

31. Defer to August 5, 2025, the status report on blockchain-based digital wallet development with HUMBL Inc. ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Information Services Dept.

Subject: Defer status report on digital wallet pilot project

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Defer to August 5, 2025, the status report on blockchain-based digital wallet development with HUMBL Inc.

Recommended Actions

Defer to August 5, 2025, the status report on blockchain-based digital wallet development with HUMBL Inc.

Executive Summary

The Information Services Department (ISD) and the County Administrative Office (CAO) are requesting to defer the status report on blockchain-based digital wallet application development in partnership with HUMBL Inc. to the August 5, 2025, Board meeting. Additional time is needed to continue evaluating the usage of the digital wallet, assess its effectiveness, and gather sufficient data for a full report.

Discussion

On April 25, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a partnership between HUMBL Inc. and ISD to develop a blockchain-based digital wallet application integrated with the My Santa Cruz County mobile app. The first release, MySCC+, included a blockchain-powered paperless RV parking permit. Development of additional blockchain-powered features were evaluated but ultimately deemed not feasible at this time.

The deferral is necessary to allow ISD and CAO staff additional time to complete the evaluation of the digital wallet's usage, collect and analyze relevant data from recent testing, and determine the appropriate next steps. Staff will return at the August 5, 2025, meeting with a full status report and recommendations for the next phase of the project.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts related to this deferral. The development of the digital wallet was provided as a donation from HUMBL Inc. with no direct costs incurred by the County.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

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