



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: BOS  
Department No.: 011  
For Agenda Of: 1/27/09  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes on 2/3/09  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Board Member(s) Supervisor Janet Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Contact Info: Mary O' Gorman, Executive Assistant, 568.2191  
**SUBJECT: Report on Countywide Free Library System**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Select\_Other

As to form: Select\_Concurrence

**Recommended Actions:**

Set a hearing for February 3, 2009 for 30 minutes to receive a report on the countywide free library system.

**Summary Text:**

The County contracts with the cities of Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria for the provision of library services throughout the County. Library services are provided through each Cities' main library and branch locations as a way to efficiently use existing facilities and utilize the technical expertise of the Librarians rather than creating a County-operated library system. The hearing on February 3, 2009 will provide an overview of the library system, including information about the structure of the library system, services provided, performance measures and trends and challenges facing the libraries.

**Background:**

This item is on the Board's agenda to provide detailed information about the countywide library system, including how libraries are organized (structure), the types of services provided, the performance of the library and trends and challenges facing the libraries including funding, responding to the various needs of library users and other operational and environmental factors.

**Performance Measure:**

Measures will be included as part of the February 3, 2009 report.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: There is no fiscal impact with conducting a hearing on the countywide free library system. The contract between the County and the three cities for library services is \$2,911,758 for Fiscal Year 2008-09. A detailed description of the funding and fiscal issues facing the libraries will be provided for the February 3, 2009 hearing.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

N/A

**FTEs:**

N/A

**Special Instructions:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

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