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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kim Henderson for JOHN ROBERTSON JR. - Sheriff-Coroner
Sheriff
REPORT BY: Kim Henderson, Sheriff's Administrative Manager - 259-8674
SUBJECT: Boating Safety and Enforcement Aid Program for FY 2016-2017

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 Sheriff to sign Revenue Agreement No. 3446-8 with the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways for a maximum of \$308,150 for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for the provision of law enforcement services; 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 2016-2017 to support law enforcement salaries and equipment necessary for patrolling waterways in Napa County.

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.
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:

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 (BOR). The BOR has no enforcement authority and is not equipped to perform any type of boating safety and enforcement. Recently Rep. Mike Thompson introduced the Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act (H.R. 4521) to transfer the BOR's recreational management to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Should BLM take over the management of Lake Berryessa outdoor recreational activities, it is anticipated there will be a significant increase in the use of the lake and therefore it is important the County continues working with the State of California - Natural Resources Agency, Division of Boating and Waterways.

The current 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 in size and provides frequent boating safety inspections 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. Per this revenue agreement, the Sheriff's Department will receive \$308,150 in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to offset the cost of Boat Patrol activities. The Department also anticipates receiving \$39,603 in Boat Tax revenue and \$145,000 in General Fund money to support Boat Patrol activities in Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi