



**Probation Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2014

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"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Steve Horton PHONE: 713-2761

SUBJECT: Approval of an agreement with the United States Department of Justice.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, retroactive to July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, for seized and forfeited drug assets. The proposed agreement is retroactive due to the timing from the Federal agency.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2014 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign five copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:
On March 10, 2009, the Board authorized the Probation Department to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for the distribution, maintenance, and use of seized and forfeited drug assets.

The Department of Justice requires this agreement be annually updated; therefore, an updated agreement is necessary to continue participation in the program from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

This agreement was approved to form by County Counsel on August 11, 2014 and allows the Probation Department to participate in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program to receive forfeited proceeds. The proceeds are used to purchase law-enforcement items such as safety equipment, firearms, weapons, and electronic

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surveillance equipment.

The Department would like to note that this agreement contains federal boilerplate language, which deviates from the County's standard contract terms, but is identical to the prior agreement. The only changes from the prior agreement are the time period of the agreement and the dollar value of the agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Any revenue received from the asset forfeiture program augments the Probation Department's operating budget, thereby relieving General Fund costs. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The participation of the Probation Department in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program enhances safety and security as items purchased with this funding must be utilized to support anti-gang and drug efforts in the county. The Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement supports the Initiative by depriving criminals of the profits and proceeds of their illegal activities and to weaken criminal enterprise by removing the instrumentalities of crime. This program also enhances the Probation Department's organizational performance in seeking revenue from all available resources and utilizing funding to purchase safety equipment items that otherwise may have come from the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Christie Myer
Chief Probation Officer

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) 5 copies: U. S. Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL AN)
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES) Resolution No. _____
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE) Agreement No. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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2. Found that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2014 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement.