Resolution authorizing execution of contingency contract with David M. Griffith (DMG) to prepare SB-90 claims for additional programs authorized by AB-818, for the amount of 30% of state reimbursement amount received, not to exceed $10,000.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: On May 14, 1996 the Board authorized execution of a contract with David M. Griffith to prepare SB-90 claims for three fiscal years, for programs and activities that the State has recognized as being unfunded state mandates which are eligible to be reimbursed to counties. AB-818 recognized additional programs for which reimbursement claims may be submitted including Stolen Vehicle Notification, Rape Victim Counseling, Law Enforcement AIDS Testing, Misdemeanors Booking and Fingerprinting, Perinatal Services for Substance Exposed Infants, etc., and the State has appropriated $9.2 M in the current year to reimburse those costs.

Since the extent of the County's reimbursable activity in these areas is unknown, and since the claiming regulations are not yet issued, the extent of reimbursement the County might expect from these claims cannot be estimated. Accordingly, the attached contract will authorize DMG to perform all the effort necessary to file the County's claims for 30% of the revenues which are actually received, up to a maximum of $10,000. In future years, when the level of County activity is better known, the claiming processes are better defined, and the magnitude of State reimbursement has been established, these new activities will be included in our normal annual SB-90 claims.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

It would not be cost effective for all the offices potentially having reimbursable activity to obtain and make sense out of the new claiming instructions, so, one county office could attempt to do that centrally, although that office would not have the expertise of DMG. Also, there is no obligation for the County to submit claims for SB-90 reimbursement, and if it did not, some unspecified level of revenue would be foregone and the unfunded State mandates would be provided completely at County expense.