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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with the County of Sacramento for microbiological, rabies testing and other laboratory tests and consultation services through the Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory for the Nevada County Public Health Department and the Sheriff's Animal Control Division in the maximum amount of \$37,500 for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The contract is for a three-year term with a maximum obligation of \$10,000 per fiscal year for Public Health's usage, and \$2,500 per fiscal year for Animal Control's usage. Services for Public Health will be supported by Public Health Realignment dollars and are within the department's budget, and services for the Animal Control Division will be funded by associated fees and budgeted general fund dollars.

BACKGROUND: Sacramento County shall perform public health microbiological testing, rabies testing, or other requested laboratory tests that Sacramento County is licensed and qualified to perform, as requested by either Nevada County's Public Health Department or the Sheriff's Animal Control Division. The Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory (PHL) provides analyses aimed at protecting the public's health by assessing the incidence of and preventing the spread of a multitude of infectious diseases. The Sacramento County PHL is staffed with highly trained, experienced, and California-certified Public Health Microbiologists and support staff.

Analyses are performed on human specimens and environmental samples such as food, water, insect vectors and other agents that transmit diseases. Laboratory services provided include testing for:

- STDs (Sexually Transmitted Diseases)
- Salmonella
- Rabies
- Lyme disease
- Tuberculosis
- Parasitic Diseases
- Enteric Diseases
- Blood Lead
- Environmental Samples/Waters

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approves this renewal agreement as it provides services that can help safeguard the public health of our community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health