City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Spitler, City Manager

DATE: March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution Approving the Proposed Renovation of

the Calistoga Library by Napa County

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

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Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

ISSUE: Approval of the Proposed Renovation of the Calistoga Library by Napa County.

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RECOMMENDATION: Consideration of Resolution Approving the Proposed Renovation of the Calistoga Library by Napa County.

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BACKGROUND:

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12 13 Napa County has embarked on a library renovation project for all of its libraries. Calistoga is designated for major renovation this summer, including a new roof, a change in the floor plan and new furniture to make the building more effective in providing library services. Such improvements have proved to increase usage of the library upon completion. The capital fund designated for Calistoga is \$651,908. The cost of actual improvement is estimated to be \$644,000, however, it will not be finally determined until after bids are received.

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The County has prepared a preliminary floor plan of changes anticipated (see Attachment 2). The changes are meant to improve the functionality of the floor plan to provide improved service and facilities. This will require removal of the stage and the wood book shelves in the outer walls of the facility, among other improvements. A new entry door will be installed to the building. The outward appearance of the building will not change.

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Section 7 of the City's agreement with Napa County regarding operation of the library requires that the County obtain City approval of any major renovation to the library. This is why this proposed renovation of a County facility is before the City Council.

On November 18, 2014 the City Council approved in concept the proposed renovation. However, they requested that a public meeting be held to receive comment. This meeting was held on January 7, 2015 at the library. Approximately 50 people attended. Subsequently on February 3, 2015 the City Council established a Calistoga Library Renovation Review Subcommittee to review the public comments, the County response to them and to report back to the City Council with a recommendation. The following persons were appointed to this subcommittee:

Ed Tapper- citizen at-large member Michele Amendola - member of the Calistoga Friends of the Library Jim Barnes- Councilmember

Danis Kreimeier, County Librarian and Richard Spitler, City Manager, would also attend the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

On February 10, 2015 this subcommittee met and reviewed the public comments received at the public meeting and informal comment cards that will completed at the library (see Attachment 3). The subcommittee had responses to several of the suggestions (see Attachment 3) and gave the recommendation that the renovation project should move ahead as planned. The one exception is the recommendation that one area be preserved with the original wood shelves to hold special collections such as the display of a rare bible (behind a plastic case) that belongs to the Calistoga Library.

Staff believes that the renovation of the library is in the best interest of the Calistoga patrons of the library. With the benefit of public review and the recommendation of the library subcommittee recommendation, the City Council should adopt the attached resolution approving the proposed renovation. Napa County will then prepare a bid document; and, if all goes well, begin construction this summer. During this time the library will find a temporary location, likely the fairgrounds.

CEQA:

Napa County is the lead agency on this project and will determine the appropriate level of environmental review prior to initiating the bid process.

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71 **FISCAL IMPACT**: None.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 74 1. Draft Resolution to approve the renovation of the Calistoga Library by Napa County
- 76 2. Existing and Proposed Floor Plan of Library
- 77 3. Memorandum from the Calistoga Library Renovation Subcommittee and public comments on the library renovation

RESOLUTION 2015-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROPOSED RENOVATION OF THE CALISTOGA LIBRARY BY NAPA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of providing library services since the late 1880's; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the City joined the Napa City-County Library system to provide for the operation of the Calistoga Library; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the City and County entered into an agreement (City Agreement #0009, April 22, 2003; County Agreement No. 5087) to provide for the operations and funding of the Calistoga Library; and

WHEREAS, the County has expressed the desire to renovate the Calistoga Library and has requested City Council approval consistent with the provisions of Section 7 of the aforementioned agreement; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the City of Calistoga the County held a public meeting on January 7, 2015 to receive public comment on the proposed renovation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed three members to a Calistoga Library Renovation Review Subcommittee to review the public comments received to date, the County response and to make a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed renovation; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2015 the members of the Calistoga Library Renovation Review Subcommittee met with the County Librarian and project architect and prepared a memorandum to the City Council with their recommendation to approve the proposed renovation as planned except that one area be preserved with the original wood shelves to hold special collections such as the display of a rare bible (behind a plastic case) that belongs to the Calistoga Library; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed request for approval of the library renovation at a public meeting held on March 3, 2015 and considered the concerns of all participants, the Calistoga Library Renovation Review Subcommittee and the recommendation of staff as contained in the staff report; and

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WHEREAS, after due consideration the City Council is supportive of the proposed renovation and finds that the renovation of the library is in the best interest of the Calistoga patrons of the library.

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RESOLUTION 2015 - XXX Calistoga Library Renovation Page 2 of 2 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby approves the renovation of the Calistoga Library as proposed except that one area be preserved with the original wood shelves to hold special collections such as the display of a rare bible (behind a plastic case) that belongs to the Calistoga Library. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this 3rd of March, 2015 following vote: AYES: NOES: **ABSTAIN:** ABSENT: **CHRIS CANNING, Mayor ATTEST:**

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KATHY FLAMSON, City Clerk