

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

**DATE: 11/29/01
AGENDA ITEM NO.: # 4**

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly PHONE: 966-3609

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_X__)

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

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LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____
B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____
C. Required additional funding \$ _____
D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____
C. Source description: _____
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, _____
if approved: \$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 01-322 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
 Approved () Denied
 Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: _____
ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____
Deputy


ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
 Recommended
 Not Recommended
 For Policy Determination
 Submitted with Comment
 Returned for Further Action
Comment: _____
C.A.O. Initials: ER



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Alcohol & Drug Community Action Housing Authority Mental Health Public Guardian/Conservator Social Services
CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, MSW, DIRECTOR

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly 
RE: Direct Deposit of CalWORKs benefits

Recommendation

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize the Social Services Division of the Human Services Department to offer CalWORKs clients the option to receive their monthly cash aid payments by direct deposit.

Information

CalWORKs cash aid is paid through County Bank, which will require establishing a direct deposit agreement with this bank. Currently, the CalWORKs case load is approximately 200 cases per month, and we anticipate no more than 10-15 clients will elect direct deposit. This may increase as the concept gains acceptance. Direct deposit will reduce the Auditor's and Treasurer's Office workload to the extent that paper warrants are not issued, however, this will be offset by the additional procedures necessary to manage the direct deposit account. An automated file will be produced by the ISAWS automated system used by Social Services, which will be in a format to be transmitted to County Bank for processing. Rejections and other problems will be resolved manually, however, these should be minimal. The direct deposit file will only be generated once each month for the main payroll, and any unscheduled, supplemental aid payments a client may be entitled to will be issued by paper warrant.

Direct deposit will provide those clients who choose it a safer, more reliable method of receiving and managing their funds.

Background

Senate Bill 962, signed into law September 28, 2000, mandates that those counties offering direct deposit to employees offer direct deposit to their public assistance recipients. The direct deposit program for public assistance recipients must be established by December 1, 2001. Since Mariposa County does offer a direct deposit program to its employees, we are subject to the provisions of SB 962. The State Department of Social Services has determined that SB 962 applies only to recipients of CalWORKs benefits.

Financial

County Bank's fee to establish this agreement is \$95, plus \$29.95 per month for up to 200 transactions. These expenses will be covered by a combination of State, Federal, and Social Services Tax Realignment funding. There will be no County General Fund cost.