



# SOLANO COUNTY

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator  
Date: February 21, 2020  
Subject: Significant Issues Update (2 of 2)

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### **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 Agriculture, Weights and Measures, a contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CFDA), to perform nursery inspection and enforcement, \$25,090, from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is the County General Fund.
- (2) The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, a contract with The Pacific Institute, to provide leadership development for executive and mid-mangers and assist the Ag. Department leadership team in developing a vision and values for the organization, \$58,298, from December 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is a mix of state and federal grant funds and County General Fund.
- (3) The Department of Information Technology, a contract with Loop1 Systems, to provide staff with professional services and training and to monitor network performance, \$30,000, from October 28, 2019 to October 27, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.
- (4) The Department of Information Technology, a contract with NorthStar-IS Inc., to upgrade the Documentum ApplicationXTender upgrade to version 16.6, \$33,615, from October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.
- (5) The Department of Information Technology, a contract with Carahsoft Technology, Inc., to provide County staff with an incident response hotline, client portal, consulting support, proactive and emergency services, \$40,000, from September 23, 2019 to September 23, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.
- (6) The Department of Information Technology, a contract with Shabnam Chabi, to provide project management services for the NextGen Electronic Medical Records System, \$45,000, from October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.
- (7) The Department of Information Technology, a contract with Environmental System Research Institute (ESRI), to provide the County with the Enterprise Advantage Program, \$74,752, from October 25, 2019 to October 24, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.
- (8) The Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, a contract with Planned Parenthood of Northern California, to provide support to community health centers that provide

health care services to uninsured Solano County residents, \$39,900, from February 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.

- (9) The Department of Health and Social Services, Napa / Solano Area Agency on Aging, a contract with Meals on Wheels Solano County, to provide Title IIIB residential repairs and home modifications, \$57,869, from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is a mixture of Federal Title IIIB funds (\$35K) and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation grant funds (\$22,869).
- (10) The Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, a contract with Harder + Company Community Research, to provide evaluation and project management services to the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program, \$74,810, from February 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The funding source is Prop 56 and Prop 99 Tobacco Prevention and Education funds.

## **2) Probation staff presents at National Partnership for Juvenile Services**

Solano County Probation staff presented to national audience at the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS) Annual Symposium in Salt Lake City, Utah, on October 22, 2019. The team from the Solano County Juvenile Detention facility presented a workshop titled Responding to the Challenge to Recalibrate: Solano County Implements CBT 2.0. The team consisted of Group Counselor Jaynie Carroll, Senior Group Counselor Claudia Blanco, Supervising Group Counselor Joe Herman, Probation Services Manager Ruben Vang, and Superintendent Dean Farrah. Each participant provided their perspective on the multi-year process of training and development for staff, revision of the booking criteria and Detention Screening Tool, implementation of the new Behavior Management System, environmental improvements within the facility and the expansion of cognitive behavioral interventions with the youth.

The opportunity to present as a team consisting of different levels of staff from line staff, senior group counselor, supervising group counselor, to manager re-enforced their training of CBT 2.0 and served to solidify the ongoing implementation of CBT 2.0 within Solano County JDF. The audience was comprised of facility administrators from multiple states looking to introduce changes to their facility programs and strategies for addressing the challenges of change.

Dr. David Roush noted, "When you talk about detention reform, a lot of people have an idea of what it is, but don't fully understand what it requires until they see it and can ask questions of those doing it well. The National Partnership for Juvenile Services Symposium participants benefitted from the opportunity to hear about evidence-based reform, what it requires and how it is being implemented by the Solano County Juvenile Detention Facility."

The Solano team also attended other workshops available at the conference, learning about the future of juvenile justice, juvenile justice reform, the adolescent brain, and staff retention. The team also toured the Salt Lake Valley Detention Center generating additional programming ideas and an agreement between facilities to share common data elements used to track performance.

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## **3) 2019 Final Groundwater Subbasin Priority Ranking – Solano Subbasin to be maintained as medium priority**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) prioritizes groundwater subbasins throughout California by categorizing them as very low, medium, high, and critical priority based on a variety of factors that impact the potential sustainability of the aquifer. This prioritization is re-evaluated every five-years or

sooner if a groundwater basin's boundary is modified. Solano County has three groundwater basins: the Napa-Sonoma Lowlands located in the western portion of the County and the Fairfield-Suisun Groundwater Basin, which are prioritized as very low and low respectively, and the Solano Subbasin located in the eastern half of the County, which has a medium priority.

In 2018 DWR proposed to increase the priority ranking of the Napa-Sonoma Lowlands from very low to medium priority and the Solano Subbasin from medium to high priority. Increasing the Napa-Sonoma Lowlands to a medium priority groundwater basin could have significant impacts to agencies and residents in that basin since the formation one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) within two years and establishment of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan(s) within five years would be required pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The increase of the Solano Subbasin from a medium to a high priority ranking would create no significant immediate impact as the SGMA regulatory requirements are essentially the same for subbasins categorized as medium and high priority.

Since DWR's 2018 proposal, Department staff have worked with other counties and agencies in the various groundwater basins to obtain technical information and to provide comments to DWR against changing the designations of the various groundwater basins. In December 2019, DWR released its final basin priority designation, resulting in no change to the priority categorization of any groundwater basin within Solano County. The Napa-Sonoma Lowlands and Fairfield-Suisun basins will remain categorized as Very Low and Low priority, respectively, and the Solano Subbasin will remain a Medium priority. This results in no change to the current regulatory requirements for the basins under SGMA. Department staff continues to be engaged with the Solano Subbasin GSA and the other GSAs established within the Solano Subbasin to develop a basin-wide Groundwater Sustainability Plan that is due January 31, 2022.

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#### **4) Update: former Fouts Springs Youth Facility closure**

##### **Project Background:**

The former Fouts Springs Youth Facility (FSYF) was located on 74 acres of federally-owned land in Colusa County at 1333 Fouts Springs Road, Stonyford, operated by the Solano County Probation Department through a Special Use Permit established in 1959 between Solano County and the United States Forest Service.

In August 2011, the County closed Fouts due to unanticipated program changes and State mandated budget reductions. The Special Use Permit required the County to remove thirty-three buildings totaling approximately 62,000 square feet and return the site to its natural state consistent with the decommissioning and site restoration plan approved by the Forest Service. The County's corresponding Decommissioning Project was developed to be implemented in two phases.

##### **Decommissioning project timeline:**

**August 9, 2016: Agreement approved for Phase 1 of FSYF demolition** including removal of 18 of 33 buildings and certain site improvements, and closure of FSYF wastewater treatment facility

##### **June 27, 2017: Notice of Completion approved and recorded for Phase 1**

- Phase I removed eighteen buildings and returned the affected land to its natural state at a cost of \$467,782. The original contract amount was \$492,782. The Notice of Completion for this work was approved and recorded

- The Department of Resource Management had approved construction (demolition) plans
- Phase I work was conducted in coordination with requirements of United States Forest Service, State Water Resources Control Board, and the Colusa County Development Services Department. June 5, 2018: contract approved for Phase 2 of FSYF demolition, including the remaining 15 buildings, four minor ancillary structures and revegetation of disturbed areas with native species.

**June 5, 2018: Agreement approved for Phase 1 of FSYF demolition**, including the remaining nineteen structures – (15) concrete and block buildings and (4) ancillary structures – grading and re-vegetating the remaining disturbed site area to return it to its natural state.

**June 11, 2019: Notice of Completion approved and recorded for Phase 2**

- The USFS has received, reviewed, provided comments on, and approved, the construction plans and specifications. The County of Colusa issued the building demolition permit and conducted related inspections, including permitting and inspection of soil boring samples.
- The completed final phase of work allowed the County to request closing of the County’s Special Use Permit and release of liability of the site with the United States Forest Service (USFS).

**July 19, 2019: Ann D. Carlson, Mendocino National Forest Supervisor, authorized closure of the Special Use Permit** GR15, issued to Solano County for the FSYF, effective immediately.

**No further action** regarding FSYF is anticipated.

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**5) Unaccounted fixed assets report**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 24051 and in accordance with the County’s Fixed Assets Accountability and Control Policy, each County department head, elected or appointed, is responsible for all property purchased for, assigned to, or otherwise provided to his/her department. Each respective department is responsible for conducting an annual physical inventory of the fixed assets as of June 30, and is required to submit a signed copy of the inventory list to the Auditor-Controller by September 30.

On February 5, 2008, the Board of Supervisors delegated the authority to release a department head from accountability of unaccounted fixed assets to the County Administrator under the following conditions: a) Unaccounted Fixed Asset has a Fair Market Value of less than \$5,000; or b) Fixed Asset is stolen and has a Fair Market Value of less than \$5,000, department has provided a copy of a police report and the CAO has determined no negligence.

The Fixed Asset Inventory for FY2018/19 identified two unaccounted items which are more than five years old with a historical cost of \$10,136. These items were reported by Department of Information Technology and District Attorney.

Dept#	Department Name	TAG #	Description	Acquisition Date	Historical Cost	Book Value	Fair	Explanation Provided by Department
					Assets OVER 5 Years		Market Value	
6500	District Attorney	54050	Motorola Audio Transmitter	8/28/2000	2,136.76	0.00	0.00	Unable to locate.
1870	Department of Information Technology	1005079	Handheld Analog/Digital Tester	5/5/2004	7,999.21	0.00	200.00	Unable to locate. A missing property report was filed with the Sheriff's Office in August 2019.
					<b>10,135.97</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200.00</b>	

The total fair market value of the unaccounted items is \$200.00 and therefore meets the requirements of the authority delegated to the CAO. The Auditor-Controller's Office has reminded the departments of the County's Fixed Asset Policy as it relates to disposition of assets. The County Administrator's Office is working with the affected department to determine final disposition.

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