

**MEMORANDUM
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer *MH*

DATE: May 24, 2011

SUBJECT: **Approve a contract renewal for placement of juvenile wards in Solano County's Fouts Springs Youth Facility through June 30, 2012. This contract shall not exceed \$4,200 per bed.**

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a contract renewal for placement of juvenile wards in Solano County's Fouts Springs Youth Facility through June 30, 2012. This contract shall not exceed \$4,200 per bed.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Probation Department historically uses a variety of facilities to meet the placement needs of the juvenile wards of this County. One of the resources used is Solano County's Fouts Spring juvenile camp/ranch. The Probation Department has maintained a contract with Solano County for this service since 1998, including a period of time from January 2001 through June of 2004, when Placer was a member county of this facility. Since that time, Placer has withdrawn from being a member county.

It is the intent of this department to maintain a contractual relationship with Solano County that permits Placer County to use Solano County's facility on a space available basis when requested by Placer County. This would be used as one of several facilities in which Placer might place at risk minors (This currently includes facilities in Solano, Yuba-Sutter, El Dorado, Madera, and Del Norte counties). With the closure of Shasta County's Boys Ranch last fiscal year, and the reduction in the number of minors accepted by the State of California in Department of Juvenile Justice (formerly the California Youth Authority) facilities, Probation is relying more heavily on each of our available placement facilities.

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 \$4,200 per bed per month, the department expects our average monthly expense to continue at its current rate. Solano 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 Madera counties).

Typical placements occur with Fouts when minors are not accepted in programs with our other providers or as a "last resort" prior to placement with the California Department of Juvenile Justice.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

The placement of a minor into the Solano 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 2011-12 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.

