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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Janice Donovan for Gary Simpson - Sheriff-Coroner  
Sheriff  
**REPORT BY:** Janice Donovan, Sheriff's Administrative Manager, 259-8674  
**SUBJECT:** Contract with County of Los Angeles for Prisoner Transportation Services

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Sheriff requests adoption of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to sign agreements with Los Angeles County at no cost due, to reciprocal services provided by Napa County, for the term May 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009 for prisoner transportation services to be provided throughout the state by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department .

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has been providing prisoner transportation for the County of Napa for approximately the last fifteen years. Persons are frequently arrested or detained in jurisdictions throughout the State of California on the authority of warrants issued from the County of Napa. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department operates a statewide prisoner transportation system with scheduled weekly trips throughout the State of California.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Prisoner transportation funds have been included in the FY 04/05 budget. By using Los Angeles Sheriff's Department as our agent, no additional funding will be needed.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The agreement with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will assist us in transporting prisoners to central locations and will minimize mileage, time,

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	and staff costs.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	There is no future fiscal impact. The prisoner transportation services provided among the two counties are reciprocal.
Consequences if not approved:	Prisoner transportation costs would increase as we would be sending our vehicle and deputies for the transports. TOPIC (Transportation of Prisoners in Cooperation) is a cost effective organization that benefits our department, saving staff time and money.
Additional Information:	None

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Sheriff's Department participates in a statewide law enforcement transportation cooperative referred to as TOPIC (Transportation of Prisoners in Cooperation). All participants in TOPIC assist other agencies in transporting prisoners to central locations to minimize mileage, time, and staff costs to all participating agencies. All 58 counties, California Department of Corrections, and several large police departments participate in this cooperative effort. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has requested that all participants enter into an agreement with them since they are the largest agency and do the lion's share of the movement of prisoners up and down the state. The Napa Sheriff's Department provides reciprocal transportation of prisoners to a central location in Northern California for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Currently, that location is the Sacramento Sheriff's Department Honor Farm. Agencies from all 58 counties exchange prisoners at that location as part of the TOPIC organization and do not charge any other participating agency since they are benefiting from the services provided by each other.

Today's action authorizes the Sheriff to sign the contract and the amendment which further clarifies each county's role in the transportation of prisoners.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi