



# County of Monterey

**Item No.**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: A 23-474**

**October 03, 2023**

**Introduced:** 9/22/2023

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No.1 with Clear Labs, Inc., for the purchases of add-on laboratory equipment, service plans of a Clear Dx Upgrade, Clear Labs Installation Services for Microbial Surveillance and Clear Dx IQ/OQ/PQ Services-Micro Surveillance to increase agreement amount by \$104,960 for the same terms of May 17, 2022, through March 31, 2025, for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$547,444; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three future amendments where the combined amendments do not exceed 10% (\$54,744) of the original amount and does not significantly change the scope, total not to exceed maximum of \$602,187.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The County of Monterey Health Department is seeking approval to amend its current agreement with Clear Labs, Inc. The original agreement with Clear Labs, Inc., allows the Public Health Laboratory to purchase SARS-CoV-2 genome sequencing test kits and preventative maintenance service for its Clear Labs instruments. Amendment 1 would allow the Public Health Laboratory to expand genomic surveillance to microbiological specimens like *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, *Shigella*, *Listeria* and antibiotic resistant bacteria.

Genomic surveillance allows the Health Department to quickly identify disease clusters, identify and track emerging variants, and assess the prevalence, transmissibility and virulence potential of organisms circulating in Monterey County. The Clear Labs instrument allows the Public Health Laboratory to obtain sequencing results in 24 to 48 hours as compared to several weeks when tested by reference laboratories.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Initiatives: 2.

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Enhance public health and safety through prevention, 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services, and 4. Engage Health Department workforce and improve operational functions to meet current and developing population health needs. It also supports three of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets, 2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population, and 9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to fiscal provisions.

FINANCING:

The amendment is funded 28% by laboratory fee revenue and 72% through Public Health Realignment. Health anticipates utilizing Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funds instead of Public Health Realignment as ELC grant funding is available. Appropriations for this amendment are included in the Health Department's (HEA003-8124) FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

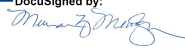
- Economic Development:
  - Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.
- Administration:
  - Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability, and transparency.
- Health & Human Services:
  - Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services, promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.
- Infrastructure:
  - Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.
- Public Safety:
  - Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

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on behalf of Elsa Mendoza Jimenez

Attachments:

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Amendment No.1

Exhibit A

Executed Agreement