



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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

December 17, 2019

FROM

BOB DUTTON, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk

SUBJECT

Joint Powers Agreement with California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority (CERTNA)

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Adopt a Resolution to withdraw from Joint Powers Agreement No. 07-719 with California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority (CERTNA) effective July 1, 2020.

(Presenter: Bob Dutton, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, 386-8708)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). It is anticipated that approval of this item will result in savings of approximately \$50,000 per year to the Recorder's Electronic Recording Special Revenue Fund (3110002344).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On July 17, 2007 (Item No. 30) the Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized Joint Powers Agreement No. 07-719 creating a public entity known as the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority (CERTNA) for the purpose of participating in an Electronic Recording Delivery System (ERDS). The ERDS modernized the County's recording function by allowing it to accept specific digitized records for recording from authorized submitters, such as title companies and lenders, under the authority of the Electronic Recording Delivery Act of 2004.

Kern and San Bernardino Counties were the first two agencies to participate in CERTNA and throughout the years, more northern California counties have joined. Electronic recording has become a robust function within Recorders' offices statewide and accordingly another ERDS system, like CERTNA, has been formed in southern California. Withdrawal from the CERTNA JPA will allow the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office to participate in an ERDS system that is locally based in southern California with other like-sized counties. Participating in a local ERDS system will reduce the time staff spends travelling to and from northern California for CERTNA meetings and conferences, and provide a new pricing structure that will result in an estimated \$50,000 savings annually. Approval of this item will allow ARC to function in a fiscally-responsible and business-like manner.

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This item is being presented to the Board at this time because withdrawal from this JPA can only be done on the first day of July of any year following six months notice by resolution of intent to withdraw adopted by the legislative body of the participating agency.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Robert Messinger, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-8979) on November 21, 2019; Finance (Carl Lofton, Finance Analyst, 387-5404) on December 2, 2019; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-4342) on December 2, 2019.