

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On Senior Nutrition Services and Revenue Possibilities
Supervisory
District: All

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BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 2009 Budget Workshop, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) presented information about proposed reductions in the department to meet Fiscal Year 2009-10 General Fund allocation targets. During the workshop, the Board of Supervisors requested information about the possible use of the Senior Nutrition Services (SNS) kitchen in West Sacramento as a potential revenue source, including for other County departments that may have meal needs.

DISCUSSION

SNS staff discussed revenue producing ideas with a consultant last year. Because SNS only utilizes the kitchen eight hours a day, the kitchen could be leased to others seeking kitchen production space for five days a week. Subsequent to the meeting with the consultant, DHA management staff met with a group called "Fresh Producers." This group was seeking the use of a kitchen, in particular kitchen freezer space, for short periods of time during the month for overnight preparation and storage of fresh produce. Ultimately Fresh Producers found another solution that better fit their needs, so they did not end up renting space at the SNS kitchen.

In the meantime, SNS has been purchasing Cook/Chill equipment that allows for better efficiency in food preparation and results in cost savings in food and labor. The last of the needed Cook/Chill equipment was just approved for purchase and will be installed at SNS within the next couple of months. The purchase of this new equipment may be of interest to other county departments with kitchens, such as the Sheriff's Department and Probation. These county departments, and others, were involved in a recent study to examine the feasibility of a shared county kitchen for certain food items, such as those foods that are prepared and stored with Cook/Chill equipment. DHA management staff will contact other county kitchens to explore shared space and production possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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