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TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Update on Future Agenda Items

RECOMMENDATION

Interim County Executive Officer will provide a report on pending future agenda items requested at the Board meetings of January 24, 2023, and January 31, 2023, and will request discussion and direction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members of the Board of Supervisors have the opportunity at each Board meeting to request items to be placed on future agendas for discussion. Because the specific topic requested was not on the agenda, the remaining Board members did not have the opportunity to discuss the request at the time due to the Brown Act. Four requests were made for Board consideration.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

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

To ensure requests for future agenda items are addressed in a timely manner and all Board members can provide feedback before significant County resources are invested in such requests, staff is seeking direction from the Board for requests made at the January 24, 2023, and January 31, 2023, Board meetings.

The first request asks staff to evaluate technology solutions to aggregate information identified in Senate Bill 1439. This legislation took effect January 1, 2023, and prohibits a local elected official from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than \$250 from a party to a license, permit, or other entitlement pending before the agency, and for twelve months after a final decision is rendered in the matter. It also prohibits a local elected official participating in a decision involving a license, permit, or other entitlement if the local elected official received a contribution of more than \$250 in the previous twelve months from a party to the proceeding. An initial staff assessment notes dozens of applicable discretionary entitlement applications that could appear before elected officials that are tracked in multiple software with different searchable identifiers.

The second request is supplemental to the first request and asks staff to agendize board review of campaign contribution limits. On March 23, 2021, the Board adopted the state limits for local campaign contributions pursuant to Napa County Ordinance No. 1466 (Chapter 2.104 of the Napa County Code). The state limits are adjusted biennially by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). According to the FPPC website, the current state limit is \$5,500 per candidate per election.

The third request is to determine whether the County should discuss building water reservoir capacity with the City of Napa. The Board could direct the Chair, or a designee, to approach the City of Napa for information and/or to extend support.

The fourth request is to direct staff to amend the Statement of Investment Policy to incorporate non-financial factors of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) when evaluating investment instruments. The current policy states in Section 17-Social Issues/Responsibility ‘Issues of public social concern and benefit will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. While consideration will be given to various social concerns, transactions must meet the Policy objectives of safety, liquidity, and yield when compared to investments permitted by state law’. The Policy is reviewed annually by the Treasury Oversight Committee and presented to the Board in March for review/approval.

Today’s presentation is to provide an opportunity for the Board to discuss the requests and to provide staff direction. A report is attached outlining which departments will be impacted by the requests if the Board directs further study and the estimated workload, if available. The report also provides the status of outstanding directives.