



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: September 29, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Staci Chastain PHONE: 624-8000		

SUBJECT: Approve the agreement with Kaweah Delta Health Care District

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Kaweah Delta Health Care District for the provision of COVID-19 testing collection and contact tracing support for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 in the amount not to exceed \$2,998,800, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to having received Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act funding for COVID-19 activities after July 1, 2020. It was impracticable for the Board to take action before July 1, 2020 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to approve the agreement as of July 1, 2020 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

On March 13, 2020, Kaweah Delta Health Care District(KDHCD) opened three tents in Downtown Visalia to collect nasal swabs for COVID-19 diagnostic testing. Since that time, KDHCD has worked closely with the Tulare County Public Health Branch of HSA to expand capacity and further improve the safety of COVID-19 testing for Tulare County residents. Performing efficient and rapid testing are the critical first steps of containing the spread of COVID-19. In addition, two of the required metrics from California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap are based on testing for the

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disease. The first metric is that the average number of tests performed per day must be more than 150 per 100,000 population. The second testing metric requires that the positivity rate of tests performed be less than 8% over 7 days. Tulare County does not currently meet either of these metrics.

KDHCD has also provided information and outreach support to the community on COVID-19 related topics. Outreach includes posting updates to social media, holding virtual town hall meetings, and opening a COVID-19 Hotline. This hotline currently receives an average of 227 calls per day and helps to coordinate testing with patients. KDHCD continues to collaborate with HHSA on public outreach messages including holding combined town halls and attending the California Department of Public Health's United Support Team meetings on August 12 and 13, 2020.

The funds from this agreement will assist in ensuring the essential testing resources are available to Tulare County residents. This agreement will provide funds for KDHCD to meet Tulare County's testing needs by providing point-of-care testing at up to four locations around the county. With 30 staff, KDHCD will provide a minimum of 75,000 tests to rural residents, underserved populations, first responders, school districts, along with others. Each site will utilize the platform in order to provide test results within 24 hours of collection. Each of these sites will have the ability to pivot to support COVID-19 mass vaccination when needed.

In addition to supporting Tulare County and HHSA's testing needs, this agreement is in alignment with the 2017-2022 Tulare County Public Health Branch Strategic Plan. The Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding will also be utilized to expand screening and outreach using the COVID-19 Hotline. This will help fulfill Tulare County Public Health's goals related to community engagement and outreach.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The maximum amount of this agreement is \$2,998,800, and this amount has been included in the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget. This agreement is funded with a combination of funds from the Public Health Branch's CARES Act Corona Virus Relief Fund allocation and the Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity Enhancing Detection funding. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes "Quality of Life Initiative" to promote supportive services. The public health programs promote health and well-being to the residents of Tulare County and these changes will ensure that a qualified person is selected for the position and support the county's ability to fulfill that obligation

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Robert Stewart OBO
Karen M. Elliott
Director of Public Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH KAWEAH DELTA) Resolution No. _____
HEALTH CARE DISTRICT) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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