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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 26, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Tex Ritter**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CalSAWS Consortium and the County of Nevada.

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**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 Consortium), 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. As a result, this Board has for its consideration today a separate proposed Second Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) that 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 into one Consortium, which shall be named the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (“CalSAWS”) Consortium. As part of the membership in the new fifty-eight (58) County Consortium, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be approved by each member’s county board of supervisors to delineate the areas of understanding and agreement among the Consortium and the members regarding matters related to the administration and fulfillment of the Consortium’s purpose.

Accordingly, it is recommended that this Board approve the attached MOU to allow the County’s participation in CalSAWS.

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