



**Sheriff's Office  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 7, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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**SUBJECT:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Campaign Against Marijuana Planting Program

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and the California Campaign Against Marijuana Planting Program to provide task force services for the period of July 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign three copies of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this California Campaign Against Marijuana Planting Program (CAMP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to identify agency responsibilities related to marijuana eradication operations conducted in Tulare County.

Created in 1983, CAMP is a unique multi-agency law enforcement task force managed by the State Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and composed of local, state and federal agencies organized expressly to eradicate illegal marijuana cultivation and trafficking in California. With approximately 110 agencies involved, CAMP is the largest law enforcement task force in the United States. The Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) has participated in CAMP since 2009.

The MOU delineates CAMP and TCSO responsibilities only. An eradication team will be assigned to a region that provides eradication services for Tulare County and

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will be comprised of law enforcement personnel from local, state, and federal agencies. TCSO staff will be responsible for carrying out the law enforcement function of the team. The CAMP Operations Commander and the Regional Operations Commander will be responsible for the overall coordination of team efforts, including general operating procedures and coordinating priorities.

This Agreement deviates substantively from the County's standard boilerplate in the following ways: 1) the agreement must be signed by the County first; and 2) the agreement provides for mutual indemnification instead of only indemnifying the County.

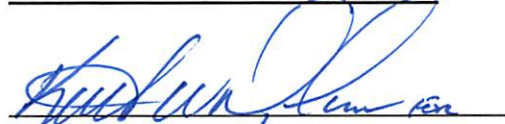
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Each agency contributing personnel resources to the teams will be responsible for their own salaries and benefits of participating staff except for those hired by CAMP as state emergency personnel, in which case, CAMP will be responsible for salaries and benefits of such staff. The salaries and benefits for Sheriff's personnel are included in the Sheriff's Fiscal Year 2020/21 operating budget. Sheriff personnel participating in CAMP are included in the Sheriff's existing staff position allocations. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative to effectively and fairly investigate arrest, prosecute and punish individuals who engage in criminal behaviors. The CAMP MOU will support the initiative by reducing the supply of marijuana to the illegal drug trade by eradicating the large marijuana crop sites; increasing public and environmental safety by removing marijuana growers from public and private lands; investigating indoor growing operations; deterring potential growers; and promoting public information and education on marijuana.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
Mike Boudreaux  
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) CAMP Memorandum of Understanding



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AND THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST MARIJUANA PLANTING (CAMP) PROGRAM**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the parties regarding the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) program for the purpose of identifying agency responsibilities related to cannabis eradication operations conducted in Tulare County.

**I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The period covered by this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020.

An eradication team(s) will be assigned to a region that may provide eradication services to Tulare County, and will be comprised of law enforcement personnel from local, state, and federal agencies. The Sheriff will be responsible for carrying out the law enforcement function of the team(s). The CAMP Operations Commander and the Regional Operations Commander (ROC) will be responsible for the overall coordination of team efforts, including general operating procedures and coordinating priorities. CAMP team leaders will be responsible for the timely completion and submission of marijuana seizure reports when the team is involved in a raid. When the eradication team is not involved, the Sheriff will assume this responsibility.

CAMP teams will abide by the law enforcement policies, rules, and regulations as set forth by the Sheriff of the county in which they are working. If a conflict in policy should arise and cannot be resolved, the CAMP Commander and the Sheriff, (or his or her designee), will meet to resolve the conflict.

Personnel assigned to the CAMP program, while operating in Tulare County, shall be deemed to be continuing under the employment of their jurisdiction and shall have the same powers, duties, privileges, responsibilities and immunities as are conferred upon them as peace officers in their own jurisdictions.

For the purpose of indemnification of team personnel and their participating agency against any loss, damage, or liability arising out of the services and activities of the teams; personnel assigned by any agency shall be deemed to be continuing under the employment of that agency and covered by workers' compensation to the extent such coverage applies in this situation.

Each agency contributing personnel resources to the teams will be responsible for all salaries and benefits of such employees.

**II. AGENCY COMMITMENTS**

The Tulare Sheriff's Department is committed to furnish a lead deputy while CAMP teams are operational in Tulare County and be responsible for the disposition of all contraband and evidence seized during CAMP operations. The local jurisdiction shall conduct the investigation and have the responsibility to prosecute any arrested suspects with their District Attorney's Office.



