DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend resolution-authorizing Chairman to sign contract with Decade for data maintenance software for the Health Department.

Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to sign future documents associated with this contract making modifications as needed until the expiration of the contract.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Health Department has been using two different software data programs, created by the Decade Corporation, for performing multiple activities of its many programs for the past several years. In the past, the State of California has paid the license fee for the use of the software programs. Beginning Fiscal Year 2004-2005, the State will no longer pay for these licenses. A thorough analysis by the staff at the Health Department revealed that we could drop one of the two programs and, therefore, the cost of its license fee and just maintain the other, more complex, program for a broad array of Environmental Health programs.

The Health Department also extensively researched the State to find out if there were other programs available at more competitive rates. It appears that this particular program is not only good, but pretty much has a monopoly on the market. It would be far more expensive in terms of staff time and worsening efficiency at the Health Department to abandon this software program. Therefore, the Health Officer recommends that the county enter into the contract with Decade for provision of the data management program called “Envision”. The other data management program (Epitome) we will allow to lapse and replace with standard, off the shelf, software.

The kinds of data monitored and produced by this program include many of the variables seen by the Board of Supervisors in the annual workload indicators and also processing of permits, billing for permit fees, tracking bills that have been paid or paid, and processing reports required by the State.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board says no, Board may direct IT to develop software to provide the same services (this will be complex and would take at least a year given the broad range of services that this program provides).
Financial Impact? (x) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $ 3,600
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ 3,600
Additional Funding Needed: $ 0
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $ 3,600
List Attachments, number pages consecutively
License & Support Agreement

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 04-359  Ord. No. _____
Vote – Ayes: 4  Noes: _____
Absent: Parker
Approved
( ) 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
____ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: _______