To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nancy O'Hara, Director of Health & Human Services

Department: Health & Human Services

Subject: Approval of the amended and restated California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and approval to enter into a single fifty-eight (58) County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CalSAWS and Sutter County

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) and enter into a single fifty-eight (58) County MOU between CalSAWS and Sutter County.

Background: Since 1998, Sutter County has participated with thirty-five (35) counties in the Interim Statewide Automated Welfare System (ISAWS) for the eligibility determination and benefit calculation for public assistance programs. On June 1, 2010 the thirty-five (35) ISAWS Counties migrated to the C-IV automated system joining the existing four (4) C-IV Counties and entered into the C-IV JPA Second Amendment and thirty-nine (39) County MOU.

On July 29, 2011, the State of California presented to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey & Certification (CMS), its plans for reducing the complexity of the eligibility system configuration in California. Those plans included taking the necessary steps to consolidate the existing SAWS Consortia from three to two systems. The recommendation was to merge the Los Angeles County and C-IV Systems.

In September 2011, AB 16 passed. AB 16 called for "the migration of the 39 C-IV Counties into a single system jointly designed by the thirty-nine (39) C-IV Counties plus Los Angeles County" resulting in a new consortium composed of forty (40) counties. The new Amended and Restated JPA became effective September 1, 2017. The new system is anticipated to Go Live by April 2020 and was named the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System or "CalACES".

At this time, eighteen (18) CalWIN system counties are migrating into the CalACES system which necessitates amending the existing JPA and MOU to add the 18 additional CalWIN counties as new members and to officially change the name of the Consortium to CalSAWS.

Prior Board Action: The Sutter County Board of Supervisors authorized joining the C-IV JPA and approved the thirty-five County MOU at its meeting of April 3, 2007; approved the first amendment to the MOU at its meeting of June 10, 2008; approved the second amendment to the MOU at its meeting of May 5, 2009; approved the second amendment to the JPA and approved the thirty-nine (39) County
MOU at its meeting of April 6, 2010; and, approved the amended and restated JPA and forty (40) County MOU at its meeting of June 27, 2017.

**Board Alternatives:** No viable options or alternatives exist.

**Other Department and/or Agency Involvement:** Sutter County Counsel has reviewed the JPA and the MOU.

**Action Following Approval:** The Chairman of the Board and Health and Human Services Director will sign the JPA and the MOU.

**Fiscal Impact:** This action will have no impact to the County General Fund. The annual JPA administrative costs are $4,400. Ongoing maintenance, operations and project costs of approximately $45,000 are included in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Adopted Budget.

**Countywide Goals and/or Top Priorities Compliance:** This item helps to address Countywide Goal D: Provide responsible and cost-effective social services (with measurable results) to an increasingly diverse and complex society.

**Standing Committee Review:** This item was reviewed by the Health and Welfare Committee on March 5, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Nancy O’Hara
Director of Health & Human Services

**Attachments:**
1. CalSAWS 2nd Amend, Restated JPA
2. CalSAWS MOU