



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**For Agenda Of:** 3/24/15  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Memorandum Of Understanding with Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, Inc. (SCTCA), for the acknowledgment of responsibility of SCTCA for the provision of CalWORKs assistance payments and services to American Indian and Alaska Natives families in Santa Barbara County

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services (DSS) Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, Inc. (SCTCA), for the acknowledgment of responsibility of SCTCA for the provision of CalWORKs assistance payments and services to American Indian and Alaska Natives (AIAN) families in Santa Barbara county (Attachment 1); and
2. Authorize the Director of Social Services to execute extensions of the term of this MOU; and
3. Determine that the approval and execution of the MOU is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the execution of the MOU is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the MOU between DSS and SCTCA for the acknowledgment of responsibility of SCTCA for the provision of CalWORKs assistance payments and services to AIAN families who live on reservation lands and off-reservation Santa Barbara County areas. DSS recommends approving the MOU.

**Background:**

SCTCA and DSS first entered into this agreement in 1998 and now wish to update the agreement per the State approved State Family Assistance Grant to Native Americans at off-reservation areas in Santa Barbara County. A consortium of Tribes, including, but not limited to the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians has authorized the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association, by resolution, to provide AIAN families a Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF) family assistance program and to negotiate and execute this MOU.

SCTCA is funded directly from federal and state sources for the provision of a Tribal TANF family assistance program. The goal is to avoid duplication of benefits. If either party discovers that a AIAN family living in Santa Barbara County area received CalWORKs benefits from the County instead of Tribal TANF services, SCTCA will repay the County of Santa Barbara for all costs of services provided by the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY2014/15 Cost</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>	<u>FY2014/15 Total Cost</u>
General Fund		\$ -	\$ -
State			\$ -
Federal			\$ -
Fees			\$ -
Other:		\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

This MOU will not generate any costs billable from one party to the other.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
0

**FTEs:**  
0

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two (2) minute orders to:

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Department of Social Services  
Attn: Contracts Coordinator, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Attachments:**

1. MOU with Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, Inc.

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