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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: Status report on sex offender reporting

RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff to provide status report on tracking registered sex offenders within Napa County. (Supervisor Moskowitz)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 19, 2005, Supervisor Moskowitz discussed the enforcement of sex offender reporting (Megan's Law). Today will be a status report of law enforcement's efforts notifying certain residents of the existence of serious and high risk sexual offenders to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

California enacted Megan's Law in 1996 in response to the murder of a 7 year-old by a convicted sexual offender living in her neighborhood. The Sheriff is responsible for enforcement of Megan's Law in the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as the City of American Canyon and the Town of Yountville. Police Department's in the Cities

of Napa, St. Helena and Calistoga are responsible for enforcement in those jurisdictions. The law provides the ability for law enforcement to notify neighborhoods and residents of the existence of serious and high risk offender. At the April 19, 2005 meeting, there was a concern expressed about the number of sex registrants that were out of compliance. A large majority of these individuals fell within the jurisdiction of the City of Napa. Due to the transient nature of sex offenders that do not properly register, it was felt that the Sheriff's Department should assist the other local jurisdictions in tracking sex offenders. This will be accomplished by holding monthly meetings with representatives that are assigned to track sex offenders. We will be providing information to local agencies and the media of those sex offenders with active warrants stemming from non-registration or new violations. Our department will also maintain a local website that will provide sex offender information to the public within our county. By closing gaps between jurisdictions, it is our hope that the risks to the public will be reduced.

Also, there is pending legislation and a ballot initiative "Jessica's Law" (The Sexual Predator Punishment and Control Act) that, if passed, will enhance law enforcement's abilities to protect our community from sexual predators.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi