
AGENDA ITEM 8A

Information

July 24, 2014 Commission Meeting

Approve Contract with the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's budget as set forth in the California Budget Act of 2014 passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown on June 20, 2014 contains a line item for \$7 million from the Mental Health Services Fund for suicide prevention efforts. The \$7 million was originally allocated in Fiscal Year 2013-14 as part of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013.

These funds were allocated in the 2014 Budget to specifically help fund the Golden Gate suicide barrier. According to the enclosed press release from Proposition 63 author and Senate President pro Tem, Darrell Steinberg, the "seven million dollar contribution from Prop 63 was a final piece of the funding puzzle made possible in this year's state budget." The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District is the entity responsible for the construction of the suicide barrier, known as Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System Project. Because the \$7 million is in the Commission's budget it is necessary for the Commission to enter into an agreement with the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District. The Commission will consider approval of the contract with the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Enclosure: Press Release: "Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Barrier Now Possible Thanks to Proposition 63 Funding"

Handout: PowerPoint presentation will be distributed the day of the meeting.

Recommended Action: MHSOAC Staff recommends approval of the contract with the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District.

Presenter:

Sherri Gauger, Interim Executive Director, MHSOAC

Motion: The Commission approves the contract with the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District not to exceed \$7 million dollars for the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System Project, and authorizes the Interim Executive Director to execute the necessary documents.