



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
DRIVE, ROOM 102A
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 4/16/2019

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Human Resources

Staff Name and Phone Number: Sylvia Lemus 565-1702

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution for National Volunteer Week recognizing approximately 3,000 volunteers who served the County in 2018

Executive Summary:

Each year, the County of Sonoma recognizes approximately 3,000 volunteers for National Volunteer Week, which will be observed nationally from April 7 to April 13, 2019. The County benefits from the many volunteers committed to providing services that help to support and augment services provided to the community by County departments and programs. This year is especially important to recognize volunteers, because so many residents stepped into the role as volunteers to help others during the devastating wildfires and the recent floods that damaged our community.

Our 35th annual Volunteer Recognition Reception event will be held in honor of the many volunteers who donated time and service in 2018. The celebration will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, from 3:45 to 6:00 p.m. in Saralee's Barn at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. This event is coordinated by the Human Resources Department who is responsible for the County's Volunteer Program, working together with all County departments who utilize volunteers.

All County's volunteers will be recognized at this event with gifts and appetizers, and awards will be presented to this year's Outstanding Volunteers.

Discussion:

In the County of Sonoma, there have been individuals who have given of themselves through volunteerism for many years. The formal Volunteer Program, administered by the Human Resources Department, was established in January 1984.

Last year, over 3,000 volunteers donated their time and energy to the many departments and programs at the County of Sonoma. The time and efforts of our valued volunteers represent approximately 5 million dollars' worth of services to our community. Some examples of the great work performed by volunteers include:

- Helping at shelters and being First Responders during the recent floods and wildfires,
- Acting as tutors and mentors to abused and neglected children,

- Offering support to the mentally ill,
- Assisting with searches for lost and missing persons,
- Grooming and caring for animals in the County shelter,
- Helping the elderly by providing fall prevention training,
- Guiding visitors in County parks and at our airport,
- Serving as Board appointees to the County's boards, commissions, committees, and task forces,
- Assisting with research, providing translation skills, and performing countless other meaningful deeds that benefit our community.

Departments' volunteer programs submitted nominations for the 2018 Outstanding Volunteers, identifying individuals who have contributed one or more of the following:

- An extraordinary number of hours in a year's period,
- A longstanding commitment to the department/program,
- An effort of exceptional quality,
- Participation in a project with wide-ranging impact, and/or
- Other actions the department considers invaluable or extraordinary.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee will review nominations and select honorees to recognize as 2018 Outstanding Volunteers. They will receive an award and special recognition certificate at the Volunteer Recognition Reception event on April 18, 2019. Volunteers, managers, department heads, and Board of Supervisors are invited to this celebration in honor of our volunteers.

Prior Board Actions:

Since 1984, the Board has annually adopted a resolution recognizing the efforts of its County volunteers in honor of National Volunteer Week.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	8,200	8,200	8,200
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	8,200	8,200	8,200
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF	8,200	8,200	8,200
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			

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Total Sources	8,200	8,200	8,200
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Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Human Resources has appropriations sufficient in its budget to cover the costs of this event. The budget will cover items such as catering, gifts, awards, printing, and supplies.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

No Staffing Impacts.

Attachments:

Resolution Recognizing 2019 National Volunteer Week.

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None.