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### **SIERRA NEVADA REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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#### **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

##### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Paul Johnson, Child Support Services Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal Agreement with El Dorado County Department of Child Support Services (EDCDCSS) and Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services (SNRDCSS) for the provision of contract, staff attorney services in the maximum amount of \$75,000 for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with auto renewal in subsequent fiscal years 2027-2028 and 2028-2029.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funding for Title IV-D, local child support agencies (LCSAs), including Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services (SNRDCSS), is provided by State general funds with federal participation match. For every dollar the State budgets to the IV-D child support program within California, the federal government provides an additional two dollars (\$2-\$1 match). State DCSS then allocates those funds to each LCSA within California. Funding for attorney services contemplated in the Agreement will utilize SNRDCSS' existing allocation without additional budget increase and no expenditure of county general funds.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2025, the County hired a new Director of Child Support Services and consolidated the roles of Director and Attorney of Record into one position (eliminating the attorney FTE position within the child support office). This consolidation occurred with an understanding that outside staff attorney services would be required to support the CSS Director to effectively deliver the legal service needs of the office. El Dorado County DCSS (EDCDCSS) is currently providing staff attorney services to SNRDCSS through a formal agreement, but due to its limited duration (March 1 – June 30 of 2026), it did not meet the \$50,000 threshold requiring Board approval. Renewal of that Agreement is proposed for the entire 2026-2027 fiscal year and therefore now requires Board approval as it exceeds the \$50,000 threshold.

The Director of SNRDCSS negotiated the proposed Agreement with the County of El Dorado. Under this Agreement, SNRDCSS will compensate EDCDCSS \$6,250 monthly for legal services.

SNRDCSS is requesting that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with the EDCDCSS, where SNRDCSS will compensate the County of EDCDCSS \$6,250 monthly. The term of this agreement lasts July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, with auto renewal for fiscal years 2027-2028 and 2028 -2029. Either party has a right to cancel the agreement upon 30 days' notice.

**Approved by:** Paul Johnson, Child Support Services Director