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October 6, 1998

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

RE: DONATION OF SURPLUS LABORATORY EQUIPMENT TO THE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL
EFFORT IN MEXICO

Dear Board Members:

The State Department of Health Services, through its Microbial Diseases Laboratory and its Office of Border Health, is working with a group called Ten Against Tuberculosis to improve tuberculosis laboratory services in the States of Mexico that border on the United States. A strengthened TB control effort in the border region will benefit the residents of both countries.

As part of this effort, the Microbial Diseases Laboratory (MDL) is collecting used but serviceable laboratory equipment in the United States and sending it to laboratories in the northern Mexico. The MDL is particularly interested in obtaining incubators, centrifuges and other basic laboratory equipment. HSA's clinical laboratory has a surplus incubator in good working condition to contribute to the MDL for use in Mexico. Even though this equipment is outdated for HSA use, it still would be a valuable tool in a tuberculosis control program. HSA is pleased to make this equipment available for this purpose. This item is no longer carried on the County's inventory so a formal declaration of surplus by your Board is not required. The MDL will make arrangements for and pay the cost of shipping the incubator to a laboratory in Mexico.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

Authorize contribution of a surplus laboratory incubator to the Microbial Diseases Laboratory, Department of Health Services, to be made available to a laboratory in Mexico for the tuberculosis control effort in the border region.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Moody
Charles M. Moody, HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

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County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller

County Counsel
HSA Administration