

23. Defer status report on blockchain-based digital wallet development with HUMBL Inc., to March 25, 2025 ()



## **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:** February 25, 2025

**Formal Title:** Defer status report on blockchain-based digital wallet development with HUMBL Inc., to March 25, 2025

### **Recommended Actions**

Defer to March 25, 2025, a status report on blockchain-based digital wallet application development in partnership 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 March 25, 2025, Board meeting. Additional time is needed to review the current status of the project, gather data from recent testing, and determine the appropriate next steps.

### **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 such as bicycle registration and digital swim passes is ongoing.

The deferral is necessary to allow ISD and CAO staff adequate time to complete the review of current progress and collect additional data related to recent testing and development efforts. Staff will also use the extended time to prepare recommendations for the next phase of the project.

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### **Financial Impact**

Development of a blockchain-based digital wallet application is being donated by HUMBL Inc. as a pilot project. County staff costs for supporting the pilot project is appropriated in the ISD budget and funded by charges for services to the General Fund.

### **Strategic Initiatives**

Operational Plan - Operational Excellence

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### **Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

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