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

TO: Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jan Donovan for Gary Simpson - Sheriff-Coroner

Sheriff

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

SUBJECT: Application to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor

Vehicle Recreation Division

#### RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff requests authorization to sign the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation grant application for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$69,000 for partial reimbursement of salaries and benefits, off highway vehicle equipment and repairs in regards to law enforcement efforts in isolated areas of the County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This action will permit law enforcement patrol in the isolated areas within the county by the off highway motor vehicle team.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source? The Sheriff's Department FY 2006/2007 budget includes Off Highway Motor

Vehicle funding of \$27,300 which are rollover funds for the grant period of January 23, 2006 through July 23, 2007. The California State Department of Parks and Recreation has additional funds available for fiscal year 2006/2007 in the amount of \$69,000. This grant has a 25% match (\$17,250) that can be met by the value of services, materials or property used on the grant. The match requirement will be met by the following: Sheriff's Department vehicle which will be used to tow trailer (\$3,500), equipment repair and maintenance (\$2,500) and salary and benefits for hours worked (\$11,250). These costs will

be absorbed in the Sheriff's budget.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The isolated Knoxville area and other public lands patrol needs will not be met

without the off highway vehicles that are currently being used. If the additional funding is not received, the Off Highway Motor Vehicle team patrol hours will

be decreased in these areas.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The future fiscal impact is unknown.

Consequences if not approved: Complaints such as careless shooting and illegal activities in these isolated

areas, which are only accessible by off road vehicles, will go unchecked.

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 Sheriff's Department is requesting funds to continue enforcement of public and protected lands in the County, which includes Knoxville, Lake Berryessa, all state and county parks as well as wilderness areas situated in Napa County. These areas require law enforcement protection and services in areas used by off-road vehicles, campers, hunters and trespassers. Such areas are inaccessible to conventional patrol vehicles currently in use and pose a significant delay in current response time. This additional funding, if received, will enhance our current Off Highway Motor Vehicle team in acting as first responders to medical emergencies in remote unincorporated areas and provide the ability to enforce laws on public and private lands pertaining to off-road vehicle use, trespass, possession and use of illegal firearms and garbage dumping. Funds will also be used for new equipment purchases and for repairs and maintenance of existing equipment.

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi