



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 8/12/2025

To: Board of Supervisors

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

Staff Name and Phone Number: Sheriff Eddie Engram, 707-565-2650 and Melissa MacDonald, 707-565-6052

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Marine Vessel Salvage and Disposal Service Agreement

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner to execute an Agreement for Marine Vessel Salvage and Disposal Services with Lind Marine, LLC for a term of August 12, 2025, through September 30, 2026, for an amount not-to exceed \$155,000.

Executive Summary:

This request authorizes the Sheriff to sign an Agreement with Lind Marine, LLC to provide marine vessel salvage and disposal services through September 30, 2025, for a total amount not-to exceed \$155,000. If approved, this Agreement allows the Sheriff's Office to utilize funds awarded by the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program to mitigate the impacts of abandoned recreational vessels on waterways in Sonoma County.

Discussion:

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit maintains primary law enforcement jurisdiction over Sonoma County's waterways: Bodega Bay, coastal Pacific Ocean, Lake Sonoma, Russian River, Petaluma River/San Pablo Bay, and the Gualala River.

The Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is available statewide to qualified local public agencies with jurisdiction over navigable waterways. The grant promotes navigational and environmental safety on Sonoma County waterways by removing, reducing, and preventing abandoned recreational vessels and marine debris.

Under Harbors and Navigation Code, Section 526.1, a "surrendered vessel" is a recreational vessel that the verified titleholder has willingly surrendered to an accepting public agency under both of the following conditions:

- (a) the public agency has determined that the vessel is in danger of being abandoned, and therefore has a likelihood of causing environmental degradation or becoming a hazard to navigation.
- (b) the decision to accept a vessel is based solely on the potential of the vessel to likely be abandoned and cause environmental degradation or become a hazard to navigation.

Vessels that are on the water, partially submerged, or sunken can require services beyond the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office. This Agreement will allow the Sheriff's Office to contract with Lind Marine, LLC for the required expertise, staff, and equipment to effectively salvage and dispose of these vessels. County Purchasing has approved a single source waiver recognizing Lind Marine, LLC as the only local provider of marine salvage and disposal services.

The amount of the Agreement, not-to-exceed \$155,000, provides for the Sheriff-Coroner to evaluate and approve proposals submitted by Lind Marine, LLC for any identified abandoned vessels that qualify for SAVE grant fund reimbursement during the remainder of the current SAVE-24 grant performance period, up to the grant award amount.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

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

No

Prior Board Actions:

On 11/5/2024, the Board adopted a Resolution authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner to execute the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE-24) grant agreement #C24SO628 and related documents, providing funding in the amount of \$155,000.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY25-26 Adopted	FY26-27 Projected	FY27-28 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$155,000		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$155,000		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	\$155,000		
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$155,000		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The Sheriff's Office FY 25-26 Adopted Budget includes appropriations for estimated contract expenditures and offsetting grant revenue. If appropriations are needed above what was included in the FY 25-26 Adopted Budget, the Sheriff's Office will work with the County Administrator's Office to appropriate remaining grant funds as part of a Consolidated Budget Adjustment.

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

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Marine Vessel Salvage and Disposal Services Agreement

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

Copy of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways Grant Agreement #C24SO628