

**MEMORANDUM
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stephen G. Pecor, Chief Probation Officer *SGP*

DATE: March 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Approve a new contract for placement of juvenile wards in Madera County's Juvenile Detention Facility through June 30, 2013. This contract shall not exceed \$3,875 per bed.

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND

The Placer County Probation Department has historically used a variety of facilities to meet the placement needs of the juvenile wards of this County. Due to fiscal issues all counties are currently facing, Shasta County was forced to close their Crystal Creek Camp. The Madera County facility offers a boot camp/ranch type program unavailable within Placer County. The use of this facility would allow the Probation Department to attempt rehabilitation of minors with parental/guardian involvement whenever possible. It is the intent of this Department to establish a contractual relationship with Madera County that permits Placer County to use Madera County's facility on a space available basis (\$3,875 per bed per month maximum charged at a rate of \$125 per day) from the date Madera County's BOS executes the agreement through June 30, 2013, and two one-year renewal options when requested by Placer County. During the current fiscal year, Probation has spent approximately \$40,000 per month for an average of 12 minors per month on bed space at all facilities used throughout the State. At the proposed rate of \$3875 per bed per month, the department expects our average monthly expense to continue at its current rate. Madera County would be used as one of several facilities in which Placer might place at risk minors (This currently includes facilities in Yuba-Sutter, Del Norte, El Dorado and Solano counties).

The signing of the contract does not obligate Placer County to place minors with Madera County.

FISCAL IMPACT

The placement of a minor into the Madera County facility is at the discretion of the Court and once ordered, the Probation Department is bound to act accordingly. The Probation Department proposes using State Youthful Offender Block Grant funds as budgeted for in the Final Budget for FY 2010-11 in the Support and Care of Minors line item to cover the cost of these Court ordered placements. There is no local or General Fund impact related to this contract.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review.

