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Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
 From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
 Date: October 25, 2016  
 Subject: Purchase Order with Qiagen, Inc.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent, on behalf of Health Services Department, to execute a Purchase Order with Qiagen, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000,000 to purchase Quantiferon collection blood tubes and test kits for the period of December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% Funding is included in the Hospital Enterprise Fund I Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

Qiagen Inc. has been used by the Health Services Department for over ten (10) years. Qiagen provides the reagents required for use with testing instruments in our Public Health Laboratory. The reagents are necessary for specimens to be tested for tuberculosis, both active and latent infections. The Quantiferon test is a specific blood test that detects TB antigen in the blood of patients who have been exposed to the tuberculosis organism. A positive test would alert the provider to provide treatment and alleviate disease in later years.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/25/2016** ☒ 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: October 25, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Dan Peddycord,  
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CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this Purchase Order is not approved, the health care system would not be able to detect TB antigen in those patients who have been exposed, resulting in higher health care cost when they develop disease in later years. The tests would then need to be conducted by outside labs at a greater cost to the County. Public Heath Laboratory also uses the reagents purchased from Qiagen to conduct similar testing for the Chevron Corporation which generates revenue for the County. We would not be able to conduct these tests without the reagents.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.