



COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY & LITERACY PROGRAM

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Librarian: Susan Rawlins

January 18, 2001

Mr. James R. Dawe
President
Library of California Board
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Dear Mr. Dawe and Members of the Board:

Colusa County Free Library has been negotiating with Sacramento Public Library to host Colusa County Library's automation project. A contract with Sacramento Public was approved by their Board, and I expect to present the contract to the Colusa County Board of Supervisors for their decision in a matter of weeks. The State Library earlier approved a grant for our automation project, pending approval of a suitable contract.

This contractual arrangement is the result of Colusa County's hiring Mr. Joseph Ford as our automation consultant to design a countywide library automation program. Given our location, budget and lack of computer staff, it made good sense to ask another jurisdiction to host our automation data. We attempted to find a host library within our system, but none was available. We then approached Sacramento Public, which agreed to work with us on a contract.

Contingent upon our Board's approval of the contract, the contracting parties feel that it would best serve Sacramento Public and Colusa County Library to have Colusa County affiliate with Mountain Valley rather than remain in North State Library System. This letter is a request for the California Library Services Board to approve such an affiliation, and to waive the September 1 deadline for such a request. Due to the fact that a grant is involved, which we could lose if the project does not go forward, and the need to reimburse Mountain Valley for deliveries beginning in fiscal year 2001/2001, there is a need for waiver of the current regulations.

Colusa County is on the border of North State and Mountain Valley systems. We have ties with both systems and both Library of California regions. A long-time member of North State, we also worked on projects with Yuba and Sutter County libraries, given the connection via Highway 20. In the spring we anticipate entering into a contract with Yuba County Library to bring a mobile literacy lab into Colusa County. Sutter County,

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Linda Kimbro, Deputy City Clerk

I, Linda Kimbro, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Irwindale, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2001-05-1725 was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Irwindale at its regular meeting held on the 25th day of January 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

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Linda Kimbro, Deputy City Clerk

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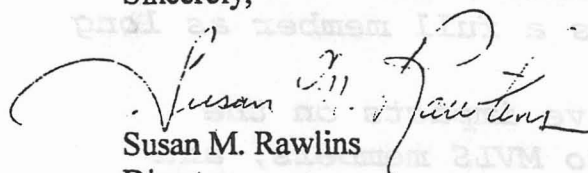
our immediate neighbor to the east, also contracts with Sacramento Public for library automation services.

Given that this is a transition time, moving from CLSA to Library of California, we find ourselves in the situation of being a member of one region, Cascade Pacific, and desiring services from another region. Since the Library of California is still in development and statewide reimbursement of deliveries is not yet a reality, it posed a problem: how to take part in Mountain Valley services and still be part of our own region. I discovered it was possible to change membership at the system level, but not change at the regional level. It is my desire, at this time, to do that. It is possible that we may later join Sierra Valley region, but at this time, I feel it is better for Colusa to stay part of Cascade Pacific. There are many ties with the north, including decades of membership, involvement in NSCLS projects, etc. The I-5 corridor makes a natural connection for us to other NSCLS libraries.

I plan to attend the February meeting of the California Library Services Board to provide additional information as necessary. Please feel free to contact me should you need more data or some additional background.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

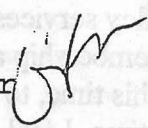


Susan M. Rawlins
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MOUNTAIN-VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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DATE: January 18, 2001

TO: Sue Rawlins
Library Administrator
Colusa County Free LibraryFROM: Gerald Maginnity, Coordinator 

SUBJ: MVLS membership

Janet Larson, Sacramento Public Library, brought information to MVLS about the possibility of Colusa County Library joining MVLS. Tom Andersen, State Library, informs us that if the Colusa County Library wants to join MVLS, a resolution is needed from MVLS Council accepting it as a member. Since the State Board deadline for action may be soon and since MVLS Council will not meet again until March, the following motion was passed at the MVLS Administrative Council meeting on January 11, 2001:

"Pending approval of the State Board, MVLS hereby accepts Colusa County Library as a full member as long as

- 1) such membership has no negative impacts on the services currently provided to MVLS members, and***
- 2) Colusa County Library agrees to abide by the MVLS bylaws, annual plan of service, and budget."***

Cc: Tom Andersen, State Library



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January 16, 2001

Ms. Nancy Brower
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Dear Nancy and Jim:

As you probably know from our earlier conversations, the Colusa County Library has been negotiating with Sacramento Public Library for automation services. This was a result of our work with Mr. Joseph Ford. The Colusa County Library hired Joseph Ford to assist us in developing a library automation plan. During the months of our work together, it became increasingly clear that the best method of automating Colusa County's libraries was to seek another jurisdiction with which to partner. This had not been my original thought, but, with our lack of trained staff and our need for a WAN and an automation system, it made good sense to ask another library to host our automation data. We approached Butte County about possibly hosting Colusa's automation project, as you know. Since Butte County was not ready to host another jurisdiction, we also talked with Sacramento Public. Sacramento Public was interested, and a contract is currently under negotiation between the two libraries. SPL has approved the contract, and it will go to our Board soon. We have a grant from the State Library for automation, and assuming our Board approves the contract with SPL, we can proceed.

Part of the discussion with Sacramento Public, initiated at our request, revolved around delivery of materials. Since we would have immediate access to all of SPL's MARC records and those of Woodland, Folsom and Sutter, we will be requesting many materials from those libraries. They, in turn, may need some of ours. We discussed several options, but felt that it would be best for both libraries if we could work out a way for SPL/Mt. Valley to be reimbursed for direct delivery to Colusa. After lengthy discussions

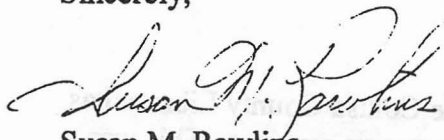
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with Mt. Valley, SPL and the State Library, we feel it would be best for us to affiliate at the system level with Mt. Valley. This means we could still be part of Cascade Pacific, which is our desire, at the regional level. It is my hope that this will eventually become a non-issue if and when statewide delivery of materials is funded, instead of funded at the system level as it is now under CLSA. I have emphasized the importance of such funding in LoC in the hope that issues such as ours won't develop for other libraries and systems. I believe it is important for libraries to go wherever needed to get services without barriers. At this point, I thought I should let you both know about our considerations. This, should it all work out, will have an impact on NSCLS. It will take some time to work out the ramifications. It is my desire to remain part of Cascade Pacific, and I have been assured that that is possible, even if we do move to MVLS at the system/CLSA level. As a preliminary step, Tom Andersen has placed our concern on the February CLSA/LoC Board meeting. I hope to use this appearance to emphasize the need for statewide funding for delivery.

I know you will have much to discuss with us. I didn't want you to hear about our negotiations from other people or via the rumor mill. I initiated the talks with SPL and MVLS, since shared automation would benefit Colusa County. I know, should all this take place as anticipated, we will be negotiating many issues, and I hope you will work with us for statewide delivery. I would be very happy if statewide delivery took away this particular problem. It seems to me that the LoC should move in that direction.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Rawlins
Director