

County of Santa Clara

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

Public Health



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Kim Roberts
SCVHHS - Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Agreement with The Health Trust for the Fluoride Addition Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve delegation of authority to Public Health Administrator, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend, terminate, and take any and all necessary or advisable actions relating to the Agreement with The Health Trust for the Fluoride Addition Project in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for period October 20, 2009 through June 30, 2010, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the General Fund as a result of this action. During the FY 2010 budget hearings, the Board of Supervisors approved one-time county general funds in the amount of \$23,000 for the County's share of a report on fluoride delivery systems development, and capitol, operations and management costs related to extending fluoridated water in Santa Clara County.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The Public Health Department currently contracts with The Health Trust for the provision of HIV/AIDS services in the amount of \$1,040,719. In accordance with Board policy, the Public Health Department must seek Board approval to execute this new agreement with The Health Trust for the fluoridation project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

San Jose is the largest city in the U.S. that does not provide fluoridated water to all its residents with the exception of the Evergreen and Alviso communities. The San Jose Water Company does not provide fluoridated water because it lacks the delivery system to do so. A water fluoridation delivery system would include the addition of small amounts of fluoride to water supplies which would in turn adjust the naturally occurring fluoride levels in water into optimum levels for preventing tooth decay and improving oral health.

To address the lack of water fluoridation in Santa Clara County, President Kniss in her 2009 State of the County address, requested the Public Health Department, The Health Trust, and the Health Advisory Commission collaborate with retail water systems to correct this deficit by developing a plan to fluoridate the entire water system for the county within five years.

During the FY 2010 budget hearings, the Board approved one-time county general funds to support the funding of a consultant to prepare a report that will assess the current infrastructure and explore the development of a water fluoridation delivery system in the county, including the operation and management costs. The Health Trust will act as fiscal agent and project coordinator for the Fluoride Addition Project. In addition to County funding, the City of San Jose is contributing \$23,000 and The Health Trust is contributing \$100,000, for a total of \$146,000 allocated to this project.

The Health Trust is finalizing the scope of work with Black and Veatch, the project consultant. In preparing the scope of work, The Health Trust has sought input from other consulting engineers and the San Jose Water Company.

The project deliverables will include:

1. Preliminary data collection;
2. Development of Fluoride Addition System;
3. Development of cost estimate for one-time capital costs as well as ongoing operations and maintenance; and
4. Report presentation.

The Health Trust's contract with Black and Veatch should be finalized by the end of October 2009, with the final report from the consultant due in March 2010.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this recommended action may impact The Health Trust's ability to fully fund the fluoridation project.