



# SONOMA COUNTY

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

## Legislation Text

File #: 2019-0970, Version: 1

**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**Department or Agency Name(s):** Clerk-Recorder-Assessor  
**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Deva Proto, 565-3246  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority  
**Supervisory District(s):** NA

**Title:**

Lake County Cost Sharing Agreement for Geothermal Data

**Recommended Actions:**

Authorize the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor to execute a cost sharing agreement with Lake County to share geothermal assessment data.

**Executive Summary:**

The Assessor's Office is responsible for assessing geothermal properties located in Sonoma County. Geothermal assessments are complex and require expertise in the geothermal industry as well as California property tax laws. The Assessor's Office has contracted with Harold W. Bertholf Inc. to assist in determining the values of geothermal properties for the annual and supplemental tax rolls. Because The Geysers geothermal facilities straddle Sonoma County and Lake County, the data prepared by Bertholf is also relevant to the Lake County Assessor's Office. Lake County desires to purchase the data prepared by Sonoma County's consultant for tax year 2018-19 for \$25,000 through the proposed cost sharing agreement. The Clerk-Recorder-Assessor requests authorization to execute the agreement.

**Discussion:**

The Sonoma County Assessor's Office is responsible for assessing The Geysers geothermal facility. The Assessor's Office has contracted with Harold W. Bertholf, Inc. to assist in providing reliable evaluations of the geothermal properties. Because The Geysers straddles both Sonoma and Lake Counties, the data prepared by Bertholf is also relevant to the Lake County Assessor's Office. Lake County desires to purchase the data prepared for tax year 2018-19 from Sonoma County for \$25,000. This amount represents Lake County's approximate share of the cost paid by Sonoma County to Bertholf for the data based on the allocated value of The Geysers between the two counties. It is mutually beneficial for the counties to rely on the same valuation data. The Clerk-Recorder-Assessor therefore requests that the Board authorize the proposed cost sharing agreement with Lake County.

**Prior Board Actions:**

06/13/2017 - Geothermal Appraisal Services Agreement

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	25,000		
Additional Appropriation Requested			

<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	\$25,000		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>		

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There will be an additional \$25,000 in revenue from the Assessor's Office allocated to the general fund.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (number)</b>	<b>Deletions (number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

NA

**Attachments:**

1) Agreement

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

NA