



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
Date: August 27, 2015
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:

- County Administrators Office, a contract with Economic Forensics and Analytics, Inc., to develop and present the 2015 Index of Economic and County Progress Report, \$25,000, from August 3, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- Human Resources Department, a contract with Liz Cornish, FHD Consulting, to provide effective coaching for talent management, \$5,500, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- Human Resources Department, a contract with Equifax Workforce Solutions, to provide Affordable Care Act Management Platform for IRS Section 6055 and 6056 reporting, \$35,000, from July 15, 2015 to December 31, 2016.
- Human Resources Department, a contract with Karen Ritter, to provide supporting services for recruitments during Open Negotiations, \$33,558, from August 5, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- District Attorney's Office, a contract with Bonnie M. Dennison, to provide Prop 47 legal services, \$49,999, from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- Health and Social Services, Public Health Department, a contract with Group Health Cooperative, to provide evaluation activities for initiatives undertaken for chronic disease prevention, \$49,802, from June 15, 2015 to September 29, 2015.
- Health and Social Services, Mental Health Services Department, a contract with La Clinica de la Raza, Inc., to increase access to mental health services for the Latino community, \$37,500, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

2) Fall Chip Seal Project, 2015

The Department of Resource Management, Public Works Operations Division, will begin its Fall Chip Seal Project starting September 14 and concluding by September 30th. Throughout this project, all efforts will be made to minimize traffic delays. Chip sealing is a road surface treatment of applied asphalt oil with small gradation of rock (5/16" in size) imbedded in the curing oil. This process seals the road surface to prevent water from penetrating the road base, which can contribute to road failures. Various sections of roads covering approximately 42 miles will be applied with chip seal.

This includes:

- All county roads of Ryer Island and other roads in the southeast areas around Rio Vista,
- Branscombe Road, Creed Road, and Denverton Road in the Fairfield area, and
- Fox Road, Timm Road, and Bucktown Lane in the Vacaville area.

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3) The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County partners with the Solano County Office of Education and Solano Community College to form the Northern California Career Pathway Alliance

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County along with the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) and Solano Community College are members of the Northern California Career Pathway Alliance (NCCPA). The NCCPA is a coalition of workforce development and education partners that spans across six counties (Solano, Napa-Lake, Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino) assessing the workforce demands of industry sectors in the region, and instituting new sophisticated academic curricula and career pathways to support those workforce needs.

In 2014 the NCCPA regional partnership was awarded a \$15 million California Career Pathway Trust Fund grant by the California Office of Education. The Sonoma County Office of Education is the lead agency, and the grant funding will be spent over the next five years. The purpose of the funding is to align economic development with comprehensive career pathways for students to successfully transition from high school, to post-secondary education, to employment within local and regional industry markets.

Business & Education Liaisons and Work Based Learning (WBL) Specialists have been hired by the WIB's and County Offices of Education; and Career Pathway Coordinators have been hired by the Community Colleges. They will work together to establish teacher externships and student internships with industry partners, along with convening Regional Industry Advisory Committees to ensure the proper alignment of skills training needs with the curricula and instruction at the high school and community college levels.

The NCCPA partners selected eight industry sectors and sixteen pathways. Each County then identified the industry sectors of significance to their region, and prioritized an initial sector to fast track within the first year. Solano County chose to fast track the Health Science & Medical Technology industry sector, with a career pathway focused on Biotechnology Research & Development. The County also identified Engineering & Design, Information Technology (IT), Manufacturing & Product Development, and Public Services as additional priority industry sectors.

Earlier this spring the NCCPA partners hosted a regional Education & Economic Summit in Santa Rosa with several hundred educators and business partners in attendance.

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