



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Information Services Dept.

Subject: Approve transfer of \$446,260 from fund balance for replacement of network infrastructure equipment

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Approve transfer of \$446,260 from fund balance for replacement of network infrastructure equipment

Recommended Actions

Approve the transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$446,260 from fund balance for replacement of end-of-life network switches, uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), and Wi-Fi access points.

Executive Summary

The Information Services Department (ISD) requests approval to appropriate funds to replace critical network infrastructure components that have reached end of life.

Procuring these items now will mitigate the impact of anticipated tariff increases and ensure continued reliability of County network operations.

Discussion

The County's network infrastructure includes hardware that has reached or exceeded its operational lifespan, including switches, UPS units, and Wi-Fi access points. Replacing these components is necessary to avoid service disruptions and maintain a secure and efficient IT environment. Additionally, global supply chain conditions and potential tariff increases are expected to impact the cost of these items in the near term. Purchasing now allows the County to avoid increased costs and secure critical equipment before market conditions change.

Financial Impact

This action will transfer \$446,260 from ISD Fund Balance (GL Key 060100, Object 34400) and appropriate the funds in ISD Network Access, Inventoriable Items <\$10,000 (GL Key 424200, Object 62226). No additional General Fund contribution is required.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - County Facilities & Infrastructure

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

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