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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KNABE

September 30, 2014

Substitute Motion for Item #3

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Instruct the Chief Information Officer (CIO), in consultation with the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD) to identify and contract with, under an existing Master Agreement, an independent third party agency or firm with a physical presence in the region that specializes in data center design and implementation in order to provide the Board of Supervisors with a written report within 120 days, with a comprehensive and realistic recommendation regarding the County's current requirements for total and raised floor space, power and utility needs for a data center. If there is not a vendor with this expertise under the existing Master Agreement, the CIO and ISD should return to the Board with recommended vendors. The recommended scope should:
 - a. Reflect the replacement of ISD's Downey data center;
 - Ensure that the same data center is ready to consolidate most of the County's 64 data centers; and

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- c. Accommodate future growth and consolidation, factoring in virtualization and anticipated changes in data center and information technologies.
- 2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to contract with a second independent third party agency or firm to assess and analyze the short and long-term financial, logistical, and operational impacts associated with acquiring, leasing, or constructing a data center that meets the needs defined above. The selected agency or firm should be experienced and familiar with California's building code requirements for data center design and construction, possess a deep and practiced understanding of the County's real estate market, and provide a recommendation of the most beneficial and cost effective option. The recommended scope should:
 - a. Consider the range of options to satisfy the County's needs including leasing, purchase, or construction of a new facility.
 - Identify a County site that will best accommodate current needs and future growth if construction is recommended; and
 - c. Compare the benefits and drawbacks of constructing a new facility at the Rancho Los Amigos south campus versus another vacant site.
- 3. Adopt a policy direction to consolidate departmental data centers in a virtualized, centralized model. Instruct the CEO, CIO, ISD's Information Technology Services Division and departmental CIOs to form a committee and report back in writing to the Board within 90 days with a Countywide consolidation policy, five-year consolidation roadmap, and an operations governance process for the new data center.