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CALAVERAS COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Mary Kelly, Senior Administrative Analyst

DATE: March 2, 2007

SUBJECT: CalPERS TRANSFER AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Council approve the adoption of a Resolution of Intention declaring the agency's intent to enter into a contract with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

BACKGROUND

When the CCOG was formed under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in 1998, the County agreed to provide Human Resources services for payroll and accounting functions and to establish membership in the CalPERS retirement system. In 2004 it was brought to staff's attention that CCOG meets the requirements as a public agency under California Government Code and that it was necessary for the agency to have a CalPERS plan separate from the County. Staff initiated the process and gathered information as requested by CalPERS. Setting up a new CalPERS plan will not change the CalPERS coverage for CCOG employees. The CCOG will continue to pay both the employer and employee contribution of CalPERS coverage as it currently does now.

At the November 9, 2005 CCOG meeting, the Council authorized the Director to establish a separate plan for CCOG employees (attached). On January 20, 2006 the Assistant CAO sent a letter to CalPERS (attached) acknowledging the change and allowing transfer of CCOG employee contributions into the new plan once it is established. A contract between CCOG and CalPERS must be executed to complete the process.

DISCUSSION

The contract with CalPERS was put on hold until a new Executive Director was hired. Now that the CCOG is fully staffed, CalPERS requires a *Resolution of Intent* from the CCOG declaring the agency's intent to enter into a contract with CalPERS. An adoption of a final resolution is required by CalPERS and will be brought to the Council at the May meeting for approval. The effective date of the contract is anticipated to be June 1, 2007.

It is recommended that the Council approve this action.