

MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-365

MEETING: June 25, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: FY19-20 Forest Service Law Enforcement Controlled Substance

Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the FY19-20 payment for operational services of the five-year Cooperative Agreement No. 17-LE-11051360-025 with the United States Department of Agriculture (Sierra and Stanislaus National Forest), (Exhibit B, Controlled Substance Annual Operating and Financial Plan) to assist in providing law enforcement services on National Forest Land; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office currently enjoys a five-year agreement with Mariposa County Sheriff to provide law enforcement services on those lands that are designated as National Forest Lands. The law enforcement services that are provided by the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office are intended to supplement the services being provided by National Forest Service Law Enforcement Personnel.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office has a long history of working cooperatively with National Forest Law Enforcement, and a proven success record of locating and eradicating wilderness cannabis operations on National Forest Lands.

The identified areas of enforcement that will be reimbursed under the Agreement is as follows:

Target: Controlled Substance Operations

 Support of operations to suppress manufacturing and trafficking of controlled substances on or affecting the administration of National Forest System lands, with an emphasis on identification, apprehension and prosecution of suspects engaged in these activities in Mariposa County.

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has approved similar agreements with the Department of Agriculture in past years, which have been productive for the community.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the agreement is not signed, Mariposa County will not be able to seek reimbursement from the Department of Agriculture for law enforcement services provided on National Forest Lands.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Revenue and Appropraitions will be included in Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Sheriff's Budget

ATTACHMENTS:

2019 Exhibit B Con Sub Agreement (PDF) FS-SO 5 Year Agreement (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey