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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Anthony Halstead - Director of Library Services and Community Outreach

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SUBJECT: Provision to provide and pay ongoing costs for high speed internet access at all library locations

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Library Services and Community Outreach requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to:

1. Terminate current Agreement No. 210000B with Califa Group, Inc. as of May 31, 2022; and
2. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Agreement No. 220328B with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation for a contract maximum of \$200,000 to provide Internet service of up to 1gbps (1 gigabit per second) to all library locations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County Library entered into an agreement on May 5, 2020 with Califa Group to obtain one or more data circuits to connect Library to the CENIC high speed broadband fiber network, CalREN.

The California State Library has since appointed Columbia Telecommunications Corporation d/b/a CTC Technology and Energy ("CTC"), to assume the rights and responsibilities and perform the functions of the Statewide Broadband Aggregator on behalf of the California State Library.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Appropriations for the contract are in the Communications/Telephone line item of the Library's General Operations Budget

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The current contractor, Califa, has assigned its duties and responsibilities of the Statewide Broadband Aggregator to Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC).
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Appropriations for this expense will be budgeted in the Library's General Operations fund annually
Consequences if not approved:	If this action is not approved, the Library will not be able to participate in CENIC program. The Library may experience an impact on internet speeds as well as increase cost for internet access.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Collaborative and Engaged Community

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

Napa County Library entered into Agreement No. 210000B with Califa Group on May 5, 2020 to obtain one or more data circuits to connect library locations to the CENIC high speed broadband fiber network, CalREN. On March 3, 2022 California State Library announced that they had appointed Columbia Telecommunications Corporation d/b/a CTC Technology and Energy ("CTC"), to assume the rights and responsibilities and perform the functions of the Statewide Broadband Aggregator on behalf of the California State Library as defined by the terms of the California Broadband Services Project program and that, upon said appointment, Califa will cease to perform those functions.

Today's requested action will terminate Agreement No. 210000B with Califa Group to be replaced by Agreement No. 220328B with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) for a contract maximum of \$200,000.