City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Richard Spitler, City Manager

DATE:

June 21, 2011

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce for

Marketing and Promotional Services

ISSUE: Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement in the amount of \$302,000 with the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce for marketing and promotional services for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

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RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution.

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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The City of Calistoga has had a longstanding, beneficial relationship with the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce. In recent years, the City has contracted with the Chamber for broad marketing and promotional services to support the City's tourism economic base.

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The current contract with the Chamber of Commerce expired June 30, 2011. Given the dominant role that visitor activity plays in the Calistoga economy (transient occupancy tax and visitor related sales tax are the City's dominant sources of revenue), well focused and professional marketing and promotion of Calistoga as a destination for visitors is essential. The professional services agreement, with its specific scope of work, will continue to ensure that Calistoga receives the marketing and promotional efforts that are necessary to remain competitive in the challenging visitor economy. Staff will continue to work with the Chamber to develop meaningful quarterly report formats and data points to inform the City Council and community of efforts undertaken, progress made, and emerging trends which affect Calistoga. The proposed contract will expired on June 30, 2012.

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FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed professional services agreement has a contract amount of \$302,000. This amount is included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2011/2012 budget.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 27 1. Draft Resolution
- 28 2. Draft Professional Services Agreement
- 29 3. Scope of Services

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CALISTOGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL SERVICES

Authorizing Agreement No.

SUSAN SNEDDON, City Clerk

Additionizing Agreement No.
WHEREAS, Calistoga was founded as a resort community and enjoys and depends upon a high rate of tourism; and
WHEREAS, tourism constitutes a major industry in Calistoga, and the City receive a significant portion of its revenues from taxes (Transient Occupancy Tax) generated by the tourist industry; and
WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to aggressively promote the community in order to maintain and enhance our attractiveness as a tourist destination; and
WHEREAS, the City of Council has contracted with the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce in the past for community promotional services; and
WHEREAS, while the City Council finds that such a relationship has been beneficial to the community, the City Council desires to accept the recommendation of the Council appointed subcommittee to promote focused marketing and promotional strategies in the future.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calistoga City Council hereby approves the terms of the proposed services for marketing and promotional services by the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce reflecting substantially the same Scope of Services as set forth in the attached agreement.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce for the amount of \$302,000 as set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution.
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this 21st day of June, 2011, by the following vote:
AYES: NOES:
ABSTAIN/ABSENT:
JACK GINGLES, Mayor ATTEST: