



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

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- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments that do not significantly change the scope of services.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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SUMMARY:

The County of Monterey Health Department, Public Health Bureau, Public Health Laboratory provides specialized testing services to detect and monitor infectious diseases, identify new and emerging diseases, conduct surveillance testing and serves as a reference laboratory for local hospitals.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Health Laboratory seeks approval to enter into an agreement with Primary Diagnostics, Inc. to maintain connection between the Public Health Laboratory's laboratory information system (LIS) software and LIS systems with California Department of Public Health Laboratories and other public health laboratories in California to ensure continuity of operations during public health emergencies.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The offices of the County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved as to legal form and fiscal provisions.

FINANCING:

There is no exchange of funds with this agreement. There are sufficient appropriations in the Health Department's (001-4000-8124-HEA003) FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This Agreement aligns with the Strategic Plan Goal of Safe and Well-Being and Quality of Life, specifically the key objective of Services: Provide service enhancements to support well-being and quality of life. It will allow the Public Health Laboratory to collaborate and securely exchange laboratory data statewide, especially during emergencies.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan:

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy
- Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachments:

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Memorandum of Understanding