

A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Janice Donovan for JOHN ROBERTSON JR. - Sheriff-Coroner

Sheriff

REPORT BY: Janice Donovan, Sheriff's Administrative Manager - 259-8674

SUBJECT: Agreement with the State of California, Department of Parks and Recretion, Division of Boating

and Waterways

RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff requests the following actions related to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) program:

- 1. Approval of and authorization to sign a grant agreement with the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, in the amount of \$90,100 for the term October 1, 2014 through October 1, 2016; and
- 2. Approval of Budget Transfer No. SHE003 appropriating \$45,050 in the Sheriff's budget with offsetting revenues from the State of California for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for abandoned watercraft and navigational hazards within Napa County (4/5 vote required).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sheriff's Office has been awarded funding for the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant in the amount of \$90,100 over two years. This grant agreement with the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways will provide funds through the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF) to proactivley address abandoned watercraft and navigational hazards within the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

No Is it currently budgeted?

What is the revenue source? Funds are provided by the State of California, Department of Parks and

Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept these funds.

However, this funding will help to reduce costs associated with the removal of abandoned watercraft and navigational hazards in our waterways. There is a

10% match which will be met with budgeted salaries and benefits.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Future funding is dependent upon the availability of funds from the State of

California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and

Waterways.

Consequences if not approved: If not approved the Sheriff's Department would miss an opportunity to address

the removal of abandoned watercraft and navigational hazards.

Additional Information: None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, has committed funding of the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF) to the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program. The three main waterways include Lake Berryessa, Lake Hennessey and the Napa River. Thousands of visitors use these waterways every year for recreational opportunities including fishing, hunting, water sports, kayaking boating swimming and other uses.

Funds will be used to pay for experienced salvagers for the recovery and removal of abandoned watercraft and navigational hazards in our waterways. The budget transfer increases revenue and appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and the remaining funds will be included in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Liz Habkirk