



Yolo County Housing

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DATE: May 1, 2008
TO: YCH Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lisa A. Baker, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Review and Approve a Date and Time for a Yolo County Housing Planning Retreat**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Review and approve a date and time for the Yolo County Housing Planning Retreat.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On June 20, 2006, the Board of Supervisors voted to dissolve the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Yolo (informally known as Yolo County Housing) and to appoint itself as the interim Board for Yolo County Housing. On June 21, 2006, the new Board held its first meeting. The Board retained an Interim Executive Director to look at overall operations and make recommendations regarding the state of operations and to stabilize the Agency. This resulted in the creation of a report, "Assessment of the Fiscal and Organizational Needs of the Yolo County Housing Authority," which created a working framework for improvements to the YCH.

On November 14, 2006, the Board composition increased to seven (7) members when two (2) tenant commissioners were appointed to the Board of Commissioners. The Board appointed Lisa A. Baker as the Executive Director for the YCH, effective November 20, 2007. With the addition of a permanent executive director, staff continued to look in-depth at organizational needs. In addition, the YCH received a Comprehensive Review by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Recovery and Protection Corps (RPC), which provided additional input regarding required improvements and which culminated in the Memorandum of Agreement and Housing Voucher Corrective Action Plan with HUD.

The current Executive Director and staff have worked together to continue to address the organizational and fiscal needs of the Agency. At its board meeting of December 11, 2007, the Board received a progress report on the items identified in the original assessment, as well as a progress report on items that were subsequently identified as needing stabilization and improvement.

The Agency, at this point, has moved beyond triage and assessment and is in the process of addressing many of the structural issues that led to identified issues. Staff is now in the process of continuing to improve operations, to work on medium and long range planning issues, as well as to continue to improve overall fiscal solvency and integrity. Because of this, it is a good time for the Board to hold a planning retreat to discuss current and future planning issues so that staff may bring back to the Board, for its formal consideration, a strategic operations and policy plan for adoption.

Some identified issues to be considered are:

Organizational Planning Issues:

- Disaster Planning and Continued Operations Policy
- Pandemic Illness Planning
- YCH and its role in the Yolo County Climate Change Compact
- YCH and its role in providing Housing and Community Development Services

Housing Issues:

- Current Housing and Future Planning, including Energy Planning
- Need for, and Development of, Comprehensive Strategic Housing Plan to govern future development and/or redevelopment

Organizational Issues:

- Interim Board and Transition Plan to permanent Board

Staff proposes to hold the retreat at the YCH offices in its main community room. At this time, staff proposes that Commissioners consider holding the retreat at one of the following dates/times:

- July 16 from 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:30 to 4:30
- July 17, from 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:30 to 4:30

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board review, select and approve a date and time for the YCH Planning Retreat.