

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

August 19, 2025

FROM

DAVID MYERS, Director, County Museum

SUBJECT

Employment Contract for Field School Instructor at the Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery in Colton

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve Employment **Contract No. 25-633** with Sue Hagan as a Field School Instructor at Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery in Colton, for the estimated total compensation cost of \$8,400 for the period of August 23, 2025, through December 12, 2025, with the option to extend the term for a maximum of two successive 30-day periods.
2. Authorize the Director of the County Museum to execute amendments to extend the term of the contract for a maximum of two successive 30-day periods, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Director of the County Museum to transmit any amendments to the Employment Contract identified in Recommendation No. 1 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: David Myers, Director, 798-8608)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The total estimated compensation package for the Employment Contract (Contract) is \$8,400. Costs are expected to be offset by participant fees. Sufficient appropriation and revenue for this Contract is included in the County Museum's (Museum) 2025-26 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Museum is tasked with developing visitors' appreciation of the County's diverse regional identity and administers five museum branch sites throughout the county to achieve its mission. The Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery (Agua Mansa) in Colton is currently operated as a historic branch site of the Museum. The cemetery is a historic burial ground associated with the Agua Mansa and La Placita communities, the first non-native settlements in the region.

Approval of this Contract will authorize the employment of a Field School Instructor for Agua Mansa, for the period of August 23, 2025, through December 12, 2025, with the option to extend the term for a maximum of two successive 30-day periods. The Field School Instructor will lead a 15-week archaeological field school for undergraduate students designed to provide participants with the required experience necessary to qualify for archaeological work within

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various industries in the County. The Field School Instructor will also help to uncover, preserve, and document grave markers that have been buried over time.

The Museum is recommending a new Contract with Sue Hagen who will serve as the second instructor for the field class. Ms. Hagen has worked as an archaeologist since 2022, both in private sector cultural resource management (CRM) and for the United States Forest Service. Her research in archaeology is focused on the historical periods of Southern California, from the Mexican Rancho Period to California statehood. She served as a crew lead for two semesters at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House excavations for Palomar College and as a teaching assistant for the Agua Mansa field class through California State University, San Bernardino. She is a Registered Professional Archaeologist, meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archeology, and serves as a co-editor for the Society for California Archaeology quarterly newsletter.

This item also authorizes the Director of the Museum to execute amendments to extend the term of the Employment Contract for a maximum of two successive 30-day periods, subject to review by County Counsel. The Director of the Museum will transmit any amendments to the Contract to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution. Either party may terminate the agreement by giving the other party 15 days' written notice.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 23, 2025; Human Resources (Gina King, Assistant Director, 387-5571) on July 11, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Celia McDonald, Administrative Analyst, 387-4052) on July 11, 2025.

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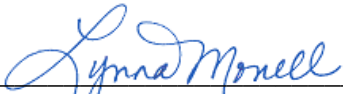
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: August 19, 2025



cc: Museum - Myers w/agree
Contractor - c/o Museum w/agree
File - w/agree

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