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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Janice Donovan for Gary Simpson - Sheriff-Coroner
Sheriff
REPORT BY: Janice Donovan, Sheriff's Administrative Manager, 259-8674
SUBJECT: Boating Safety and Enforcement Aid Program for FY 05/06

RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff requests the following actions regarding the State Department of Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program for Fiscal Year 2005-2006:

1. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 3446 for a maximum amount of \$246,087 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; 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

This is our State of California Boating Safety and Enforcement Annual Contract to participate in the Financial Aid Program for fiscal year 2005/2006. This contract supports law enforcement salaries and equipment for the waterways in Napa County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Boat Patrol expenses for FY 05/06 is approximately \$472,212. Funding from the Department of Boating and Waterways (\$246,087), County Tax revenue from boat taxes (approx. \$40,272) and the general fund (approx. \$185,853).
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

Future fiscal impact: Each year the County's required to make a general fund contribution. For FY 05-06 that contribution is approximately \$186,000. It is unknown at this time what the contribution will be in future years because funding is based on State allocation and tax revenue with the balance being general fund.

Consequences if not approved: The general fund contribution toward boating safety and enforcement of the waterways would be increased.

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 primary focus of the department efforts in boating safety and enforcement takes place on the waters of Lake Berryessa. The lake itself is 30 square miles of waterway with numerous marinas, resorts, and the 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 our 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. Our operation is on a full time basis, more extensive coverage during the spring and summer months and less during the fall and winter 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, no water contact sports are allowed. Also, the Napa River, approximately 75 shoreline miles, are within the County of Napa and our service is limited to an "as needed" basis.

We currently have one sergeant and three deputies who are assigned full time. During peak season periods, additional staffing is created by deputies working overtime. 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 balance is funded by County Boat tax revenue and the general fund. Application must be signed and submitted to the state, with minute order, prior to June 15, 2005.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi