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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works
Agenda Date: April 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Use of the Susanville Veterans Memorial Building by Lassen Union High School, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol to implement the "Every 15 Minutes" community alcohol awareness program for teens.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board: 1) Consider waiving the use fee and cleaning/security deposit for use of the Susanville Veterans Memorial Building as part of the California Highway Patrol's "Every 15 Minutes" community alcohol awareness program for teens scheduled on May 15, 2024.

DISCUSSION: The Every 15 Minutes program is described as follows on the California Highway Patrol website (<https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/programs/youth-programs/every-15-minutes>)

The Every 15 Minutes program is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors, which challenges them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others.

The program brings together a broad coalition of interested local agencies with the goal of reducing alcohol-related incidents among youth. The partnering of the California Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, local hospitals, emergency medical responders, schools, businesses, and service clubs validates the importance of working together to ensure a healthy community.

The two-day Every 15 Minutes program is very dramatic and emotional-and purposely so. Teenagers are constantly reminded about the choices they have to make involving alcohol and how many others are affected by their decisions.

They know the intellectual statistics. However, many teens share the belief it will never happen to them.

This powerful program is designed to create an awareness among students that they are not invincible. This program helps open the emotional doors, and it They experience firsthand how their actions affect the lives of so many other people.

The standard building user agreement will be applicable. The Lassen Union High School will be the entity that enters into the use agreement.

ALTERNATIVE: Not approve or approve with conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The use fee requested for waiver is calculated to be \$170 for 12 hours of use.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: California Highway Patrol & Lassen Union High School.

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL: Peter C. Hunt

REVIEWED FOR AGENDA: _____