



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 6/8/2021

To: Board of Supervisors

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

Staff Name and Phone Number: Jody Like, 565-2175

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Agreement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Provide Law Enforcement Services at Lake Sonoma

Recommended Action:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board's approval to ratify an Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, allowing the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit to be reimbursed up to \$194,680 for providing law enforcement services on Lake Sonoma for the term May 21, 2021 through September 26, 2021. The Agreement helps to ensure greater public safety during the busy summer season at Lake Sonoma.

Executive Summary:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board's approval to ratify an Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, allowing the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit to be reimbursed up to \$194,680 for providing law enforcement services on Lake Sonoma during the busiest boating days of the year. The Agreement helps to ensure greater public safety during the busy summer season at Lake Sonoma.

Discussion:

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit maintains primary law enforcement jurisdiction over Sonoma County's waterways. Since Lake Sonoma opened in 1985, the Marine Unit has provided a baseline level of service for the Warm Springs Dam area. Of all the County waterways, it is the busiest, with the most calls for service, the most accidents, and the most law enforcement contacts.

Also since 1985, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and provided reimbursement for a portion of the law enforcement services provided on Lake Sonoma during the busy summer months. In addition to the reimbursement provided in the contract, Army Corps also provides the Marine Unit with an office at Lake Sonoma to use as a substation, a storage container, and docking spaces on the Lake for the Unit's vessels and personal water crafts. The zero-cost property license was renewed August 1, 2020 for a term of five years.

The Sheriff's Office received the finalized contract from Army Corps for the period of May 21, 2021 through September 26, 2021 in mid-April, leaving insufficient time to seek Board approval prior to the effective date.

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Under the contract, the Sheriff's Office provides patrol coverage and responds to calls on-site at Lake Sonoma during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays of the peak recreational season (mid-May through late September.) Additionally, the Unit responds to after-hours callouts for stranded boaters or accidents and is reimbursed for overtime hours. The Marine Unit Sergeant provides staff supervision; the Sheriff's Office is reimbursed for approximately 8.3 hours per week for the 19-week contract. Additional reimbursable expenses include the daily cost of two patrol vehicles, mileage, and Sheriff's Office overhead.

The amount available this season for reimbursement to the County for the provision of law enforcement services is \$194,680. Reimbursement revenue and corresponding expenditures are included in the Sheriff's Office adopted FY 20-21 and recommended FY 21-22 budgets.

The Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement agency responsible for monitoring and responding to calls for service on all waterways in Sonoma County, whether it receives reimbursement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or not. If the contract is not approved, the County will forego funding reimbursement up to \$194,680 for the provisions of law enforcement services at Warm Springs Dam Lake Sonoma.

Prior Board Actions:

Law enforcement agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been approved annually since 1985, most recently on July 7, 2020.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$65,350	\$129,330	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	\$65,350	\$129,330	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$65,350	\$129,330	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The contract will reimburse actual expenditures up to \$194,680. An estimated \$65,350 will be expended in FY 20-21. The remaining \$129,330 in revenue and expenditures is included in the Sheriff's Office FY 21-22 recommended budget.

Staffing Impacts:

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

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

No staffing impacts.

Attachments:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Contract #W912P721P0008

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

N/A