

**MEMORANDUM
PROBATION DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer

DATE: April 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Approve renewal and execution of a contract for the placement of juvenile wards in El Dorado County's juvenile institutions. The bed space contract shall not exceed \$120 per bed per day, on a space available basis.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a renewal contract for the placement of juvenile wards in El Dorado County's juvenile institutions through the remainder of the current fiscal year and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and any subsequent amendments. The bed space contract shall not exceed \$120 per bed per day, on a space available basis.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Probation Department has historically maintained an agreement with this neighboring County in order to meet the placement needs of our County when faced with rare instances of professional conflict of interest. The probation department has maintained a contract with El Dorado County for this service since 1997. It is the intent of this department to maintain a contractual relationship with El Dorado County that permits Placer County to use El Dorado County's facility on a space available basis when requested by Placer County in cases of conflict of interest.

Additionally, the Placer County Probation Department is interested in pursuing placement of minors from the North Lake Tahoe area into El Dorado's newly established program at their facility in South Lake Tahoe as needed. The ability to access this newly established resource would aid the Department in assisting families from the Eastern Slope of Placer County.

This contract comes to you today due to an increase in cost from El Dorado County of \$20 per bed per day. This is the first increase in seven and a half years, when the last agreement was executed at \$100 per bed per day. On average, the department has spent \$30,000 per year, over the last 4 years on this contract. The Probation Department uses multiple contracts to appropriately care for minors based on the minor's need, as well as based on the circumstance of each case in order to efficiently manage our resources. This contract will remain in effect until such time as one party or the other amends or terminates this contract. The signing of the contract does not obligate Placer County to place minors with El Dorado County.

FISCAL IMPACT

The placement of a minor into an El Dorado County facility is at the discretion of the Department once a minor is ordered by the Courts into placement. The Probation Department plans on using State Youthful Offender Block Grant funds as budgeted for in the Final Budget for FY 2012-13 in the Support and Care of Minors line item to cover the cost of these Court ordered placements. These costs have averaged approximately \$30,000 per year. There is no local or General Fund impact related to this contract.

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

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