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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
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Chandra L. Wallar
JUN 21 2011

SUBJECT: CSAC 2011 Challenge Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Authorize the County Executive Officer to sign and submit a letter of endorsement for the County's entries into the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2011 Challenge Awards competition.

Background:

This item is on the Board's agenda to endorse the submittal of entries into the CSAC Challenge Awards competition by authorizing the County Executive Officer to sign the required letter of endorsement.

Summary Text:

Each year the California State Association of Counties holds a competition (the Challenge Awards) to recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments in finding new and effective ways to provide programs and services to their residents. Projects or programs must have been in existence for at least one year and will be evaluated based on innovation, uniqueness, cost-effectiveness and ease of replication. The County proposes to submit the following entries:

1. **FIRST FIVE: Public-Private Partnerships to Support Educational Success**

Taking an innovative approach and having Santa Barbara County's First 5 serve as the "operating partner" overseeing contract management technical assistance and evaluation THRIVE has worked in five different communities to improve child development.

2. **FIRST FIVE: Reaching Ethnically & Linguistically Isolated Communities**
For the past three years, First 5 of Santa Barbara County has partnered to broadcast *Radio Bilingue*'s educational bilingual program – *La Hora Mixteca* locally.
3. **PUBLIC WORKS: Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP)**
The RdMAP is the work plan for the Transportation Division's corrective and preventive road maintenance activities for the fiscal year.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS: Palomino Road Repair**
This project used recycled, shredded tires to cost-effectively repair Palomino Road, reducing the drain on maintenance resources and recycling an estimated 35,000 tires.
5. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Volunteer Attorney Externship Program**
The District Attorney's Office created the Volunteer Attorney Externship program to combat the dual challenges of rising caseloads (418 per attorney) and decreasing prosecutor staffing (11.5% in the last five years). This innovative program provides an opportunity for new lawyers to gain practical courtroom experience, while allowing the department to maintain core services to the public at no additional cost. Each volunteer attorney commits to a minimum of 6 months of full-time service as a part of the Volunteer Attorney Externship Program.
6. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Arson Task Force**
The District Attorney created an Arson Task Force made up of well over 30 fire officials from throughout Santa Barbara County. The Task Force meets regularly to share ideas and information. At no extra cost to the County, two Senior Deputy District Attorneys and one criminal investigator have been assigned to this task force. The Arson Task Force has already been instrumental in the investigation of several structure fires throughout Santa Barbara County, which not only leads to quicker resolutions on fire investigations, but more importantly, the Task Force helps save lives through a focused attention of prosecutors.
7. **SOCIAL SERVICES: Santa Barbara County Children's Wraparound Program**
Dedicated individuals form a strong collaborative between Social Services, Probation, and Mental Health to maintain youth in their community and out of institutional care.
8. **SOCIAL SERVICES: Mobilizing Child Abuse Prevention Partnerships**
Three Central Coast counties have aligned prevention services to increase impact, realize efficiencies and create a coordinated approach to reducing child abuse and neglect.
9. **GENERAL SERVICES: Renewed Vision for Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building**
A vision created whereby the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building is restored, stakeholders collaborate and the Veterans renew their sense of pride in their facility.
10. **PUBLIC HEALTH: Multi-jurisdictional Approach to EMS system Improvements**
The project provided a unique opportunity for multiple Emergency Medical Service Agencies (4) and counties (8) to work collectively on a continuous quality improvement (CQI) project utilizing standardized training, policies, protocols, and most notably a uniform CQI process and data collection tool. In ambulance-transported patients nausea and vomiting are frequent and very uncomfortable symptoms. This project implemented a multi-county

approach to test the use of an anti-nausea medication given by paramedics, which achieved an outcome more quickly, with increased cost-effectiveness and greater benefit to more jurisdictions. The project was a stunning success and is now copied in nearly every county in the California.

11. ADMHS: Consumer and Family Member Peer Support Training

The Consumer and Family Member Peer Support Training Program provided interested consumers and family members an opportunity to participate in a 10-day training program to build skills for entry or re-entry into the workforce. The focus of the training has been helping participants assume roles as providers of peer/family support to individuals served by the County's public mental health system. Eight of the trainees were selected to serve in half-time, paid internships throughout the County.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: There is a \$50 entry fee per submittal, for a total cost of \$400.

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