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MEMORANDUM

DATE February 19, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors
 Agenda Date: February 26, 2019

FROM: Richard Egan, County Administrative Officer 

SUBJECT: Audio Streaming of Board of Supervisors Meetings

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board: Receive report and provide direction to staff.

DISCUSSION: County ISD staff, along with the Lassen County Office of Education have identified and tested the ability to stream audio of the Board of Supervisors meetings for the public. This would be live streaming as the meeting is occurring and would be available online through a link on the County website. The potential benefits are to provide greater transparency for board discussions and decisions affecting our community, all-weather access to board meetings, and greater access for residents who may lack transportation or who are unable to attend meetings in person. Accessibility improves transparency and trust. Audio meetings online increases engagement with local government and provides citizens greater opportunity to be better informed.

As mentioned above, this solution is live streaming only. There will be a delay due to transmission and processing. The end user could record the audio. One concern may be potential grandstanding and personal attacks during broadcast meetings. Adherence to rules and procedures and our civility policy can control this risk.

FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated start-up cost \$1,500. Annual service fee of \$250 or greater, depending on usage, but is not anticipated to exceed \$1,000 per year.

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