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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JANICE DONOVAN for Douglas Koford - Sheriff-Coroner
Sheriff
REPORT BY: Jan Donovan, Sheriff's Administrative Manager, 259-8674
SUBJECT: Boating Safety and Enforcement Aid Program for FY 07/08

RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff requests the following actions regarding the State Department of Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program:

1. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 3446 for a maximum of \$308,150 for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; and
2. Approval for Sheriff or his designee to sign quarterly activity reports and other documents for the State Department of Boating and Waterways.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sheriff's Department receives revenue from the State of California Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program. This action authorizes continued participation in this program during Fiscal Year 2007/2008 to support law enforcement salaries and equipment necessary for patrolling waterways in Napa County. The Sheriff's Department will receive \$308,150 under this agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Sheriff
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

- Future fiscal impact: Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years when the allocation amount and tax revenues are known.
- Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, the Sheriff's Department will not receive revenue from the State Department of Boat Safety and Enforcement. Since the activities provided under this allocation are mandatory, the County would need to use additional General Fund monies to provide boating safety and enforcement activities on Napa County's waterways.
- Additional Information: Each year the County is required to make a General Fund contribution in order to provide boat safety and enforcement. Boat Patrol expenses are expected to be \$503,988 in Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Funding from the Department of Boating and Waterways will be \$308,150, County Boat Tax revenue is estimated to be \$51,315 and the General Fund contribution is estimated to be \$147,523. The revenues and expenditures will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 budget request.

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 primary focus of the Sheriff Department's efforts in boating safety and enforcement is on the waters of Lake Berryessa. The lake itself is 30 square miles of waterway with numerous marinas, resorts, and public use areas. The lake is managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, they however have no enforcement authority and are neither staffed nor equipped to perform any type of boating safety and enforcement.

The duties of the Sheriff's Department at Lake Berryessa include, but are not limited to, enforcement of all boating laws, State laws, County Ordinances, boating safety inspections/instruction, vessel accident investigations, search and rescue, emergency medical transports from the water or inaccessible areas, special events, and boating safety consultation to the Bureau of Reclamation and the resorts. The Sheriff's Department patrols Lake Berryessa on a full time basis with added coverage during the spring and summer months.

In addition to Lake Berryessa, the Department also does spot checks on Lake Hennessy, a small municipal water supply approximately 2 square miles. This lake is used solely for fishing as no water contact sports are allowed. The Boat Patrol also provides services on an "as needed" basis to the 75 shoreline miles of the Napa River.

One Sergeant and three Deputies are assigned to the Boat Patrol full time. During peak season periods additional Deputies are assigned to Boat Patrol. Other expenses incurred are maintenance and fuel for patrol boats and equipment purchases. The Sheriff's Boat Patrol activities are financed primarily by the State. The Department anticipates using \$51,315 in Boat Tax revenue and \$147,523 in General Fund money to support Boat Patrol activities. These revenues and expenditures will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 budget proposal.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman