

Formation of Library Ad Hoc Committee



Board of Supervisors
October 9, 2018



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Today's Recommended Actions:

- Approve the formation of a Library Ad Hoc Committee, and appoint two County Board of Supervisors to be determined, the four library zone administrators, Library Advisory Committee Member Judith Dale, Library Friend Member Patricia Saley, and Community Services Director or his Designee for the purpose of addressing the need for an effective and sustainable long term library service delivery model ; and
- Determine that the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



Formation of Library Ad Hoc Committee - Background

May 2, 2017 – Board directed Staff to engage a library consultant for the purpose of evaluation the current County library service delivery system and funding model.

October 17, 2017 – Board approved the library consultant selection committee’s recommendation of Management Partners to provide countywide library consultant services.

April 3, 2018 – Board of Supervisors received a presentation from Management Partners, the Board also directed staff to contract with the City of Goleta in FY2018-19 for operation of Goleta Valley Library, earmark 5% for determination by the Library Advisory Committee and capped Administration charges at 20% and excluded Friends donations, both the 5% earmark and administration modifications were later rescinded.



Formation of Library Ad Hoc Committee - Background (Continued)

June 5, 2018 – Board of Supervisors restored status quo (per capita) County Funding allocation and administration charges allowed, and received an update on Fund Balance deficits from staff. The Board directed staff to create an Ad Hoc Committee to address the need for an effective long term library service delivery model.

June Budget Hearings – In addition to keeping per capita level \$7.80 at a total cost of \$3,516,200, the Board provided an additional \$200,000 (\$113,800 on-going, \$86,200 one-time) to prevent smaller libraries from reducing hours and programming.

September 19, 2018 – The Library Advisory Committee unanimously recommended for appointment Library Advisory Committee Member Judith Dale and Library Friend Member Patricia Saley to the Ad Hoc Committee.

October 2, 2018 – Countywide Library Agreement Approved.



Library Ad Hoc Committee Members

The committee will be comprised of;

- County Board of Supervisor #1 – **to be determined**
- County Board of Supervisor #2 – **to be determined**
- Zone 1 Library Administrator- Jessica Cadiante
- Zone 2 Library Administrator- Sarah Bleyl
- Zone 3 Library Administrator- Mary Housel
- Zone 4 Library Administrator- Allison Gray
- Library Advisory Committee member – Judith Dale, 3rd District Library Advisory Committee Representative
- Library Friends member – Patricia Saley, Friends Group Member and 1st District Library Advisory Committee Representative
- Community Services Director, or his Designee

Staff will seek an external consultant to assist with driving the process



Library Ad Hoc Committee Objectives

- Develop a funding formula based on equity principles including socioeconomic factors, geographic location/remoteness, literacy rates, and contributions from other sources;
- Address the Long-term Sustainability of Library System;
- Transition of County Branch Libraries Solvang & Buellton to Zone 4 –Goleta;
- Other objectives to be determined may include the following;
 - Review Administration charges
 - Standardize library hours
 - Governance Models



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Thank you, staff is available to answer any questions.

