



# DIANNE JACOB

CHAIRWOMAN  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## AGENDA ITEM

**DATE:** April 20, 2004

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** **PUTTING HISTORY BACK INTO THE HISTORIC WITCH CREEK SCHOOL** (District: 2)

### SUMMARY:

#### Overview

Today's action will authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Julian Historical Society to negotiate a nominal lease agreement for the group's occupation of the Witch Creek School once the Julian Library moves into its new home.

#### Recommendation(s)

##### CHAIRWOMAN JACOB:

1. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Julian Historical Society on a nominal lease of the Witch Creek School building in Julian, to be used as an historic museum once the Julian Library moves to its new location in autumn 2004.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board of Supervisors within 120 days with recommendations.

#### Fiscal Impact

This action can be done with existing resources.

### BACKGROUND:

The current Julian Library building was originally a one-room schoolhouse constructed in 1888 by the Sawday family in the Witch Creek area of San Diego County. After being closed in 1954, the school and property reverted back to the family and fell into disrepair for a number of years. Recognizing its historical value, the Sawday family transferred ownership of the old school building to the Julian Historical Society on the condition that the building be moved off of the Sawday property, restored, and used as a library or historic museum.

The Julian Historical Society entered into an agreement with the County of San Diego in 1970, whereby the County would own and operate the school as a library or museum. The Julian Historical Society contributed almost one-third of the funding for the relocation and renovation

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of the building. The Witch Creek School building was moved to Julian's Pioneer County Park, restored to its 19<sup>th</sup> century dignity and rededicated as the San Diego County Julian Branch Library on November 12, 1971. The County historical park that is now home to the Witch Creek School also offers the Julian Pioneer Museum, Transportation Museum, Grosskopf House, as well as picnic and lecture facilities.

Operation and management of the Witch Creek School building is currently under control of the County Librarian. However, Julian is building a new, larger library, and will be vacating the Witch Creek School later this year, leaving the building unoccupied.

The Julian Historical Society has therefore stepped up to the plate once again in the name of the Witch Creek School, offering to assume occupancy of the schoolhouse once the existing library moves to its new home. The Julian Historical Society proposes to supply memorabilia and house the Society's historical archives, which would be available for on-premises research, in keeping with the terms of the agreements with the Sawday family and with the County. The building will serve as Julian Historical Society headquarters, be staffed by volunteer docents, and be open to the public.

Therefore, today's action authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Julian Historical Society to negotiate a nominal lease for the Julian Historical Society's occupation of the Witch Creek School once the Julian Library moves into its new home, and to return to the Board within 120 days with recommendations.

I urge your support!

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB  
Chairwoman  
Supervisor, Second District

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Other Concurrence(s):** County Library  
Department of General Services  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District 2

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

**CONTRACT NUMBER(S):**

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DEPARTMENT:**  
**PROGRAM:**  
**PROPOSAL:**

	(a)	(b)	(c)	FUTURE YEARS ESTIMATED BUDGET OF PROPOSAL IF ADOPTED	
	Budgeted Amount For Proposal	Proposed Change in Budgeted Amount	Proposed Revised Current Year Budget (a+b)	(d) 1st Subsequent Year	(e) 2nd Subsequent Year
Direct Cost					
Revenue/Other Offset					
<b>NET GENERAL FUND COST</b>					
Staff Years					

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Sources of Revenue/Other Offset for Proposed Change and Subsequent Years:

**Space-Related Impacts:** Will this proposal result in any additional space requirements?  Yes  N/A

**Support/Other Departmental Impacts:**  Yes  N/A

**Remarks:**  Yes  N/A