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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** April 11, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Laura Pappani, County Librarian**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a contract with Califa for the provision, installation, and maintenance of advanced network (data) services at certain Nevada County Community Library branches

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the resolution.

**FUNDING:** The Resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Califa for the provision, installation, and maintenance of broadband public internet service at four Library branches, totaling \$34,947 before taxes and surcharges. The Library qualifies for a 60% discount on data services, so the total expected cost before taxes and surcharges is \$13,879. The broadband service will not begin until Fiscal Year 2017/18 and costs are included in that proposed budget, so a budget amendment is not needed. There is no impact on the Library fund balance and no impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The Library currently offers public internet service at the Grass Valley, Truckee, Doris Foley, and Penn Valley branches through several different providers. Approximate connection speeds range from 3-6 MB at the Doris Foley Library to 8 MB at the Truckee Library to 40-60 MB at the Grass Valley Library and Penn Valley Station. Library users at these branches notice and often remark upon the inadequate speed of the internet connection, particularly when there are several people trying to access the internet at the same time for bandwidth-intensive uses. With the increase in people using their own laptops and devices in the branches in addition to the public internet stations provided by the Library, internet slow-downs are becoming more noticeable and frequent.

For several years, the California State Library has been working to get California public libraries connected to broadband internet through agreements with the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC). CENIC is a nonprofit corporation that was formed to provide

high speed networking services to libraries, public universities, and research institutions in California. Califa, a public benefit corporation that provides several discounted services to the Nevada County Community Library, has contracted with CENIC to administer this program in California.

In 2016, the Madelyn Helling Library connected to the CENIC broadband through the County's connection. The Library received \$30,000 from the California State Library earlier this year (Resolution 17-025) to upgrade the internet equipment and cabling at the Madelyn Helling Library. Now Califa and CENIC are offering to connect the Library's branches to CENIC broadband at a lower monthly rate than we would be able to get on our own. Participation in this agreement will also allow us to participate in a grant program that would give us up to \$15,000 per branch, or up to \$60,000 in total, to upgrade our internet equipment and cabling.

This Resolution is within the expenditure plan for Measure A, as it involves keeping information services and access to technology current.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:**        Laura Pappani, County Librarian