DEPARTMENT: Human Services  
BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly  
PHONE: 966-3609

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___  No_X___)

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

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LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

| COSTS: | (x) Not Applicable | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| A. Budgeted current FY | $_______          | List the attachments and number
| B. Total anticipated costs | $_______        | the pages consecutively:
| C. Required additional funding | $_______      |_________________________
| D. Internal transfers | $_______        |_________________________

| SOURCE: | ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required |
|________|__________________________|
| A. Unanticipated revenues | $_______ |
| B. Reserve for contingencies | $_______ |
| C. Source description: | $_______ |
| Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, | $_______ |
| if approved: | $_______ |

CLERK’S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 515\22  
Ord. No.:  
Vote - Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Approved:  
Denied:  
Minute Order Attached:  
No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:  
ATTEST:  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California
By:  
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:  
_______ Recommended  
_______ Not Recommended  
_______ For Policy Determination  
_______ Submitted with Comment  
_______ Returned for Further Action

Comment:  

C.A.O. Initials:  

Action Form Revised 5/92
TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Direct Deposit of CalWORKs benefits

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize the Social Services Division of the Human Services Department to offer CalWORKs clients the option to receive their monthly cash aid payments by direct deposit.

Information

CalWORKs cash aid is paid through County Bank, which will require establishing a direct deposit agreement with this bank. Currently, the CalWORKs case load is approximately 200 cases per month, and we anticipate no more than 10-15 clients will elect direct deposit. This may increase as the concept gains acceptance. Direct deposit will reduce the Auditor’s and Treasurer’s Office workload to the extent that paper warrants are not issued, however, this will be offset by the additional procedures necessary to manage the direct deposit account. An automated file will be produced by the ISAWS automated system used by Social Services, which will be in a format to be transmitted to County Bank for processing. Rejections and other problems will be resolved manually, however, these should be minimal. The direct deposit file will only be generated once each month for the main payroll, and any unscheduled, supplemental aid payments a client may be entitled to will be issued by paper warrant.

Direct deposit will provide those clients who choose it a safer, more reliable method of receiving and managing their funds.

Background

Senate Bill 962, signed into law September 28, 2000, mandates that those counties offering direct deposit to employees offer direct deposit to their public assistance recipients. The direct deposit program for public assistance recipients must be established by December 1, 2001. Since Mariposa County does offer a direct deposit program to its employees, we are subject to the provisions of SB 962. The State Department of Social Services has determined that SB 962 applies only to recipients of CalWORKs benefits.

Financial

County Bank’s fee to establish this agreement is $95, plus $29.95 per month for up to 200 transactions. These expenses will be covered by a combination of State, Federal, and Social Services Tax Realignment funding. There will be no County General Fund cost.