



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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

Staff Name and Phone Number: Jeff Bean, 565-2003

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Title:

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

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Sheriff to execute an Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, allowing the Sheriff's Office Marine Unit to be reimbursed up to \$208,621.80 for providing law enforcement services on Lake Sonoma for the term May 12, 2023, through September 24, 2023. 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 \$208,622 for providing law enforcement services on Lake Sonoma for the term May 12, 2023, through September 24, 2023. 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 watercrafts. The zero-cost property license was renewed August 1, 2020, for a term of five years.

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 20-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 \$208,622. Reimbursement revenue and corresponding expenditures are included in the Sheriff’s Office adopted FY 22-23 and recommended FY 23-24 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 \$208,622 for the provisions of law enforcement services at Warm Springs Dam Lake Sonoma.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Prior Board Actions:

Law enforcement agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been approved annually since 1985, most recently on May 3, 2022.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$73,848	\$134,774	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	\$73,848	\$134,774	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$73,848	\$134,774	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The contract will reimburse actual expenditures up to \$208,622. An estimated \$73,848 will be expended in FY 22-23. The remaining \$134,774 in revenue and expenditures is included in the Sheriff’s Office FY 23-24 recommended budget.

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:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Contract # W912P723P0008

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

N/A