

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

BY: James A. Rydingsword
PHONE: 966-2000

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that: (1) your Board adopt a resolution to transfer the total budget authority of the County of Mariposa Housing Authority and corresponding baseline units to the California Housing and Community Development Department effective January 1, 2010 and 2) authorize the Chair of the Board to sign and submit a letter to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice 2007-6 (HA) and Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice 2008-19 (HA) requesting approval of the transfer as set forth in the resolution.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Please see attached memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Please see attached memo.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Board Memo pgs. 1-2
Source:		Resolution pgs. 3-4
Internal Transfer		Transfer Letter pg. 5
Unanticipated Revenue	4/5's vote	HUD notice PIH 2008-19 (HA) pgs. 6
		HUD notice PIH 2007-6 (HA) pg. 7- 9
Transfer Between Funds	4/5's vote	
Contingency	4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 09-508 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
Absent: Ribby
Am Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

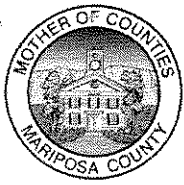
Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

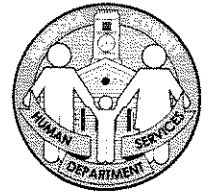
Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: RB



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JAMES A. RYDINGSWORD, DIRECTOR

October 20, 2009

TO: Members, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
Rick Benson, CAO
FROM: James A. Rydingsword
RE: Transfer the Mariposa County Housing Choice Voucher Program

Recommendation:

It is respectfully recommended that: (1) your Board adopt a resolution to transfer the total budget authority of the County of Mariposa Housing Authority and corresponding baseline units to the California Housing and Community Development Department effective January 1, 2010 and 2) authorize the Chair of the Board to sign and submit a letter to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice 2007-6 (HA) and Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Notice 2008-19 (HA) requesting approval of the transfer as set forth in the resolution.

Background:

Mariposa County operates the smallest Housing Authority in California. We have 165 housing vouchers assigned by HUD to the Mariposa County Housing Authority. In a recent federal visit the federal representative cautioned us that continued operation of the Housing Authority as a separate unit, given the current federal housing voucher reimbursement system, could put our Housing Authority in a deficit position.

After review with staff to consider the cautionary remark by the federal representative we found that 1) the current allocation for administration of the Mariposa County Housing Authority will not, on a continuing basis support our ability to operate a qualitative and/or accountable program in Mariposa County and 2) the cash flow on payments from HUD for Housing Vouchers will create a deficit in that account. This analysis, confirmed with HUD, indicates that we will be in a viable financial position until December 31, 2009 and that if we continue to operate the Housing Authority we may face a deficit in this program in excess of \$200,000 by June 30, 2010.

The action you take today does not take away any of the 165 Housing Vouchers reserved by HUD for Mariposa County resident. It only transfers those Housing Vouchers and the administration of the Mariposa County Housing Voucher program to the California Housing and Community Development Department. The Mariposa County Housing Authority, as constituted today will remain in place, but, until such time, as it may become feasible to request that the Housing Voucher program is funded in an adequate and timely fashion, the Mariposa County Housing Authority will have no authority or responsibility for the operation of the Housing Voucher program in Mariposa County.

If approved by your Board, the Director of the Human Services department will enter into discussion with the California Housing and Community Development Department for an orderly transfer of the Mariposa County Housing Voucher program to the offices of the California

Housing and Community Development Department located in Tuolumne County. Such discussion will include topics such as, expected service levels for the residents of Mariposa, a local presence of California Housing and Community and Housing Development staff in Mariposa County to provide access to such staff, and the assessment and inspection of housing in Mariposa County for housing units that wish to qualify for the Mariposa County Housing Voucher Program.

Financial:

The Mariposa County Housing Authority and Housing Voucher program is funded entirely with federal funds. There is no impact on County general funds or other sources of revenue within the Human Services Department. In anticipation of such a transfer, we have already transferred the Housing Specialist to other duties within the Department and will make adjustments in the Department's administrative overhead to account for this change in funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-508

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
AUTHORIZING TOTAL PERMANENT DIVESTITURE OF THE BUDGET
AUTHORITY AND CORRESPONDING BASELINE UNITS FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE
VOUCHER PROGRAM AND TRANSFER OF SUCH BUDGET AUTHORITY AND BASELINE
UNITS TO THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS the Housing Authority of the County of Mariposa, as a Public Housing Agency (PHA), receives an allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pursuant to Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. § 1437 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (24 C.F.R., part 982), as set forth in the Housing Authority's Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract; and

WHEREAS due to diminishing funding allocations, administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in Mariposa County by the Housing Authority has become infeasible; and

WHEREAS HUD has issued policies (Notice PIH 2007-6 (HA) and Notice PIH 2008-19 (HA)) that authorize one PHA To voluntarily transfer the total budget authority and corresponding baseline units for its Housing Choice Voucher Program to another PHA, subject to approval by HUD; and

WHEREAS Health and Safety Code section 34324 and Government Code sections 6500 et seq. authorize two Housing Authorities to cooperate and jointly exercise their powers within the areas of operation of both such Housing Authorities; and

WHEREAS the Mariposa County Housing Authority operates as a Housing Authority and PHA, presently administering Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Programs in Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS the California Housing and Community Development Department has the expertise and capability to effectively administer the Section 8 Housing choice Voucher Program in Mariposa County using the Housing Authority's present budget authority and corresponding baseline units; and

WHEREAS the Housing Authority and the California Housing and Community Development Department are contemporaneously entering into a Memorandum of Understanding providing for the administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in Mariposa County by the California Housing and Community Development Department and requiring that the baseline units and Housing Choice Vouchers transferred by the Housing Authority to the California Housing and Community Development Department be made available for use solely within Mariposa County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa that, effective January 1, 2010, subject to the approval of HUD, the Housing Authority of the County of Mariposa hereby permanently divests and transfers the total budget authority and corresponding baseline units for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, as set forth in the Housing Authority's Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract, including all Housing Choice Vouchers associated with the Program to the California Housing and Community Development

Department subject to the requirement that such baseline units and Housing Choice Vouchers shall be made available for use solely within Mariposa County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to submit a letter to HUD in accordance with Notice PIH 2007-6 (HA) and Notice PIH 2009-19 (HA), requesting approval of the transfer as set forth herein.

The foregoing resolution was offered on motion by Supervisor Cann, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, CANN, ALLEN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: BIBBY



BRAD ABORN
CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

of the County of Mariposa

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) ss

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA)

I, MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 20th day of October, 2009.

DATED: This _____ day of _____, 20

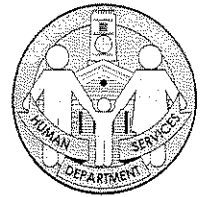
Clerk of Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa,
State of California

By: _____
MARGIE WILLIAMS



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JAMES A. RYDINGSWORD, DIRECTOR

October 20, 2009

Mr. Stephen Schneller, Director
U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development
600 Harrison Street 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94107

RE: Voluntary Transfer of Section 8 Housing Voucher Allocation from the Mariposa County Housing Authority to the California Housing and Community Development Department

Dear Mr. Schneller,

The Mariposa County Housing Authority wishes and agrees to voluntary transfer the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program to the California Housing and Community Development Department consisting of one hundred and sixty-five (165) vouchers.

Attached for your reference is our Resolution No. 09-508 authorizing the transfer of the Section 8 Voucher Program to the California Housing and Community Development Department.

As stated in the resolution, we feel that California Housing and Community Development Department has the expertise and ability to successfully operate the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which will provide broader opportunities for the residents of Mariposa County.

We request that the transfer be effective January 1, 2010. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or questions.

Sincerely,

Brad Aborn, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing**

Special Attention of:

Housing Choice Voucher Program
Administrators; Public Housing Field Office
Directors; Section 8 Financial Management
Center

Notice PIH 2008-19 (HA)

Issued: March 31, 2008

Expires: March 31, 2009

Cross Reference: Notice PIH 2007-6 (HA)

SUBJECT: Extension – Process for Public Housing Agency Voluntary Transfers of Housing Choice Vouchers, Project-Based Vouchers and Project-Based Certificates

This Notice extends Notice PIH 2007-6 (HA), same subject, which will expire on March 31, 2008, for another year until March 31, 2009. Notice PIH 2007-6 (HA) clarified the circumstances under which HUD will consider a voluntary transfer of budget authority and corresponding baseline units for the Housing Choice Voucher program (including Project-Based Vouchers and Project-Based Certificates) from the divesting Public Housing Agency's Consolidated Annual Contributions Contract (CACC) to the receiving agencies' CACC. It also explained the process and procedures associated with such a transfer.

/s/

Paula O. Blunt, General Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Public and Indian Housing