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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Tex Ritter**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the CalSAWS Consortium Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolutions.

FUNDING: MOU costs are supported by State and Federal CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal administrative funding the Department receives. Services are within the Department's fiscal year 2018/19 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: Welfare and Institutions Code section 10823 enabled the development of a multiple county Consortium as the foundation of the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) Project. The purpose of the Consortium, previously known as the California Statewide Automated Welfare System Consortium IV (C-IV), is to facilitate the collaboration of Counties in meeting their business needs in the areas of system planning, development, implementation, operations, and maintenance.

In 1998, C-IV established itself as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). As a JPA, C-IV provides a single legal entity, separate from its members, for purposes of managing C-IV and its C-IV System. C-IV is governed and administered by its Board of Directors through a regional representation model. In June 2007, per Resolution 07-081, the Board of Supervisors authorized the County of Nevada to join the C-IV Consortium with thirty-four additional California Counties, bringing the total number of participating counties to thirty-nine.

The C-IV System is a user-friendly, customer-based, on-line, and fully integrated information system designed to manage the data for beneficiaries in receipt of benefits for a number of public assistance programs. C-IV provides services to approximately 4.7 million beneficiaries and supports approximately 18,300 users in 39 counties.

On September 20, 2011, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 16 (ABX1 16), which required the 39 counties comprising the C-IV Consortium to migrate with the existing Los Angeles Eligibility, Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting (LEADER) system. This new 40 County Consortium, referred to as “CalACES,” was created upon the adoption of an amended and Restated JPA on September 1, 2017.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Food and Nutrition Services agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture has directed California to move to a single statewide automated welfare system by 2023. The proposed Second Amended and Restated JPA will amend and restate the JPA dated December 1998, and any and all amendments thereto, to account for the inclusion of all fifty-eight (58) Counties to the Consortium, which shall be named the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) Consortium, and the joint system shall be called "CalSAWS.”

On January 25, 2019, the Governance documents were finalized, presented and approved at the JPA Board and General Membership Meeting. The JPA Agreement must be approved by the 58 County Boards of Supervisors and will be adopted by the new JPA Board at its first meeting of the CalSAWS Consortium on June 28, 2019.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services