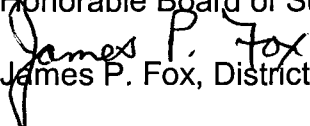




**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Office of District Attorney

**DATE:** March 25, 2005  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 12, 2005  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:**   
James P. Fox, District Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board  
Criminal Restitution Compact Contract

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the District Attorney to execute a contract with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for the District Attorney Restitution Program for FY2005-2006 and FY2006-07 in the amount of \$152,218.

**VISION ALIGNMENT:**

**Commitment:** Ensure basic health and safety for all.

**Goal 8:** Help vulnerable people – the aged, disabled, mentally ill, at-risk youth and others – achieve a better quality of life.

The Agreement contributes to this goal by coordinating victims' restitution efforts and facilitating the imposition of restitution fines and orders for cases in which a victim has filed a claim with the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.

**Background**

In January 1997, the State Board of Control established a Restitution Committee to review and discuss statewide restitution and victim's services issues. One result of this effort was that the State Board of Control approached several District Attorneys' Offices in the State and proposed the establishment of paralegal positions within those offices to collect restitution and monitor the enforcement of court orders. In the fall of 1997, the State Board of Control stated their intent to enter into a contract with San Mateo County to fund a paralegal position and start the program. The Board approved an amendment to the Salary Ordinance in December 1997 and an appropriation transfer request in January 1998 to initiate the program in San Mateo County. Since 1997 the Board has renewed this application every year.

**Discussion**

The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has submitted a contract to the District Attorney's Office to continue the Restitution Program in FY2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007. The program supports one paralegal who is responsible for coordinating restitution efforts in the District Attorney's Office. Such coordination of restitution efforts includes notifying Deputy District Attorneys of cases in which restitution needs to be ordered, tracking the disposition of cases in which restitution has been ordered, and reporting case status to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. Approval of the subject resolution will permit the District Attorney to renew its contract with the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for continuance of this program effort.

The purpose of the restitution contract is to seek the imposition of restitution fines and orders for cases in which a victim has filed a claim with the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. The paralegal has increased the restitution orders to 80% due to her early involvement in the cases. In cases where our office receives the claim after sentencing or when the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has not determined an amount of loss, the restitution orders drop to 45%.

**Fiscal Impact**

The subject contract fully funds the Restitution Program for FY2005-2006 and FY2006-2007. The proposed \$152,218 covers salaries and benefits totaling \$140,264 and \$11,954 in services, supplies, and per capita service charges. The effort under this contract also has a positive fiscal impact for the State because the State obtains reimbursement of funds issued to victims of violent crimes by their Victim of Crimes Program from criminal perpetrators. Assuming approval will be forthcoming, this current Board action will have no fiscal impact on net county cost.

**RECOMMENDED**  
*Matthew*  
COUNTY MANAGER