

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Brown, County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Extension of Charter Communications Cable Franchise (Transferred from Falcon Cable) -Los Alamos Area, Third District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors: adopt a resolution extending the non-exclusive cable television franchise to Charter Communications Inc by six months.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An efficient government able to respond effectively to the needs of the community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On August 23, 1999, the cable television franchise owned by Falcon Cable was transferred to Charter Communications. Falcon's franchise had expired February 5, 1999 and the County and Falcon, and subsequently Charter had agreed to extensions of the franchise to allow for completion of the renewal process. Charter's cable television franchise expires on February 28, 2002.

Charter Communications currently serves approximately one hundred and seventy-eight subscribers in Los Alamos. It is estimated that the renewal will be completed within six months and a six-month extension to the franchise is recommended.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Federal law (The Telecommunications Act) specifies that the Franchiser must follow certain steps in the cable television franchise renewal process. Both the County and Charter are complying with the Act.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: None

Special Instructions:

Please transmit one copy of the executed Resolution to each of the following:

- i. Charter Communications, 7555 San Luis Lane, Atascadero, CA 93422
Attn: Sylvia Biddle, Administrative Mgr.;
- ii. Charter Communications Inc., 12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63131
Attn: M. Celeste Vossmeier, Vice President-Government Relations