

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSOR
TO APPLY FOR THE STATE SUPPLEMENTATION
FOR COUNTY ASSESSORS' PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has determined that State and local Governments benefit when County Assessors are able to fairly and expeditiously assess property for property tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, Lassen County will be the only client left on the CREST tax system come fiscal year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, Megabyte Tax Systems services the majority of County Assessors in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, having the same tax system as other rural Northern California County Assessors will allow us to share in any upgrade costs that may occur in the future; and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year 2019-20 through fiscal year 2020-21, inclusive, the State has created the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program to provide matching funds for that effort; and

WHEREAS, State Supplementation funds shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, existing funding and staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, participation in the State Supplementation for County Assessors' will provide much needed additional resources to the Office of the Assessor; and

WHEREAS, The Lassen County Assessor is interested in participating in fiscal year 2019-20 to fund the conversion of the antiquated County Crest Property Tax System to the Megabyte Property Tax Solution; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to provide matching funds at the rate of one dollar for every two dollars requested from the state, which will be \$ 375,000 for the County contribution and \$ 750,000 from the State; and

WHEREAS, the application for the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program is due on August 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution from the Lassen County Board of Supervisors is Required along with the application to be considered for the additional funds.

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NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to provide the Assessor's office with matching funds and authorizes County Assessor to submit an application to participate in the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program and sign any related documents.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen on the 23 day of July, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

JEFF HEMPHILL, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23 day of July, 2019.

Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen
Board of Supervisors

Date: July 23, 2019
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Nick Ceaglio, Lassen County Assessor
Subject: California State Grant for upgrading the County Property Tax System

Recommendation: That the Board: approve Resolution 2019-XXX Authorizing the Assessor to apply for the State Supplementation for County Assessors' Program (SSCAP). This program (Dept. of Finance) awards County Assessors up to \$750,000 (For FY 19/20) with a County match of \$1 for every \$ 2 awarded.

Lassen County's Property Tax System (CREST) is shared by the Assessor, Auditor, and Treasurer/Tax Collector. The System was developed in the early 1980's and utilizes a HPUnix rp3440-4 server. The server experienced an end of service in 2015. Additionally, at present, Crest is servicing only 2 County's (Lassen and Inyo). Inyo is expected to terminate their contract with CREST in FY 20/21 leaving Lassen County as the sole customer. As a result, for FY 19/20 CREST annual license/maintenance fees increased from \$32,000 to \$ 70,000. It is expected to increase two-fold next year if we are the only County being serviced.

The SSCAP grant allows County Assessors' to utilize funding for a replacement property tax system and the conversion costs associated.

The new program will allow the County to produce Assessment Rolls without the risk of losing a server and/or losing our vendor.

We have reached out to Megabyte Systems Inc, informally, and requested a quote for conversion and replacement. Megabyte services 33 Counties and has been providing property tax solutions for over 35 years. The contract would be contingent on the award of the SSCAP grant.