

8. **Request that the Ventura County Library Commission receive the** report from the Ventura County Library Commission Subcommittee on possible revisions to the MOU under which Ventura County Library operates. Discussion of Options. Commission may vote on proposals.

Report on Activities of the MOU Subcommittee

The subcommittee of city managers, city staff, county staff and three members of the VCL Commission has continued to meet on a regular basis to discuss modifications to the MOU for county library operations and to find a method to relieve the additional financial burden that Camarillo has incurred as a result of opening the new Camarillo Library.

The Camarillo City Council has voted to examine alternate options for operating their library. They have set a deadline of Jan. 1, 2011 to finalize a decision to either stay or leave the system. Because of this deadline they have asked the MOU subcommittee to finish their work by Oct. 1, 2010.

Various options have been presented to modify the amount that Camarillo is currently funding. County staff presented a proposal that would relieve Camarillo of approximately \$191,000 in expenditures. Because this proposal includes underfunding the capital reserve, it is only a temporary solution but would give the subcommittee one to two years to come to a permanent agreement.

The City of Camarillo has not given the subcommittee a target amount that they feel would be adequate relief although city staff has said that they believe the amount should be in the \$500,000 range. As of the Sept. 23, 2010 subcommittee meeting the city had not provided the financial reasons for seeking this amount in subsidization for the Camarillo City Library.

Great support has been stated from all the cities to continue to seek a solution to this issue. Barriers to a solution continue to be the requirement of the MOU for a unanimous decision, the timeline that Camarillo has adopted and the economic situation that all of the cities and the county face.