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TITLE 3. GOVERNMENT OF COUNTIES [23000 - 33205]

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DIVISION 2. OFFICERS [24000 - 28085]

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PART 2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS [25000 - 26490]

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CHAPTER 5. County Property [25350 - 25549.23]

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ARTICLE 7.5. Development of Public Property [25515 - 25515.5]

(Article 7.5 added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1136, Sec. 2.)

25515.

The Legislature finds that counties are faced with critical revenue shortages and a need for additional revenue sources to provide basic and essential public services. The Legislature finds that counties own property which, if permitted to be developed by a joint venture agreement between private enterprise and commercial, industrial, and cultural uses, would provide a means to produce additional revenue sources for the benefit of the counties owning such property, and aid the economic well-being of the state generally.

The Legislature further finds that due to reductions in personnel or programs counties own or lease properties which are totally or partially vacant but which could be used by compatible private persons, firms or corporations through lease arrangements or joint venture developments which would generate revenue. Therefore, the Legislature finds that the provisions for residential, commercial, industrial, and cultural development of public property owned by counties constitutes a valid public purpose.

(Added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1136, Sec. 2.)

25515.1.

(a) After complying with Section 65402 and Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, in managing its real property acquired prior to January 1, 1984, a county may do any of the following:

(1) Sell, lease for a term not to exceed 99 years, or lease with an option to purchase for a term not to exceed 99 years, any of its real property to any person, partnership, corporation, or governmental entity the governing body selects for purposes of cultural, residential, commercial, or industrial use or development, subject to periodic review by the county, upon the terms and conditions determined by the board of supervisors.

(2) Participate as a principal party in the development of cultural, residential, commercial, or industrial uses or development thereof as a public works project.

(3) Contract for the management, marketing, operation, or leasing of its real property for purposes of cultural, residential, commercial, or industrial use or development.

(b) Prior to entering into any agreement pursuant to subdivision (a), the board of supervisors shall determine that the sale, lease, lease with option to purchase, development, or other contract will result in economic benefits to the county. If the proposed agreement is a lease, the board of supervisors shall also make both of the following determinations:

(1) That the public benefit of the proposed lease agreement is expected to be greater than the public benefit which would result from the sale of the property.

(2) That a reasonable expectation exists that future public need justifies retention of the fee ownership of the property.

If the property to be used or developed is adjacent to, or a portion of, real property which is, or will be, used for other governmental activities, the board of supervisors shall also determine that the agreement will not interfere with the use or development of the remaining public property.

(c) In managing any of its property acquired after January 1, 1984, and after complying with Section 65402 and Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, a county may sell, lease, lease with option to purchase, develop, or otherwise dispose of that property in the manner set forth in this section. This subdivision is not applicable to any county property acquired through eminent domain proceedings.

(Amended by Stats. 1994, Ch. 939, Sec. 4. Effective September 28, 1994. Operative January 1, 1995, by Sec. 29 of Ch. 939.)

25515.2.

(a) Any sale, lease, lease with option to purchase, development, or contract agreement entered into pursuant to this article shall be authorized by an ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors. The ordinance shall be subject to referendum in the manner prescribed by law for ordinances of counties.

(b) Prior to adopting an ordinance authorizing a sale, lease, lease with option to purchase, development, or contract agreement the board of supervisors shall hold a public hearing. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be published pursuant to Section 6066 in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the county and shall be mailed to any person requesting special notice, to any present tenant of the public property, and to all owners of land adjoining the property.

(c) Any sale, lease, lease with option to purchase, development, or contract agreement shall be awarded after competitive bidding in the manner determined by the board of supervisors, or, if approved by a four-fifths vote of the board of supervisors, after a request for proposals.

(d) Any sale, lease, lease with option to purchase, development, or contract agreement awarded pursuant to competitive bidding shall be determined by the board of supervisors to meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Offers the greatest economic return to the county.

(2) Meets the residential, commercial, industrial, or cultural development needs of the county.

(e) Notice inviting the bids shall be published in the same manner as set forth in subdivision (g).

(f) For the purpose of receiving proposals, the board of supervisors shall, in a regular open meeting, adopt a resolution declaring its intention to consider the proposals. The resolution shall identify the site, shall specify whether the site is intended to be used for residential, commercial, industrial or cultural development or both, and shall fix a time not less than 60 days thereafter for a public meeting of the board of supervisors to be held at its regular place of meeting, at which meeting the board of supervisors shall receive all plans or proposals submitted.

(g) Notice of adoption of the resolution and the time and place of holding the meeting shall be given by publishing the resolution at least once a week for three weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which the property is located. In addition, the board of supervisors may authorize the purchase of advertising space and may advertise the proposed transaction in those newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals that, in its judgment, will publicize the proposed transaction to those most likely to submit a proposal or bid.

(h) At the time and place fixed in the resolution the board of supervisors shall meet and open the bids or receive the plans and proposal. The plan or proposal as submitted or as revised by the board of supervisors shall be incorporated into the lease, lease with option to purchase, development, or contract agreement. The board of supervisors may reject any and all bids or plans and proposals submitted.

(Amended by Stats. 1994, Ch. 939, Sec. 5. Effective September 28, 1994. Operative January 1, 1995, by Sec. 29 of Ch. 939.)

25515.3.

The procedure prescribed by this article may be used by a county notwithstanding any other provision of law and without complying with any other provisions in conflict therewith. This procedure, which shall be an alternative to any other procedure provided by law, shall be applicable to public real property regardless of the manner in which the real property was acquired, the purposes for which the real property was acquired, or the uses, if any, previously made of the property.

(Added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1136, Sec. 2.)

25515.4.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to tide and submerged lands granted in trust by the Legislature to a city, county, or a city and county.

(Added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1136, Sec. 2.)

25515.5.

Nothing in this article shall amend, alter, or modify the duties of a county to comply with the provisions of a community redevelopment plan or an agreement with a community redevelopment agency with respect to property owned by a county within the boundaries of a community redevelopment project.

(Added by Stats. 1983, Ch. 1136, Sec. 2.)