

**MEMORANDUM  
PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer 

**DATE:** June 18, 2013

**SUBJECT:** **Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign a renewal contract for the placement of juvenile wards in Del Norte County's Bar-O Boys Ranch through June 30, 2014, and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign future option year contracts annually through June 30, 2016. The bed space contract shall not exceed \$3,500 per bed, per month.**

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**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. One of the resources used is Del Norte County's Bar-O Boys Ranch. The Probation Department has maintained a contract with Del Norte County for this service since 2010.

It is the intent of this Department to continue a contractual relationship established with Del Norte County in 2010 that permits Placer County to use Del Norte County's Bar-O Boys on a space available basis (\$3500 per bed per month maximum) from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and two one-year automatic renewal options (to be used unless Probation enacts its thirty day termination clause).

Del Norte County would be used as one of several facilities in which Placer might place at risk minors (this currently includes facilities in Yuba-Sutter, Humboldt, El Dorado and Nevada counties). Placer County uses the services provided by Del Norte County at its Bar-O Boys Ranch sparingly due to its distance from the County. During the past fiscal year, Probation has maintained an average of two (2) minors per month at an average monthly expense of \$7,000. Typical placements occur 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 Del Norte County.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The placement of a minor into the Del Norte County facility is at the discretion of the Department once a minor is ordered by the Courts into placement. The Probation Department proposes using State Youthful Offender Block Grant funds as budgeted for in the Proposed Budget for FY 2013-14 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.

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

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