## Resolution No. 19- 269

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno Updating the
Procedure to Relieve County Officers and Employees of Shortages in County Funds in
the Absence of Fraud or Gross Negligence and Delegating to the County Auditor Limited
Authority to Replenish Shortages in County Funds

Whereas, each reference in this resolution to the County Auditor refers to the relevant office and its lawful function as may be, and currently is, consolidated within the office of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector; and

Whereas, Government Code section 29390 provides that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") may, by a resolution incorporating such limitations and safeguards as may be deemed in the best interests of the County, provide that County officers and employees who are responsible for receiving and paying out money may be relieved of shortages in their accounts, where there is no proof of fraud or gross negligence in connection with the shortage and where the loss is not covered by insurance, and if the Board after an investigation and report by the County Auditor approves the coverage of that shortage, it will be entered in its minutes and be a charge against the County General Fund; and

Whereas, Government Code section 29390.1 provides that the Board by resolution may provide that an application to have a shortage in County funds replenished must be made with the County Auditor instead of with the Board, and may authorize the County Auditor to perform the functions of the Board to replenish the shortage; and

Whereas, Government Code section 29390.1 further provides that, if the Board authorizes the County Auditor to perform the functions of the Board under Government Code section 29390, the County Auditor shall render a written report and give an account to the Board of shortage reimbursements at the end of the fiscal year and at other times as the Board directs; and

 Whereas, the Board by an unnumbered, untitled resolution on December 8, 1959, prior to the enactment of Government Code section 29390.1, established a procedure by which shortages may be relieved by the Board under Government Code section 29390; and

Whereas, the Board has received and considered a report and recommendation from the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector concerning the matters that are the subject of this resolution; and

Whereas, the Board wishes to update the procedure established in 1959 and to authorize the County Auditor, under Government Code section 29390.1, to receive applications to have shortages in County funds made with the County Auditor instead of with the Board, and to perform the functions of the Board to replenish shortages in County funds, up to \$500 per incident; and

## The Board therefore finds, resolves, and orders as follows:

- **1. Recitals.** All of the recitals listed above are true and correct.
- 2. Standard for Relief. Any County officers or employees that are responsible for receiving and paying out money may be relieved, under Government Code section 29390, of shortages in their accounts where there is no proof of fraud or gross negligence in connection with the shortage and where the loss is not covered by insurance.
- 3. Application to County Auditor. An application under Government Code section 29390 by a County officer or employee to have a shortage in County funds replenished shall be made to the County Auditor.
- 4. Procedure upon Application. Upon receiving an application, the Auditor shall make a reasonable investigation into the circumstances of the shortage. If the County Auditor determines that there is no proof of fraud or gross negligence in connection with the shortage, and that the loss is not covered by insurance, then: (a) the Board hereby authorizes the County Auditor, under Government Code section 29390.1, to perform the functions of the Board to replenish the shortage as a charge against the County General Fund, if the shortage is no more than \$500 for a single incident, and reimbursement of the shortage will be a charge against the County General Fund; or (b) if the shortage is more than \$500 for a single incident, the County

Auditor shall submit a report of the investigation to the Board with a recommendation whether to replenish the shortage, and if the Board approves the reimbursement of the shortage, it will be entered into the minutes of the Board and will be a charge against the County General Fund.

- 5. Report and Accounting of Shortage Reimbursements. At the end of each fiscal year, and at other times as the Board directs, the County Auditor shall render a written report and give an account to the Board of shortage reimbursements made by the County Auditor as authorized under Government Code section 29390.1 and by authority delegated in section 4(a) of this resolution.
- 6. Prior Resolutions Superseded and Repealed. This resolution supersedes and hereby repeals the unnumbered, untitled Board resolution adopted on December 8, 1959, under Government Code section 29390, and all other resolutions that the Board has previously adopted to establish procedures under Government Code section 29390 or to delegate authority under Government Code section 29390.1.
- **7. Headings.** The headings and section titles in this resolution are for convenience only and are not part of this resolution.
- **8. Effective Date.** This resolution is effective immediately upon approval by the Board.

1	The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of			
2	Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 9th day of July, 2019, to wit:			
3	AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero			
4	NOES:	None		
5	ABSENT:	None		
6	ABSTAINED: None		00	
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8			Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Supervisors of the County of Free	Board of
9	Attest:		Supervisors of the County of Fre-	5110
10	Bernice E. Seidel Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California			
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