



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

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### **1) County Administrator's Update on Contracts**

- The Department of Library Services, a contract with Lori Bowne Ayre, the Galecia Group, to analyze the Library's circulation and materials handling process and make recommendations for using automated materials handling technologies, self-service check-in and automated sorting to improve service to customers and overall efficiency of the system, \$44,000, from June 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The funding source is the Library Fund, including property and sales tax.
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Medical Services division, a contract with PSYCHeANALYTICS, Inc., to provide consultation, clinical guidance and software licensing of its behavioral health solution to increase the County's ability to assess, treat and monitor the behavioral health needs of patients, \$44,000, from February 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. The funding source is Intergovernmental Transfer of funds (IGT).
- The Department of Health and Social Services, Administration, a contract with Performance Works, to conduct a baseline organizational assessment for H&SS to serve as the basis for developing a strategic plan and performance metrics for H&SS Administration, \$44,000, from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. The funding source is a mix of State and Federal Realignment dollars.
- The Human Resource Department, a contract with JobAps, Inc., for annual license fees, maintenance and technical support of employment application software, \$45,999, from April 2, 2017 to March 31, 2018. The funding source is County General Fund.

### **2) NASA @ My Library**

Solano County Library was selected as one of 75 libraries nationwide (out of 513 total applicants) and one of three public libraries in the California to participate in the *NASA@ My Library* initiative. The initiative was created by the *National Center for Interactive Learning* (NCIL) at the Space Science Institute (SSI), in partnership with the ALA Public Programs Office, the Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center.

Phase 1 of the *NASA@ My Library* project takes place between May 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018.

As a grant winner, Solano County Library will receive:

- Two NASA STEM Facilitation Kits designed for use in hands-on STEM programming facilitated by library staff or outside groups, such as NASA subject matter experts. The kits include STEM tools

and hands-on activities based on the following themes: “Sun-Earth-Moon Connections” and “Expanding Your Senses.” These themes fit in nicely with the Library’s recently adopted strategic plan

- A tablet computer, pre-loaded with apps, educational games and visualizations relevant to the kit materials
- Inclusion in a two-day NASA workshop in Denver
- Promotion to NASA subject matter expert networks for potential program partnerships
- Training webinars about using the NASA@ My Library materials in programming
- Ongoing networking opportunities with participating libraries.

As a recipient, here are some of the programs already planned:

- A computer science program series designed around building simple circuits and learning basic coding that can be shared among Libraries. In Rio Vista, staff are developing programs to teach basic coding concepts using Raspberry Pi computers, donated hardware, and the Scratch programming language.
- Vacaville staff will use three LittleBits Kits that contain electronic parts that snap together easily and can be combined to make simple circuits, robots, and a wide variety of other projects. These kits do not require extra equipment or special skills. Staff will be able to enhance the program beyond these kits since they can be used with other electronic equipment such as Arduino and Makey Makey to build more complex projects that can be controlled using computer code. Library staff will also work with the local high school robotics clubs to help present the material.
- In anticipation of the 2017 Solar Eclipse, the Library will host a series of astronomy-related events. The Town Square Library, in Vacaville, will host a program where families will create a small scale hands-on solar eclipse model, view the eclipse through special lenses, and take home a photo of themselves posing in front of a solar system-themed photo booth. Staff will invite a speaker from the Ames Research Center and up to three stargazing contacts to enrich the program. In addition, library staff will host a summer long social media contest, “Design Your Constellation” that will be promoted in tandem with this series of programs.
- Library staff will host a weather-themed program in Vallejo. The Suisun Marsh Natural History Association will demonstrate cloud formation variations and educate youth about Bay Area weather patterns. Meteorologists from local Bay Area stations will take on a volunteer role and assist the Lawrence Hall of Science to lead a weather and climate change experiment. Families will be encouraged to download the NASA GLOBE Observer app and share their discoveries. Library staff will use a green screen to project meteorology videos for youth to narrate in their own meteorology news segment that they can post to YouTube.

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### **3) Refresh of the Solano County Exhibit at the California State Capitol**

Located on the first floor of the State Capitol in Sacramento are individual exhibit spaces, each one designed to give California’s 58 counties the opportunity to tell their unique and individual story. For Solano County, it was time to update our space – to refresh the exhibit – and to give the tens of thousands of students, visitors and government officials who walk these halls a new reason to look at what makes Solano County a great place to live, learn, work and play.

It has been more than 15 years since Solano County last updated the State Capitol exhibit. The refresh project was identified and encouraged by District One Supervisor Erin Hannigan as part of the County's effort to market and promote the region, including local amenities, attractions, tourist destinations and economic development. The refreshed Solano County exhibit works to encapsulate everything that is great about Solano County and includes the following components:

- A looping video feed featuring seven (7) one-minute video vignettes, all highlighting different elements of Solano County, including a welcome message, education, healthy living, living, working and getting around, quality of life and things to do
- A meticulously crafted, hand painted three-dimensional map of Solano County, complete with the seven cities, Travis Air Force Base, local community college and universities
- A beautiful hand painted, three-dimensional replica of the Solano County seal
- A variety of photographs that spotlight some of the hot-spots in Solano County, including the budding wine industry, rich agricultural history, scenic waterways, recreation and entertainment destinations and major employment hubs
- A sign with our motto, "Solano County, a great place to live, learn, work and play," along with the County's website – a dynamic space where people can always find the most up-to-date information on Solano County programs and services

The Solano County exhibit is housed at the California State Capitol building, located at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and L Streets in Sacramento. Visiting hours are between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Admission is free.



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#### **4) Workforce Development Board Annual Career Fair is a Success**

For the last 12 years, The Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Solano County has hosted its biannual Regional Career Fair at the University of Phoenix Campus in Fairfield. This spring, the event was held onsite at the WDB office located at 320 Campus Lane in Fairfield on Thursday, April 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This was the first time the career fair was held at the WDB office.

While the venue was not as large as our previous space, we successfully reached out to 48 employers and invited them to participate. More than 330 job seekers attended the event and were also introduced to the services and programs offered daily at the America Job Center of America (AJCC), a resource partner within the Workforce Development system. This remains a no-cost event and is open to the general public.

The WDB staff will begin preparations for the fall event, including reaching out to employers who did not participate in the spring event, due to space considerations. WDB staff will make every effort to include as many employers as possible, maximizing the experience for fairgoers, employers and everyone involved. The actual venue for the fall Career Fair has not yet been determined, as the WDB of Solano County is currently assessing other location options to consider.

The overall success of the Career Fair depends on sponsorships from local business and partner agencies. The WDB is pleased to announce that Alpha Media's 95.3KUIC, 101.7KKIQ, and KKDV 92.1 radio served as the Premier Sponsor of the Regional Career Fair. Other key sponsors included the Daily Republic, Paradise Valley Estates, the Reporter/Times Herald, and Express Employment Professionals.

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