



Board Agenda Item 36

DATE: August 4, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Robert W. Bash, Director of Internal Services/Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Lease of County-Owned Property in Sanger of Open Space

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute an Option and Lease Agreement with Central Valley Independent Network, LLC dba VAST Networks, for use of county-owned property on the northeast corner of East Jensen and the Fowler Switch Canal for an Option Term of six months, and if the Option to Lease is exercised, the initial term of the lease will be fifteen years, with an option to extend for three additional five-year terms (\$500).

Central Valley Independent Network, LLC dba VAST Networks (VAST) works in conjunction with the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California to improve the availability of broadband network access, particularly in rural and unserved areas of Central California. Approval of the recommended action will allow for use of open space in Sanger to allow VAST to provide broadband services to developments in the western areas of the City of Sanger. This item pertains to a location in District 4.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no alternative action. Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the western portion of the City of Sanger will continue to with limited broadband availability.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Consideration for the option period is \$500, and the compensation for the lease term, if exercised, shall be a monthly credit on the County's bill of an amount equivalent to the value of a 1-Gigabit Internet Connection or \$1,200. The credit will be budgeted in the Internal Services Department - Org 8905. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the ISD - Org. 8905 2020-21 Recommended Budget.

DISCUSSION:

VAST works in conjunction with the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California to improve the availability of broadband network access, particularly in rural and unserved areas of Central California. The Corporation has a project plan designed to improve the availability of broadband networking infrastructure for 18 counties (Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kings, Kern, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter and Yuba) including the Central Valley.

The County has approximately 1,500 square feet of open space located at the northeast corner of East Jensen and the Fowler Switch Canal. VAST has identified this property as a suitable location for use in their project plan.

VAST is requesting to lease a portion of the subject property, approximately 1,200 square feet, for the installation of a telecommunication facility. The facility will consist of three telecommunication cabinets and associated support equipment. VAST will install fencing to encompass the open space. The facility will be unmanned, and access will only be required by VAST for routine equipment checks.

With your Board's approval, the open space will allow for installation of telecommunication equipment that will support the expansion of broadband network services in the western area of the City of Sanger.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement with Central Valley Independent Network

CAO ANALYST:

Sonia M. De La Rosa