compensation and related duties and functions, \$38,031 for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

2) Health and Human Services to Release Three Substance Abuse Prevention Requests for Proposal (RFPs) in June

Health and Social Services (H&SS) is issuing three Requests for Proposals for Substance Abuse (SA) Prevention services in adherence to the State-approved *Solano County Strategic Prevention Plan for Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Prevention, FY 12-18*.

For a number of years, the seven "Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Prevention City Teams" and two other vendors providing Substance Abuse Prevention Services have been allocated funding from the County with combinations of County General Fund, Drug Free Communities Grant funding, and/or State Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant funding. The State requires H&SS to conduct periodic RFPs for services rendered through contracts utilizing State Substance Abuse Prevention funding. In addition, H&SS must periodically RFP funds to comply with Solano County's Purchasing and Procurement Policies and Procedures.

Issuing competitive RFPs may change the current landscape of Substance Abuse Prevention providers, which is why this significant issues memo is of importance. Some of the current vendors may or may not choose to apply and opportunities are created for new vendors to compete to provide these services. H&SS staff has repeatedly discussed the need to RFP funds for SA Prevention with participants at the ATOD Prevention Collaborative (which includes all of the ATOD City Teams) since the *Strategic Prevention Plan* was approved in July 2012; therefore H&SS staff anticipates that current vendors will not be surprised by the issuance of the RFPs.

The main RFP for service implementation places significant emphasis on Environmental Policy work (i.e. healthy retail policies, tobacco retail licensing, conditional use permits, signage ordinances) vs. funding "programs" for individual/group behavior change as had been the prior emphasis. Environmental prevention and public policy work has the potential to improve the health and positively impact tens or

hundreds of thousands of Solano residents and is a best practice in alignment with the State's expectations for use of State Substance Abuse Prevention funds and H&SS's *Strategic Prevention Plan*.

In order to help agencies be successful in submitting a competitive proposal, H&SS SA Prevention staff:

- Held a Grants/Proposal Writing 101 training on February 11, 2014, which was widely advertised through multiple email distribution lists and in the newspapers;
- Held workshops (South County, March 7, 2014 in Vallejo and North County, March 12, 2014 in Vacaville) to walk participants through the County's *Strategic Prevention Plan*; these workshops were also widely promoted through multiple email distribution lists and in the newspapers;
- Encouraged all participants in the workshops and trainings to become familiar with the *Strategic Prevention Plan*; both H&SS and the Purchasing Department posted the plan on our respective websites for easy access.

H&SS anticipates that awards will be made in the following areas: 1) Environmental Policy and Programs, 2) Coalition Support and Policy Support for Contractors, and 3) Evaluation Services. H&SS expects to award between 7 and 9 contracts for an 18-month service period from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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3) Fairfield Flood Protection Validation and Conceptual Study – Project Status Update

On March 26, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's participation in the joint Fairfield Flood Protection Validation and Conceptual Study (Study) with the State of California Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) prepared by the consulting firm Lionakis of Sacramento through an on-call services contract with the AOC.

On November 6, 2013, the County Administrator provided an update to the Solano County Grand Jury in response to the Grand Jury's October 29, 2013 request for information regarding the status of the Study.

Following a protracted contract approval process within the AOC, on December 2, 2013, Lionakis began work on the Study and delivered the final draft of the Study on April 24, 2014. The Study documents two strategies; one for dealing with a 15 year flood event and one for a 25 year flood event, both within the bounded property area of the Solano Justice Campus site. The Study was built upon two previous reports generated by Winzler & Kelly (2009) and Jacobs (2011). The Winzler & Kelly report studied a regional area solution and was commissioned by the City of Fairfield and the County. The Jacobs report commissioned by the AOC, studied solutions specific to protecting the Fairfield Hall of Justice (HOJ) building.

Over the period of December 2013 and April 2014, reports were prepared, presented and reviewed by AOC staff, City of Fairfield staff and Solano County staff including representatives from CAO; Resource Management; Sheriff, OES and Probation; District Attorney; Public Defender and General Services culminating in the final draft Study submitted on April 24, 2014. Final comments from reviewers have been sent to Lionakis and they have incorporated them into the Study. The Study results document that 75% of the incoming waters during a flood event are from external sources and recommends the construction of a retention basin on the county campus as the onsite option. The retention basin if constructed could capture incoming flood waters and hold them until they can be drained into the existing storm drainage system.

As a result of the Study, a renewed dialog between the City of Fairfield and Solano County to discuss the findings of this Study has been initiated by staff to recruit potential joint solutions and further discuss the onsite concept. A workgroup between the three government entities (county state AOC, and city is being

created to continue the efforts to finding a suitable and effective set of solutions that can be implemented to address flooding, engage regional partners and discuss potential funding sources to deliver a solution that will be beneficial to all parties.

A history and summary of the studies and options for the downtown campus area will be compiled and a presentation will be made to the Board as part of the capital improvement and campus plan update.

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