

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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May 5, 1998

AGENDA: May 19, 1998

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Santa Cruz County 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95061

RE: APPROVE PURCHASE OF TABLET AND CAPSULE COUNTER FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY PHARMACY

Dear Board Members:

The Health Services Agency is requesting approval to purchase a tablet and capsule counter for the Santa Cruz Clinic Pharmacy at an approximate cost of \$4,100. The counter allows prescriptions to be filled accurately and rapidly and is essential pharmacy equipment. This item is included in the HSA's 1997-98 fixed asset budget. The amount originally budgeted was based on a model that has since been discontinued and there is no equivalent model available for the same price. A standard replacement model will cost an additional \$1,200. Board approval is required when the unit cost of a fixed asset item is more than 15% over the originally budgeted amount. Funds are available in the fixed asset budget to cover the cost of this increase.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the fixed asset purchase of a tablet and capsule counter for the Health Services Agency Pharmacy at an approximate cost of \$4,100.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Moody, HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

CC:

Susan A. Mauriello County Administrative Officer

County Administrative Office

Auditor-Controller County Counsel County Purchasing HSA Administration