



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: 2/27/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Elliot Schulman, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer
Director
Contact Info: Frank Alvarez, MD, MPH, Deputy Health Officer, 681-5281
SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with Exxon Mobil Corporation

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a revenue Agreement with ExxonMobil Medicine and Occupational Health (hereafter ExxonMobil) to provide for testing of their employees for exposure to tuberculosis (TB) for the period March 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Summary Text:

The Public Health Department is requesting that your board execute an agreement with ExxonMobil to provide QuantiFERON-TB Gold testing services for ExxonMobil employees through the County's Public Health Laboratory. The nearest laboratories that conduct QuantiFERON Gold tests are Riverside and San Francisco. Santa Barbara County has just begun this type of testing and your Board approved a fee (\$50.00 per specimen) in May effective June 1, 2006. The request for Santa Barbara County to provide testing for ExxonMobil employees for TB exposure seems prudent since these same employees may live in, work or visit Santa Barbara and would be included in any tuberculosis control efforts of the Public Health Department.

Background:

This agreement limits the quantity of testing that will be provided in any 12 month period and contains appropriate provisions to insure efficient testing. These provisions speak to a batching process in which ExxonMobil submits specimens in batches of 20 and to the timing of when specimens can be delivered. These provisions insure optimal cost and reimbursement per test and insure that the Public Health Laboratory can meet the turnaround time for results specified in the agreement.

The QuantiFERON-TB Gold kit used to conduct the TB test has a shelf life of 90 days and provides for 40 tests. Having ExxonMobil submit specimens in batches of 20 insures optimal usage. In the event that ExxonMobil requires the County Public Health Laboratory to conduct tests in batches less than optimal and it results in the expiration of the test kit before usage, then the Public Health Laboratory will seek reimbursement for materials only.

ExxonMobil's request also allows for the Public Health Laboratory Microbiologists to be trained in this new molecular technology and to stay current on the techniques and procedures required, at no cost to the county.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 1276 (c) mandates a tuberculosis control program as one of the basic services required of local health jurisdictions. There is no reference to specific tests and how they are conducted.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

Executing the revenue Agreement with ExxonMobil will not result in increased General Fund Contribution. The approved fee of \$50 per test represents the estimated cost of material, staff time, and overhead. Optimal testing will occur in batches of 20. Additionally, if test kits expire due to specimen submittal of less than optimal, then the remaining unused tests will be compensated at \$21 each. The \$21 represents the cost of the QuantiFERON test, tax, shipping and overhead.

The not to exceed amount of \$30,000 calculates to 600 tests annually, or 50 per month. The Public Health Laboratory staff can conduct this level of testing and include it in the weekly workload without increased staffing.

Special Instructions:

Please return two original executed Agreements along with a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attn: Margaret A. Granger (805) 681-5367.

Attachments:

Agreement for services of Independent Contactor between Santa Barbara County and ExxonMobil Medicine and Occupational Health for Quantiferon TB Testing.

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