



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-296**

MEETING: June 14, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Approve Contract for Services with Ambrosini Helicopters Inc.

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve an Agreement with Ambrosini Helicopters Inc. for the Purpose of Locating and the Eradication of Illegal Marijuana Contraband in Mariposa County in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$50,000; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The Sheriff's Office has been working with Ambrosini Helicopters since 2007 to conduct spotting over-flights and marijuana investigation and eradication.

Ambrosini Helicopters' services are crucial to the Sheriff's mission as it allows access to remote areas of Mariposa County that are typically used to illegally cultivate marijuana. These wilderness marijuana sites are an identified public safety threat as well as known to damage our public land resources. This contract is needed to prevent marijuana sites in the County from going undetected, and allowing contraband to be distributed into the community and surrounding jurisdictions. These points justify the investigation and eradication of illegal marijuana cultivation in our rural areas.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has previously approved similar agreements to help with drug enforcement.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not approve the Agreement. Sheriff personnel may be put at further risk as contraband would have to be carried out of remote and rugged terrain by deputies versus the use of a helicopter.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**No financial impact to the General Fund as the expense is offset from Department of Justice (DOJ) Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) grant funding. Fund 439 was established to account for the revenue and expenditures related to identifying and erradicating illegal marijuana grows and has been budgeted appropriately in the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Requested Budget.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Ambrosini Contract For Services (PDF)**

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

  
Mary Hodson, CAO 6/8/2016

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**AYES:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, John Carrier

**EXCUSED:** Merlin Jones