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Agenda: November 10, 1998

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SUMMER LUNCH UPDATE

Dear Members of the Board:

On June 22, 1998, during budget hearings your Board directed the Human Resources Agency @IRA) to return with a report and recommendations resulting from the Summer Lunch community planning process. The purpose of this letter is to provide your Board with a report regarding the Summer Lunch community planning process, and to present recommendations for future planning.

Since your Board meeting, HRA worked in conjunction with the Summer Lunch Collaborative to convene a planning meeting for the future of the Summer Lunch Program. Collaborative members are the County of Santa Cruz Parks and Open Space and Cultural Services, City of Santa Cruz, City of Watsonville, Community Action Board, Davenport Resource Center, Familia Center, Food & Nutrition Services, Fenix Services, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, St. Francis Churches' Penny Club, Santa Cruz City School District, Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos, and Second Harvest Food Bank. A total of 47 invitations were sent out to various governmental agencies and commissions, nonprofit organizations, churches, children's associations, and school districts. At the August 10, 1998 meeting, attendees (aside from Collaborative members) included representatives from:

- County of Santa Cruz Probation Department
- HRA's CareerWorks Division
- HRA's Food Stamps Division
- Housing Authority
- Local Child Care Planning Council
- Defensa de Mujeres
- Salvation Army of Watsonville
- United Way of Santa Cruz County
- County Office of Education
- Live Oak School District
- Scotts Valley Unified School District
- Aptos Unitarian Fellowship
- California Food Policy Advocates

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Subsequent to the meeting, California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA) took steps to apply to the David and Lucile Packard Foundation for a \$50,000 grant to provide funds to regional nonprofits for Summer Lunch start-up grants. At HRA's request, CFPA has included in its Packard Foundation application a \$10,000 proposal on behalf of Santa Cruz County's Summer Lunch Collaborative. This grant would allow for a consultant to be hired to continue the community planning process that has been initiated, and to specifically work with schools and nonprofits to encourage sponsorship and expansion of Summer Lunch sites prior to next summer.

CFPA has received positive reports on its funding request, and anticipates a decision and an award of funding notice within the next few weeks. If the local grant is funded, Food and Nutrition Services will be the fiscal agent and supervisor of the project. It is anticipated that through this community planning process and the work of the consultant, the Summer Lunch Collaborative will be able to expand its number of sites, and recruit new school districts and various community organizations to become sponsors. The desired outcome of this grant will be that an on-going Summer Lunch Program will be established, which will include new school district sponsors, nonprofit organizations, and community associations, with dedicated sources of revenue for continued funding of the program. Upon completion of the project a copy of the final report will be transmitted to your Board.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this report on Summer Lunch expansion efforts as recommended by the Human Resources Agency Administrator.

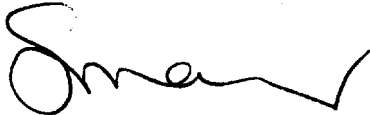
Very truly yours,



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RECOMMENDED:



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cc: Summer Lunch Collaborative
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