

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

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For the Agenda of:
June 15, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On Cost To Restore One (1.0 FTE) Volunteer Program Specialist To the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

District: All

Contact: Toni Moore, Deputy Director, 875-1762

BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 2009 Budget Workshop, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) presented information about staff reductions to RSVP. Following public testimony from an RSVP volunteer at the June 11, 2009 Budget hearing, Supervisor Peters requested information about the cost to restore the Volunteer Program Specialist position.

DISCUSSION

DHA proposed the reduction of one (1.0 FTE) Volunteer Program Specialist and one (1.0 FTE) Office Assistant II in the Senior Volunteer Services program. The three programs in Senior Volunteer Services (RSVP, Foster Grandparents, and Senior Companions) are currently staffed by eight (8.0 FTE), therefore the reduction of two staff represents a 25% reduction in staff capacity. The deletion of the one Volunteer Program Specialist position will leave only one Volunteer Coordinator to staff the RSVP program. As a result, it is anticipated that the number of volunteers in all three programs combined will be reduced from the current level of approximately 750 to 500. In addition, RSVP will no longer have the staff capacity to continue the Veteran's History Project, Neighborhood Emergency Training for seniors and their family members, and a new effort underway to develop a Consultant Corps.

The cost to restore the salary and benefits for one (1.0 FTE) Volunteer Program Specialist is \$96,000. The cost to restore the salary and benefits for one (1.0 FTE) Office Assistant II assigned to this program is \$52,000.

Respectfully submitted,

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