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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Operations

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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Social Services (SNAP Fraud)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Social Services State Law Enforcement Bureau, in effect until terminated by either party with 30 days written notice, setting forth the responsibilities of Napa County to conduct investigations into possible Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) fraud and to acquire Electronic Benefit Transfer cards for such law enforcement and investigative activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will authorize the local law enforcement agencies of Napa County to investigate unauthorized use, transfer or possession of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Electronic Benefit Transfer Benefits, also known as CalFresh, which is a federal crime pursuant to subsections (b), (c) and (f) of Section 15 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as CalFresh in California, is the cornerstone of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition assistance programs and plays a vital role in helping to improve nutrition in the nation, particularly among low-income individuals. The California Department of Social Services State Law Enforcement Bureau requires local law enforcement agencies, specifically Napa County, to sign an MOU that sets forth conditions and responsibilities to conduct investigations into possible misuse of CalFresh benefits.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins