



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: September 11, 2018

Subject: Public Defender Forensic Evidence Training

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to represent the County as co-sponsor and fiscal agent for a DNA forensic evidence professional training event for state and federal defense attorneys on November 8-9, 2018, at the Federal Conference Center in Oakland, California.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. (100% covered by training registration fees)

BACKGROUND:

In cooperation with the Northern California District of the Federal Defenders Office, the Public Defender is co-sponsoring an intensive two-day training program for public agency defense attorneys designed to provide familiarity with DNA forensic analysis and report interpretation. This in-service training event will be available to Deputy Public Defender's attorneys having current cases involving DNA evidence as well as defense attorneys from other public agencies throughout California. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit required for State Licensing will be awarded to program participants at the completion of the training. This training event is scheduled for November 8-9, 2018, and attendance will

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☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

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ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/11/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, 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 11, 2018

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

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be limited to sixty (60) participants. The training will cover issues relevant to criminal litigation, including: admissibility challenges, cross-examination of government experts and jury instructions, following a review of forensic

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fundamentals for DNA testing evidence (including: laboratory procedures, testing protocols, statistical significance and probabilistic genotyping). This training was done in 2016, 2017, and Contra Costa Public Defender's Office has been invited again this year to co-host the event.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office would not be able to co-host this event.

ATTACHMENTS

County and Non County Sponsored Events Form