



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator
Date: July 20, 2020
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's update on contracts

The County Administrator signed the following contracts within her authority since the last Significant Issues memo, including:

- (1) The Department of Health and Social Services, Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (AAA), a contract with Stella Chwenyea Wu-Chu, to serve as a nutritionist, \$30,000, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The funding source is State General Fund (SGF) C1 and C2 grant funds.
- (2) The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, a contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), to perform a noxious weed survey, mapping and mitigation control, \$40,000, from May 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021. The funding source is a State of California grant.
- (3) The County Administrator's Office, First 5, a contract with Eide Bailly, to conduct the First 5 audit required by the California legislature, \$42,000, from May 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. The funding source is State Allocation Prop 10 funds.
- (4) The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health division, a contract with Cambridge Medical Professionals, to provide professional recruitment services, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022, \$56,800. The funding sources include County General Fund, \$25,746 (45%) and County 2011 Realignment funds, \$31,054 (55%).
- (5) The Department of Health and Social Services, Mental Health division, a contract with Firdouse Hug, M.D., to provide psychiatric medical services, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, \$70,833. The funding sources include federal Short Doyle, \$36,590 (51%), state Short Doyle, \$1,436 (2%), County 2011 Realignment funds, \$16,879 (24%), County General Fund, \$13,993 (20%) and other private pay, \$1,936 (3%).
- (6) The Department of Health and Social Services, Medical Services division, a contract with Children's Choice Pediatric Dental Care, to provide anesthesia services to eligible Solano County children, \$74,000, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The funding source is Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) funds.
- (7) The Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, a contract with Harder and Company Community Research, to provide evaluation and project management services to the Tobacco Prevention and Education program, \$74,160, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The funding source is Prop 99 funds.

2) Emergency Popup Child Care for Essential Workers in Vallejo

The Solano County Office of Emergency Services, in response to the COVID-19 emergency pandemic, activated First 5 Solano, starting in March 2020, to provide child care options for families of essential workers in Vallejo. First 5 Solano engaged a handful of community partners, including the Solano County Office of Education, Vallejo City Unified School District, Solano Family and Children's Service and Child Start, Inc. to collaborate in the implementation of popup childcare sites throughout Vallejo.

First 5 Solano, with the help of these community partners, was able provide care for more than 120 children, ages 0-12 while their parents were at work, all at no cost to parents or the County. First 5 Solano is exceedingly grateful to these organizations for making a significant investment in our community, essential workers and the health and wellbeing of children during the pandemic.

In addition to providing child care through popup sites, First 5 Solano also contracted with a family-owned in-home private daycare provider, helping fill an essential gap in services for children ages 0-2. First 5 Solano covered the cost of this provider for families of essential workers and will seek reimbursement from the state once they become available.

Families that received care because of the popup child care provider includes:

- 76 families with a total of 124 children ages 0-12
- 17 families (29 children) received care in Vallejo popups, including 12 families at Cooper Elementary School in the Vallejo Unified School District and 5 families at Care4EM, a family child care home provider
- 22 families were referred to Solano Family and Children's Services for a provider and/or emergency subsidies
- 11 families were referred to Continuing Development Inc. for preschool age care

Today, child care services are continuing through Cooper Elementary School and with the private, in-home child care provider. Child care services will continue to be available to essential workers for the time being – and until they can return to their normal child care facilities – giving parents the time, flexibility and comfort of knowing their children are being well cared for while they perform essential duties in benefit of Solano County residents and the community.

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3) Governor orders cancellation of tax default on real-property sales for 2020 / postponed due to COVID emergency

On March 30, 2020 Solano County was informed by State Controller Betty Yee that the Governor had declared a state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and currently scheduled tax default real-property sale by local tax collectors should be canceled or postponed until further direction is provided by the Governor. On April 6, 2020, the State Controller Betty Yee, consistent with the Governor's moratorium on property foreclosures during the COVID-19 crisis (Executive Orders N-28-20, 2020), recommended that currently scheduled tax default real-property sales be canceled or postponed pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code §3706.1. This includes the May 2021 sale that was included in the FY2020/21 budget.

Cancellation of the scheduled sale by the County Tax Collector will have a direct impact on the budgeted revenues and appropriations of the Tax Collector division of the Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk budget. This results in a shortfall of approximately \$74,000 in assessment and tax collection revenues

anticipated from the May 20/21 sale and \$11,000 in other professional services revenues, for a total decrease of \$85,000 in revenues.

Costs associated with conducting a sale of tax default properties include fixed costs of \$32,500 in contracted services that will be incurred with or without the holding of a sale. Additional contracted costs of approximately \$20,000 and incidental costs of \$5,000 may be reduced or eliminated by the anticipated sale cancellation.

As a result of this change, net county costs are anticipated to increase by \$60,000.

The 2020 tax sale scheduled for May 2020 would have recovered approximately \$6.4 million in delinquent taxes. Approximately \$1.3 million of the \$6.4 million would have been penalties and interest returned to the tax-loss reserve fund, and the remainder would have relieved the Auditor's receivable for the money already Teetered out to the taxing entities.

These parcels will be offered at the next sale in addition to the parcels included from 2021, and possibly the following year as the next tax default real-property sale may be delayed until May 2022.

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