To: Board of Supervisors

From: David Twa, County Administrator

Date: September 27, 2016

Subject: Reimbursement and Payment for Expenses



Contra Costa County

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

AUTHORIZE the Auditor-Controller to issue vendor payment and reimburse employees for expenses incurred upon the approval of the County Administrator not to exceed \$5,000 per request.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Any expenses incurred will be absorbed by the operating department.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On December 15, 1992, the Board of Supervisors approved an action authorizing "the Auditor-Controller to reimburse employees for expenses incurred at the request of the County Administrator not to exceed \$500". The County Administrator has been using the authority of the December 15, 1992 Board order since that date. The Auditor-Controller reviewed his practices and asked the County Administrator's Office to request new authority making it clear that the \$500 was for each incident and not intended to be cumulative.

Upon review staff confirmed that, although infrequently, employees and departments do still submit demands to the Auditor-Controller for expenses that are not explicitly

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	☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
Action of Board On: 09/27/2016 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER  Clerks Notes:  VOTE OF SUPERVISORS	
AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.  ATTESTED: September 27, 2016  David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc: Robert Campbell, County Auditor-Controller

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authorized by existing County policy. These exceptions occur because policies can't be written to account for every possible business and/or public purpose. Therefore, the County Administrator is requesting special authority to approve exceptional expenses upon his signature (without designation) for any expense that may occur, up to \$5,000 per incident. This approval is meant to carryover year-to-year with no specified annual maximum reimbursement/payment.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this action is not approved, individual board orders will have to be written and approved for each reimbursement/payment.