



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sheriff's Office

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Tory Callaway, 565-2872

**Vote Requirement:** Informational Only

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Annual Electronic Monitoring Program Policy Review

**Recommended Action:**

Receive and complete the annual review of the administrative policy for the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) to comply with electronic monitoring program regulations as required by Penal Code 1203.016, 1203.017 and 1203.018.

**Executive Summary:**

The Sheriff is requesting the Board of Supervisors perform its annual review of the rules, regulations, and administrative policy of the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program, allowing the Sheriff to lawfully provide the voluntary detention alternative at no cost to eligible incarcerated adults. There have been no revisions to the Policy since the Board's last review.

**Discussion:**

**Background:**

Penal Code 1203.016(b) states that "The board of supervisors, in consultation with the correctional administrator, may prescribe reasonable rules and regulations under which a home detention program may operate." In 2011, as part of the County's Community Corrections Partnership Plan, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Sheriff, as the correctional administrator, to offer a home detention program to low/moderate risk offenders in lieu of incarceration in the County's adult detention facilities. The Sheriff's Program, called the Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP), provides a cost-effective detention alternative for participants who might otherwise be incarcerated at much greater expense. The Program helps the offender population, at no cost to the offender, by keeping them in the community, allowing them to work, provide for their families, receive care from their own providers, and engage with their personal support systems. It also helps Sonoma County manage its adult jail population and provides enhanced public safety via continuous monitoring of offenders in the community. Participant eligibility for the Program is based primarily on a risk assessment tool. Sheriff's Detention Division EMP staff use the risk assessment tool to determine who is eligible. Once eligibility has been determined, inmates sentenced to County jail time may voluntarily participate and be placed on EMP for their entire sentence in lieu of confinement in jail at no cost to the participant. The Sheriff uses a contractor to provide EMP services.

**Administrative Policy:** The requested action of this Board Item pertains to the annual requirement for the Board to review the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) Policy. Penal Codes 1203.016(d)(1),

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1203.017(d)(1), and 1203.018(e) state that “The rules and regulations and administrative policy of the program shall be written and reviewed on an annual basis by the county board of supervisors and the correctional administrator.” There have been no revisions to the Detention Alternatives Monitoring Policy since the Board’s last review on February 28, 2023.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Racial Equity:**

**Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?**

No

EMP is a voluntary jail alternative program offered to eligible inmates.

**Prior Board Actions:**

The Electronic Monitoring Program Policy has been reviewed and approved annually since 2020.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY23-24 Adopted</b>	<b>FY24-25 Projected</b>	<b>FY25-26 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>			

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There are no fiscal impacts as a result of the Board’s EMP Policy review.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

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**Attachments:**

Detention Alternatives- Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) Policy

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

N/A