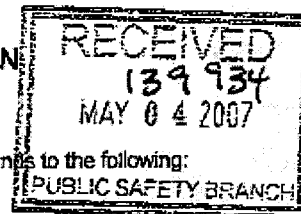


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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION

GRANT AWARD FACE SHEET (OES A301)



The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, hereafter designated OES, hereby makes a grant award of funds to the following:

1. Grant Recipient: County of Tulare

hereafter designated Recipient, in the amount and for the purpose and duration set forth in this grant award.

2. Implementing Agency: Office of the District Attorney

3. Project Title: Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention C 4. Grant Period: 7-1-07 to 6-30-08

*Select the fund source(s) from the lists below and or type the appropriate acronym in box 8 or 9 and enter the amount(s) from each source. Please do not enter both State and Federal fund sources on the same line. Add any cash match(s) and enter total in Block 10G.

Fund Source	A. State	B. Federal	C. Total	D. Cash Match	E. In-Kind Match	F. Total Match	G. Total Project Cost
07RLCP Fund Source	\$685,315						
6. Fund Source							
7. Fund Source							
8.							
9.							
10. TOTALS	\$685,315		\$685,315				10G. Grand Total: \$685,315

11. This grant award consists of this title page, the application for the grant, which is attached and made a part hereof, and the Assurance of Compliance forms which are being submitted. I hereby certify I am vested with the authority, and have the approval of the City/County Financial Officer, City Manager, County Administrator, or Governing Board Chair, to enter into this grant award agreement; and all funds received pursuant to this agreement will be spent exclusively on the purposes specified. The grant recipient signifies acceptance of this grant award and agrees to administer the grant project in accordance with the statute(s), the Program Guidelines, the Recipient Handbook, and the OES audit requirements, as stated in the applicable RFP or RFA. The grant recipient further agrees to all legal conditions and terms incorporated by reference in the applicable RFP or RFA, and agrees that the allocation of funds is contingent on the enactment of the State Budget.

12. Official Authorized to Sign for Applicant/Grant Recipient: Federal Employer ID Number: 94-6000545

Name: Allen Ishida

Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Payment Mailing Address: 221 So. Mooney Blvd. Rm 224

City: Visalia Zip: 93291

Telephone: 559.733.6411 (area code)

FAX: 559.7330.2658 (area code)

Email: aishida@co.tulare.ca.us

Signature

Date: 4/16/07

I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purposes of this expenditure stated above.

OES Fiscal Officer: Pourch Tehranian Date: 9/5/07

OES Director (or designee): Date: 9/5/07

SFY: 2007/08 Chapter: 0307 PCA No: 03697
Item: 0690.102.0001 Fed Cat #: None
Component: 50.30.815 Region: n/a
Program: Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention
Fund: General Fund
Match Req.: None
Project No.: 07RLCP Amount: \$ 685,315

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance (OES 656), which includes details regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Award Agreement. In signing the Grant Award Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies OES that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. OES has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VI, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Allen Ishida hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: County of Tulare
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Office of the District Attorney
PROJECT TITLE: Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention (CVRCP)

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by OES including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (2006 Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Dalia Miller
Title: Affirmative Action Officer
Address: 2900 W. Burrel Ave Visalia, CA 93291
Phone: 559.733.2597
Email: dmiller@co.tulare.ca.us

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (2006 Recipient Handbook, Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (2006 Recipient Handbook, Section 2153)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all OES funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

IV. Lobbying – (2006 Recipient Handbook Section 2154)

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – (2006 Recipient Handbook Section 2155)

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

OES-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 12 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: _____

Authorized Official's Typed Name: Allen Ishida

Authorized Official's Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Date Executed: 3-19-07

Federal Employer ID Number: 94-6000545

Executed in the City/County of: Tulare

AUTHORIZED BY: (not applicable to State agencies)

- City/County Financial Officer or
- City/County Manager or
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Typed Name: Rita Woodard

Title: County Auditor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Tulare County Rural Crime Prevention Program

This agreement is entered into as of this 1th day of July, 2004 by and between all parties hereinafter enumerated.

This Agreement establishes the principles and practices among the enumerated agencies to create and operate an interagency, multi-level, agricultural crime program. This program will be funded through a state grant awarded through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

The participating agencies are as follows:

AGENCY	EXECUTIVE	CONTACT
District Attorney's Office	Phillip Cline	William Yoshimoto
Sheriff's Department	Bill Wittman	Capt. Wright
Agricultural Commissioner	Gary Kunkel	Bill Appleby

Purpose:

The Tulare County Rural Crime Prevention Program will serve to:

- ❖ Create a local rural crime task force pro-actively engaged in rural crime suppression,
- ❖ Develop a scientific approach to rural crime control,
- ❖ Collect empirical data on the frequency of rural crime and losses suffered by rural residents,
- ❖ Prepare systematic analysis of the areas most seriously impacted by rural crimes by seasons,
- ❖ Use modern technology to strengthen law enforcement efforts,
- ❖ Identify the most effective methods for crime suppression,

- ❖ Accumulate expertise in rural crime activities,
- ❖ Incorporate outreach activities and enlist the cooperation of the media to disseminate information to the public,
- ❖ Encourage community participation in crime prevention movements through educational programs,
- ❖ Work with the community to develop new prevention strategies,
- ❖ Review existing laws for agriculture protection and identify loopholes,
- ❖ Suggest necessary changes to the legislature,
- ❖ Vigorously prosecute and punish the perpetrators of rural crimes,
- ❖ Function as a testing ground for other counties in California impacted by rural crime, and
- ❖ Create a lasting reform in the laws, rules, and regulations dealing with rural crime.

THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

I. EXECUTIVE LEVEL COMMITTEE

- A. Each agency agrees to participate on the Executive Level Committee. Each agency will have one voting member on the Committee, that being the chief executive or a designated representative of the chief executive.
- B. The Officers of the Committee will consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Officers will serve during the full term of the grant. Each officer must be a chief executive. Officers will be elected by majority vote of the Committee.
 - 1. The Chairperson will preside at all meetings of the Committee. The Chairperson will further serve as the manager for the program for the purpose of rendering day-do-day tactical decisions.

2. The Vice-Chairperson will preside at all meetings of the Committee in the absence of the Chairperson.
 3. The Secretary, or his designee, will keep minutes of all Committee meetings.
 4. The business of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except when procedures adopted by the Committee supersede their rules.
- C. Meetings will be called as necessary by the Chairperson with at least 48 hours notice to the members. The Committee will meet at least two times during the grant year. Urgent matters may be handled by telephone confirmation between the Chairperson, or his designee, and individual members.
- D. The purpose and responsibility of the Committee will be as follows:
1. To identify the current Agricultural Crime Problem in Tulare County, the level of offender to target for the purposes of the grant, the geographical area within which grant personnel will conduct grant business, and select the strategies of the three components.
 2. To administer the Rural Crime Prevention Program, and approve applications for subsequent program grants.
 3. To establish policies and procedures for the program for all components.
 4. To remove, by majority vote, for cause, employees assigned to the program.
 5. To review status reports and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.
 6. To provide leadership toward attainment of the goal to significantly and dramatically impact agricultural and agriculturally related crime in Tulare County.
- F. The committee agrees that the individual and separate files and disciplinary procedures of each agency will apply to the conduct of program employees. The Committee will refer disciplinary problems to the employee's parent agency.

Employees will adhere to departmental rules as well as rules and procedures adopted by the committee.

II. FISCAL PROCEDURE

The Rural Crime Prevention Program shall be fiscally administered through a special agency designated as the Rural Crime Agency, agency budget number 265. Grant funds will be credited to the Rural Crime Agency and disbursements made from said Agency.

- A. The Financial Officer for the grant will be the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. All charges against the grant will be submitted to the Project Director for review who will in turn submit them to the DA Financial Services Officer for payment and/or reimbursement to the appropriate agency.
- B. All expenditures for the Rural Crime Prevention Program shall be approved in advance by the Project Director operating in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. Any expenditure not complying with the provision shall be denied reimbursement and be charged to the general operating budget of the agency initiating the expenditure.
- C. The salary and employee benefits payable to the grant funded personnel will be governed by the salary/benefits schedules and employer/employee contracts in place at each respective agency.
- D. Any amount expended by a participating agency that exceeds the budgeted amount designated for said agency in a specific line item, unless agreed upon in writing by the Executive Committee, shall be paid for by the general operating budget of said agency.
- E. To assure comparability, all equipment and supplies that are purchased with the grant funds will be procured through the Tulare County Purchasing Agent upon approval of the Project Director.
- F. Title to equipment purchased with grant funds shall reside with the State of California. Property at the expiration of the grant, upon certification that the equipment will be used for criminal justice purposes and transfer of title, shall remain with the agency that possesses the equipment.

III. TASK FORCE

- A. The principal element of the grant-funded Rural Crime Prevention Program will be a task force hereinafter known as the Tulare County Agricultural Crime Task Force.
- B. The mission Agricultural Crime Task Force is to utilize various methodologies to carry out the purpose of the Rural Crime Prevention Program as outlined in the purpose statement.
- C. The task force will be composed of the following positions:

Number	Classification
1	Lieutenant
1	Sergeant
5	Detectives
1	Project Director/Supervising District Attorney
1	Deputy District Attorney
1	DA Criminal Investigator
1	DA Criminal Investigator Aide
1	Account Clerk
1	Legal Office Assistant
1	Grant Administrator
	Agricultural Inspectors, as needed

- D. The various agencies agree to provide employees to staff the Ag Crime task force as listed below:
 - 1. The Tulare County Sheriff's Department will provide one Sheriff's Lieutenant, who will direct the activities of the Sheriff's Ag Crime Unit. One Sheriff's Sergeant, who will provide direct supervision of investigations and unit detectives and five Sheriff Detectives who will investigate agricultural crimes and participate in community outreach and education.

2. The Tulare County District Attorney's Office will provide one full-time Deputy District Attorney who will vertically prosecute agricultural crime cases as developed by the Sheriff's Department Ag Crime Unit and the District Attorney Agricultural Crime Investigator. One full-time District Attorney Investigator and one full-time District Attorney Investigator Aide who will assist in investigations and preparation of cases for prosecution. One full-time Legal Office Assistant, one full-time Account Clerk, one Supervising Attorney/Project Director, and one Grant Administrator who will handle the administration, reporting and analyzing of data generated by the Rural Crime Prevention Program.
 3. The Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office will provide Agricultural Task Force assigned from their respective agencies.
- E. The job description of each employee is listed in Appendix E attached.
- F. Other than designated in the original grant budget, each agency agrees to provide all necessary logistical, fiscal and administrative support for the members of the Agricultural Task Force assigned from their respective agencies.

IV. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

- A. The participating agencies agree to provide the necessary information, including but not limited to all statistical categories required for grant reporting on a monthly basis.
1. Monthly reports of statistical information shall be transmitted to the District Attorney's Office no later than the 10th day of the month subsequent to the reporting month.
 2. The District Attorney's Office will transmit monthly data to the ACTION Project data base for analysis reporting.
 3. The District Attorney's Office shall be responsible to prepare and file required progress reports with the Office of Emergency Services, Legislative Analyst Office and the California State Legislature as necessary.

✦ AGENCY COORDINATION

- ✦ The participating agencies agree to provide the necessary information and interagency communication to assure that the enforcement efforts of Ag Crime Task Force work in concert with, and in addition to, the ongoing educational and prevention activities of the member agencies.
- ✦ The participating agencies agree to continue individual and collective cooperation with one another to carry out the purpose of the Rural Crime Prevention Program.

✦ TERM

This agreement expires as of the final day of funding from the Office of Emergency Services.

✦ SIGNATURES

The below agencies agree to cooperate in good faith to fulfill their responsibilities under the Rural Crime Prevention Program and this Memorandum of Understanding.

Phillip J. Cline (Date)
District Attorney, County of Tulare

Bill Wittman (Date)
Sheriff, County of Tulare

Gary Kunkel (Date)
Agricultural Commissioner, County of Tulare

BUDGET NARRATIVE

The ever present crisis of agricultural crimes is having serious consequences in our community. Sadly, many farmers and ranchers who are victims of agricultural crimes often do not report crimes believing nothing can be done by the legal system. Tulare County has recognized this gap in the system and implemented a plan to combat the problems of the past. The proposed budget for the Tulare County Rural Crime Prevention Program reflects an ambitious commitment to stop this detrimental trend. Each line item in the budget significantly facilitates or provides direct services to aide in the fight against agricultural crime in our county.

As is true with any service oriented program, salaries consume the greatest portion of the grant funds. The money designated for this program will allow the Program Units to devote 100% of its time to battling Tulare County's war on agricultural crime. Job descriptions for each team member are contained in Appendix E of the original Program Narrative.

The Sheriff's Department component will be the Ag Crime Unit. This unit will be staffed by one Sergeant and three detectives, dedicated to agricultural crime investigation. The grant will cover 65% of the Sergeant and 100% of the Detectives' salary and benefits. The budget also allocates funds for overtime since many cases will involve stakeouts and other forms of around the clock covert surveillance.

The Project Prosecutor (classified under County Personnel Rules as a Deputy District Attorney III) will be responsible for the vertical prosecution of all

the program cases. The Project will also cover 100% of the salary and benefits for a full-time DA Criminal Investigator and DA Criminal Investigator Aide. Both will be responsible for investigation and preparation of cases for prosecution working closely with the prosecutor and the Ag Crime Unit.

The Agricultural Commissioner's Office will assign specialized inspectors on an as needed basis as cases require such expertise. The actual hourly cost incurred for the Ag Inspectors time will be charged against the line item in the budget designated for the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. This has proven to be a very cost effective means of securing expertise without diminishing the Agricultural Commissioner's ability to carry out its mission.

The smooth administrative functioning and data gathering will be handled by the administration unit which will be composed of the Project Director/Supervising Attorney, Account Clerk, Legal Office Assistant and the part time Grant Coordinator. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits of the Account Clerk and LOA. The Project Director is funded by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office.

Transportation costs for daily travel by the Project Attorney is included within the proposed budget. Since the project will be servicing the entire county, substantial travel is necessary in order to properly prosecute these cases and to meet the needs of project victims. The Program Investigator and Investigator Aide must travel extensively to thoroughly examine each case. As a result the budget allocates funds for maintenance of these vehicles as well as the cost of related expenses. A portion of the expense for operating the Sheriff's Ag Crime

Unit Vehicles are included in the budget but significant operating expenses for the Ag Crime Unit are being covered by the Sheriff's Department.

The budget also reflects training expenses for the Project Staff. Training will include several 3-day conferences on issues directly related to prosecution and investigation. Lodging, meals and mileage are included within the line-item detail. Additional operating expenses include line items for professional support services and witness and jury per diem. These lines deal directly with court associated costs. Professional services include expert witness fees and necessary specialized court presentation costs. Witness and jury per diem cost cover the expenses of housing, feeding and otherwise providing for the specific needs of our witnesses where required.

Continued funding for the ACTION Project is uncertain at this time. Tulare County's ability to maintain the database is also in peril . As stated in the RFA "Each participating county is required to collect and report statistical data on agricultural crimes. Each county must agree that the centralized database will be housed at and maintained by the Tulare County ACTION Project, thus ensuring uniform data collection and retrieval. As legislatively mandated, funds appropriated under this program shall be allocated based on each participating county's compliance with established uniform data collection and reporting requirements. " This requirement is also mandated for the Central Coast Rural Crime Counties requiring additional time and data information required to be maintained and updated. Tulare County is incorporating in this RFA a request to fund the continued operation of the

database and associated costs to maintain the integrity of the Program and its data collection requirements.

We are submitting two budget requests with this RFA. Budget #1 reflects the original allocation for Tulare County, and budget #2 includes the request to fund the continued operation of the database and associated costs in order to maintain the integrity of the program and the data gathered by all Rural Crime Prevention Program Counties.

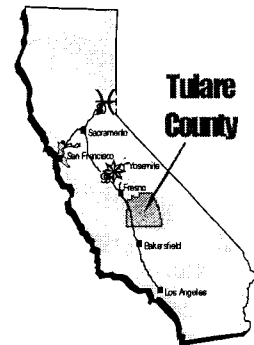
CENTRAL VALLEY RURAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Problem Statement

Description of the Jurisdiction:

Tulare County, located in the great Central Valley of California, has been referred to as “the Bread Basket of the World” however currently ranks 5th in national poverty levels – making the other description, “the Appalachia of the West” an apt description. Tulare County is poor. It is essential to understand the dichotomy that exists within the county - between its abundance and poverty - to understand the depth of the county’s needs. Tulare County is located southeast of the geographic center of the State of California on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. It is about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and a similar distance from Sacramento. Tulare County embraces approximately 4,863 square miles, or 3,087,570 acres, and ranks as the seventh largest California County in land area. Tulare County has a total estimated January 2006 population of 420,619 ranking 21st among California counties. More than half - 60 per cent - live in eight incorporated cities; Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, Dinuba, Lindsay, Exeter, Exeter, Farmersville and Woodlake. The rapid growth of the county as well as the decentralization of the population tends to fragment services and information resources which make interagency cooperation essential.



Tulare County is one of the largest counties, by area, in the State of California. Visalia, the largest city in Tulare County with a January 2006 population of approximately 111,168, became the County Seat in 1852. A year before that gold was discovered in this part of California and on the Kern River. Situated at the foot of the Sierra Nevada and known as "The Gateway to the Sequoias", Visalia became a booming supply town, a stopover for prospectors on their way to the Kings River mines in the north, the Kern and White river mines in the south, and the Owens Valley mining region across the mountains to the east. Tulare County remains a vital and expanding region with a higher than average growth rate within the County.

Agriculture and dairy products are the mainstay of Tulare County's economy. The County not only is one of the most productive agricultural counties in the United States, ranked second in the world, it is also the number one dairy county in the country. Total farm commodities, including livestock and poultry products, were valued at over \$3.29 in 2003. In 2004 the number was \$4 billion, and in 2005 the figure jumped to over \$4.3 billion dollars. Even though agricultural related jobs accounted for 2.7% of statewide employment and 26.55% in the Central Valley in 2000, they accounted for 27% of the jobs for 368,000 residents in Tulare County. Nearly 750,000 acres of the 3,158,400 acres in Tulare County is under cultivation. The top crops in Tulare County along with milk and cheese are: oranges, cattle, grapes, alfalfa, plums and other fruit crops.

Top Five Crops, by value, 2005: (The 2006 figures are not yet available)

CROP	VALUE
Milk	\$1.48 Billion
Oranges	\$582 Million
Cattle	\$514 Million
Grapes	\$400 Million
Alfalfa	\$185 Million

In connection with the regions more than 150 crops, a large processing, packaging and equipment industry has emerged, which continues to grow and prosper. Along with commodities and processing, a very large support industry is well established offering materials, services and equipment.

Tulare County is bordered by Fresno County to the North, Kern County to the South and Kings County to the East. Highway 99 and the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad both serve Tulare County.

Problems and Trends:

In this Age of Information, we are bombarded by the media about crime reports and statistics. Yet, almost all of the information we receive is about urban blight. Little attention is paid to agricultural areas and little information is available. Unfortunately, crime does not recognize city limits.

Criminals strike whenever and wherever there is an opportunity. Because farms and ranches are often isolated in rural areas they are frequently easy prey for the unscrupulous.

An agrarian tradition is vital to the health of our nation and state. Agricultural production not only feeds the nation, but serves as an economic bulwark against increasingly aggressive foreign competition. Agriculture is absolutely critical to California's future in the Pacific Rim. California's role in the Pacific Rim will, in turn, define the leadership role of the United States among the emerging powers in the Pacific. *Tulare County sends its agricultural bounty to nearly 100 countries and British Columbia. The top ten are: Korea, Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, China, New Zealand, British Columbia, Indonesia, Philippines and the Netherlands.*

Little attention has been paid to a problem that, if left unchecked, endangers an entire industry that is vital to America's future role in an important part of the world. The legislature has been successful in other areas of crime prevention and suppression by funding model crime programs. The Rural Crime Prevention Demonstration Project established by the legislature in 1996 has shown effectiveness in combating agricultural crime and now through AB530 and AB374 will apply such an approach to the unique problems of the farmer, rancher and rural resident.

The Problem

A successful farm or ranch necessarily occupies vast tracts of land. Most are sparsely inhabited. Lighting is generally dim or nonexistent.

Valuable produce and animals are outdoors. Expensive equipment is unguarded. Crimes are often undetected until daylight. In many cases, the theft is committed in a remote area, away from public roads. The crime often is not discovered until many days after it has been committed. By then, the thief is long gone and the trace evidence destroyed or lost. Even if the thief is caught, the case is often difficult to prove in court because the stolen goods are generally fungible. How do you identify oranges of one farm from those of another if they were stolen fresh off the trees?

Only a few of the very large farms and ranches have access to private security. Even then, the efforts are often ineffective. It is impossible to fence an entire property of several thousand acres and to patrol such a large area effectively. Small and medium size farms and ranches are unable to finance even minimum protection. Their only protection comes from the local Sheriff and District Attorney's Offices. Both are already under tremendous pressure as they are forced to focus nearly all available resources toward urban crime.

No national agency keeps track of statistics on rural crime. By all accounts, however, millions of dollars are lost every year in crops, equipment, and livestock. In addition to the immediate monetary loss, immeasurable losses include the psychological impact on the farmer, rancher and cattleman who nurture products to maturity only to lose them to criminals. How many are tempted to leave the industry altogether by such experiences and in turn what significance this holds for the industry when

good people are lost for such reasons can only be a matter of speculation. However, we do know that productivity is lost because of the time required for recovery and opportunity is lost because funds that could be invested in new opportunities are diverted to replace lost equipment and goods. This all has a long range negative impact on the agricultural economy.

Unlike city businesses, farmers and ranchers are not able to compensate for their losses by raising prices. Because of marketing and unique pricing systems, farmers must sell their produce at market value. As a result, farmers and ranchers must absorb their losses. For many, the loss may be their profit for the year.

As farms and ranches get larger, they become more mechanized and need more equipment and inventory. This makes them more attractive to thieves. Even though a few pounds of oranges may not have a significant financial impact, several thousand pounds a night can add up to a hefty profit for the criminal and a severe loss for the farmer. Therefore, many rural crimes are carefully planned and executed. There is clearly organized criminal activity that targets the vulnerability of the rural resident. For example, criminals can and do study how to handle animals, how to use farm equipment, how to defuse an alarm system, and the harvest schedule to determine when the farmer or rancher is most vulnerable.

In addition to crops, equipment, and livestock, agriculture chemicals have also become major targets because of their high resale value and difficulty in identification. Additionally, because the delivery date of

agriculture chemicals can be predicted, these thefts can be planned in advance.

Another emerging trend that we have seen is in copper wire thefts. This has become almost an epidemic situation in Tulare County, as well as in the entire Central Valley. As mentioned in several Progress Reports for the last year, the Counties have gotten together to undertake several stings and other details in order to address this problem. We are also cracking down on scrap yard operators who knowingly accept the stolen wire. This has proven to be very successful.

Tulare County, in addition to being a leading agricultural county in the state, has a significant rural crime problem. According to the Tulare County Sheriff's Office records, in 2001, there were 452 agricultural crime cases reported and total property losses were valued at \$929,961. In 2003, 515 crimes were investigated and total property losses were valued at \$1,490,126. In 2004 328 crimes were investigated with a total loss estimated to be \$838,102. In 2005, 420 crimes were investigated and total property losses were valued at \$900,337. The first three quarters for the FY 2006/2007 grant period showed an increase to 735 crimes investigated and \$4,884,869 in total loss values. Additional losses due to lost productivity and other non-economic damages are beyond calculation. With limited resources available to our law enforcement offices, resolution was reached in only approximately 19% of these reported crimes.

The Demonstration Project undertaken by this County continues to show a positive impact on the problem. The allocation of dedicated and specialized resources has proven effective in turning the tide. As an example, from 1997 to 1999 reported losses to the Sheriff's Office were less than \$5 million. From 1999 to December 20, 2001, the reported losses to the Sheriff's Office are just below \$4 million. We have reached a positive conclusion in 95% of the cases brought to court with a major increase in cases investigated and filed. Despite a declining total number of suspects prosecuted year by year, the magnitude and seriousness of individual cases have significantly increased as reflected in the increase to the problem of agricultural crime.

Many cases worked in the initial stages of the project involved relatively minor crimes including trespass and large number of isolated theft. Although these crimes remain a significant problem, during the course of the project, major crime was uncovered and prosecuted. These crimes involved multiple victims throughout the county, connected by rings of criminals. Many times these cases extended beyond Tulare County into adjoining jurisdictions and across the nation. A few cases involve international suspects and destinations. Therefore, the true nature of agricultural crime in Tulare County is multi-faceted, it is simple and local and at the same time, complex and global. Either way, the impact on the local farmer, economy and community is significant.

Project Plan and Implementation

The County of Tulare has been the pioneer in developing the Rural Crime Prevention Program. The Demonstration Program from which this program evolved was designed, developed and implemented by Tulare County. The current plan continues the Tulare County Model as implemented in the Demonstration Project. Greatly enhancing the vision, capabilities and scope of the Tulare County Model is the addition of the ACTION Project developed by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. This Federally funded project incorporates regional thinking and coordination with high technology. The ACTION Project has completed a regional agricultural crime database that is utilized to gather agricultural crime information. The integrated system identifies baseline data that has been consistently and methodically collected throughout the eight county region and also has crime analysis capability that analyzes the agricultural crime cases that have been inputted throughout the eight county region. The ag units are able to more efficiently and effectively use their resources to combat crime through the use of this innovative tool.

Continued funding for the ACTION Project is uncertain at this time. Tulare County's ability to maintain the database is also in peril . As stated in the RFA "Each participating county is required to collect and report statistical data on agricultural crimes. Each county must agree that the centralized database will be housed at and maintained by the Tulare County ACTION Project, thus ensuring uniform data collection and retrieval. As legislatively mandated, funds appropriated

under this program shall be allocated based on each participating county's compliance with established uniform data collection and reporting requirements. " This requirement is also mandated for the Central Coast Rural Crime Counties requiring additional time and data information required to be maintained and updated. Tulare County is incorporating in this RFA a request to fund the continued operation of the database and associated costs to maintain the integrity of the Program and its data collection requirements.

Staffing, Policies, and Procedures:

The Sheriff's Office Team consists of one (1) Sheriff's Sergeant as supervisor of the unit and three (3) Sheriff's Detectives to provide the necessary investigation and protection under this program. 65% of the Sergeant's salary and benefits and 100% of the salaries and benefits for the Detectives will be funded from the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program.

Sgt. Tom Sigley is assigned as Sergeant for the Sheriff's Ag Unit. Sgt. Sigley is a veteran of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office. He has many contacts in the Ag community that will assist him in his current endeavors. Sgt. Sigley will participate in all task force activities as well as within the Rural Crime Prevention Program. John Dow, Chad Rhyman and Dale Cullum are the Detectives assigned to the Ag Unit. They will participate in all task force activities as well as within the Rural Crime Prevention Program. As Detectives, these individuals are journeyman-level law

enforcement officers. Appendix E outlines the job descriptions for these positions as they pertain to the Sheriff's Agricultural Crime Unit.

The Agricultural Commissioner's team consists of Agricultural Inspectors assigned on an "as needed and area specific" basis to monitor activities under the Food and Agriculture Code and to coordinate investigation efforts with the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office. The specific hours spent by an Inspector on a Task Force operation will be billed to the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program.

The District Attorney's Office team consists of one (1) Deputy District Attorney who will vertically prosecute cases presented through this program, one (1) Criminal Investigator and one (1) Criminal Investigator Aide to investigate and prepare all cases generated from the program. Additionally, they are responsible for performing specialized financial investigations, tracing assets and recovering costs from the perpetrator. This unit will also review current legislation and make reform recommendations to the District Attorney who in turn will report his findings to the legislature. 100% of the salary and benefits are provided through the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Project.

Ian Marty is assigned as the vertical prosecutor. He is felony experienced and well versed in dealing with evidence appropriate for program prosecutions. The attorney will vertically prosecute rural crime cases and will be housed in the District Attorney's Rural Crime Office along with the Investigator and the Investigator Aide. In addition to a personal

caseload, the Program Attorney will become involved in committees, coalitions and boards to promote education and awareness in the community.

Tim Willmore is the assigned DA Investigator for this program. He is a veteran of law enforcement with over 19 years of experience. He has been an investigator with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office for more than 9 years and previously had 10 years with the Visalia Police Department. He is well versed in all aspects of investigation and what is required to successfully prosecute felony cases through adjudication. He will direct the investigation of cases as necessary and as required by the program prosecutor.

Chris Brantley is the Investigator Aide assigned to work within the program. He will work closely with the assigned Investigator, assisting him in the investigations of agricultural crime cases in preparation for prosecution.

Administrative support is provided through one (1) Legal Office Assistant III, one (1) Account Clerk and .5% (.5) of a Grant Coordinator employed in the District Attorney's Office functioning to support the Task Force, manage the budget, tabulate data for research, and prepare reports. The services of the Grant Coordinator are utilized to oversee the administration of the program and report to the Project Director.

Alice Bejarano is the Legal Office Assistant III for the District Attorney's Ag Team. She provides clerical assistance to the program and

has recently been trained to do all case input to integrated ag crime database that was developed by the *ACTION* Project for the eight county region of the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program.

Darla Grant is the Account Clerk for the program. She has been with the District Attorney's Office for approximately four years and has been working within the accounting field for over 18 years. She will work with the program's payroll, expenditures and budget monitoring.

Katie Wallace is the Grant Coordinator. She has worked for the District Attorney's Office for the last ten years and as a Grant Coordinator for the last six years. She works closely with the Project Director and the Fiscal Officer in the monitoring of the grant's progress in achieving its goals and objectives.

William Yoshimoto is the Project Director and Supervising Attorney for the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program. He has excellent administrative skills and is familiar with OES Projects. Mr. Yoshimoto has personally prosecuted some of the most difficult cases ever prosecuted by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office during his 28+ years in the office. None of the Project Director's time is charged to the Program.

Patricia Woody is the Fiscal Officer for the Program. She has been with the District Attorney's Office for approximately five and a half years and is responsible for the financial administration of grant funds within the DA's Office. She will report to the Project Director. None of Ms. Woody's time is charged to the Program.

Program Rules and Regulations:

The District Attorney has enumerated policies governing the activity of the Special Prosecutions Division and its administration. The Special Prosecutions Division handles specifically targeted crimes and areas as designated by the District Attorney, such as the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program. It is recognized through office policy that specialized training, education, experience, and reduced caseloads are necessary for the successful operation of the Division. Furthermore, the complexity of the targeted crimes or areas along with the requirements of grant programs, demand that those assigned to the Special Prosecutions Division have demonstrated legal skills, documented training and felony case experience. Attorney assignments to the Special Prosecutions Division are made by recommendation of the District Attorney.

Assignments to the Special Prosecutions Division are long term and except in unusual circumstances, a minimum of one year. The rotation of attorneys assigned to the Special Prosecutions Division shall be minimized as to not disrupt the effective operation of a specialized program.

The current average caseload per felony deputy in the Tulare County District Attorney's Office is 180 cases per year. The average number of defendants prosecuted is 261 per felony deputy. This unit will prosecute 75 defendants or 50 cases, 80% to be handled with true vertical prosecution from filing through judgment.

Per policy of the office and by directive of the District Attorney, except in emergencies, the Rural Crime prosecutor shall not be used for back up of the general criminal caseload.

The Tulare County District Attorney's Office intends to achieve the objectives of the program by ensuring that the referral, investigation and prosecution of the target crimes against the agricultural community are expeditiously handled.

Case Selection Criteria:

The District Attorney's Ag Prosecution Unit works closely with the Ag Crimes Unit of the Sheriff's Department and all police agencies operating within Tulare County. In particular, close coordination has been established with the Sheriff's Department Ag Crime Unit through the three year period of the Demonstration Project to the present. These detectives bring cases generally meeting program criteria directly to the Rural Crime attorney for review.

Upon intake, the Legal Office Assistant enters the name and other identifying information into the office criminal case data system (JALAN) and also into the regional integrated crime database system developed by the ACTION Project. For cases not directly brought to the Rural Crime Unit, the Legal Office Assistant will examine the suggested charge given by law enforcement personnel and if it is an agricultural crime, will enter a special classifying marker into the JALAN System and into the ACTION database

and then refer the case to the Rural Crime Attorney. The Rural Crime prosecutor will examine eligible cases and begin the review process.

Our attorneys have formed a strong network with the Ag Crime Unit within the Sheriff's Office. In person and telephonic discussion of cases and issues are daily occurrences. It is very rare that a case is brought to the prosecutor that the prosecutor is not already aware of the situation. In situations where further information or investigation is necessary, and if the agent is not physically present, a phone call resolves the issue.

After review and if the case meets filing standards, the intake filing form along with police reports are returned to the Legal Office Assistant for document preparation, filing with the court and warrant issuance where appropriate. The support staff person will make simultaneous entries of the information necessary to prepare a criminal complaint and updating the JALAN system and the ACTION database system. The support staff person will create a physical file containing the complaint and police reports. The file will be used by the prosecutor to prepare for trial and will be taken to court.

As the case is heard in court, the prosecutor will document the activity in writing through file notes permanently written on the file cover. This notation of case progress thus written is the original source documentation maintained by the program. The Legal Office Assistant will receive the file upon return from court and will update the JALAN System case data file using the original source documentation. All information,

whether from preliminary hearing, jury trial, or sentencing will be entered into the JALAN System and the ACTION database system.

Crime Type(s):

The Tulare County Model and the Demonstration Program was designed and intended to address the problem of agricultural crime and those individuals engaged in agricultural crime. This continues to be the focus. Agricultural crime is defined as *any crime that impacts the economic livelihood of farmers, ranchers or agriculturally related businesses*. It is therefore, an issue specific definition. Criminal activity not meeting this definition, even though the crime may have been committed in a rural or agricultural location will not be included in the program.

Crimes targeted include but are not limited to:

- Penal Code §487, Grand Theft
- Penal Code §496, Receiving Stolen Property
- Penal Code §459, Commercial Burglary
- Penal Code §594, Vandalism
- Penal Code §602, Trespass
- Vehicle Code §10851, Vehicle Theft

Project Design:

Partners:

The Tulare County Rural Crime Prevention Project is administered by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office under a joint powers agreement with the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. The Task Force is an interactive team working together to develop problem-solving and crime control techniques;

to encourage timely reporting of crime, and to evaluate results. All three partner agencies contribute personnel and fiscal resources in excess of those funded under this program (See Appendix D for memorandum of Understanding and Appendix F for the Operational Agreement).

Experts from the military services, border patrol, various state organizations such as the California Highway Patrol, the Attorney General's Office, Brand Inspectors, private security firms, and community organizations are consulted to maximize effectiveness. Media cooperation and community support are also solicited to promote the efforts of the task force.

Activities:

A. Data Gathering

- i. Investigative data, prosecution data, crime types, economic loss and recovery figures is tracked by the Program. Information is gathered and stored in a computer data base developed in conjunction with the ACTION Project.
 - a. Police reports are maintained by the Sheriff's Department
 - b. Prosecution case files are maintained by the District Attorney's Office.
- ii. Information is analyzed and reports generated as needed and per specifications of the program guideline, including a simple cost-benefit analysis.

- a. In partnership with the ACTION Project, the program tracks the economic impact of agricultural crime in Tulare County.
- b. The Administration unit of the Rural Crime Prevention Program is responsible for the gathering and production of reports.

B. Prevention

The District Attorney's office is responsible for coordinating prevention efforts with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office and the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. The prevention effort has three prongs:

1. Education

The Task Force engages in an outreach effort to organize the community, build public awareness, and spread information through the media and grass roots organizations. It conducts workshops to inform farmers and ranchers of existing prevention methods, such as "owner applied numbers" for equipment, as well as what new technologies are available, such as bar code registration. The general public will also be educated as to the effects of rural crimes, the economic impact, and what it can do to assist farmers, ranchers, and law enforcement officers.

2. Security

The Task Force works with security consultants and reviews the latest technology and how it may be employed to prevent or suppress rural crime. Farmers and ranchers are enlisted to participate in the Owner Applied Number

(OAN) program developed by the Tulare County. Furthermore, farmers will be encouraged to register their equipment with law enforcement and keep a record of equipment serial numbers. The team also works with the community to conduct experiments with new technologies and measure their effectiveness in the battle against rural crime. Farmers and ranchers will be able to obtain their own identifying number by registering with the Sheriff's Office or "on-line" through the ACTION Project web site. The registration includes the name and address of the business and proprietor. This registration is stored in the ACTION Project computer network and is accessible by any law enforcement unit enlisting the aid of the ACTION Project. The private number is then be engraved onto the equipment in a hidden spot. If a deputy sheriff suspects certain equipment is stolen, he/she will access the ACTION Project network. The computer will immediately retrieve the registered information to verify ownership.

Tulare County coordinates the OAN program with the State Sheriff's Association and the California Farm Bureau. The computer program used to store and retrieve information is designed to be compatible with computer systems of all eight counties participating in the Rural Crime Prevention Program.

3. Deterrence

This is a major component of prevention. The Task Force works closely with the media to generate widespread publicity in print and broadcast mediums about the Program and the legislature's commitment to correct the problem of rural crime. Major suppression and prosecution activities are accompanied by explanatory news releases. Prosecution results and jail sentences are

publicized. Citizen's groups are also invited to facilitate communications about the program and its operation. A two-way network established under the demonstration project via FAX, phone, and computer bulletins continues to be utilized. The Task Force will release timely information to alert and instruct farmers and ranchers. Farmers and ranchers will, in turn, notify the Task Force of their needs and make prompt reports.

The goal of such publicity is to alert the criminal elements that Tulare County and the state legislature is taking rural crime seriously and is moving aggressively to prevent it from spreading. It will also enlist the enthusiastic support of the community.

C. Suppression

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for suppression activities with the assistance of the District Attorney's Office and the Agricultural Commissioners Office. In addition to the suppression activities outlined below, the Sheriff's Unit is responsible to investigate all agricultural crime cases within its jurisdiction and forward completed cases to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution. The Agricultural Commissioner's Office will assign area experts on an "as needed" basis. These inspectors assist investigations in specific areas of the county, pertaining to specific crops, pesticide regulation, Food and Agricultural Code violations or in other areas of technical specialization. All operations are monitored on a continuous basis. Each program will be adjusted as needs arise and the task force learns from experience.

Suppression activities include but are not limited to the following:

1. Rotating Covert Operations

- a. Special Stake-Outs

At certain areas defined as “High Risk Zones”, special stake-out operations will be initiated to provide property owners additional protection. Surveillance vehicles and equipment will be used to detect criminal activities and to affect arrests. These high risk zones will include both farms and ranches to suppress thefts of farm produces, chemicals, equipment, and live stock. They will also, where appropriate, be geared to seasonal changes and critical harvest periods when theft is most likely to occur.

- b. Vendor Sting Operations

Tulare County Ordinance §3055 requires all buyers of walnuts to maintain a record of every purchase. Deputy Sheriffs with the assistance of the District Attorney Investigator will go undercover as thieves/sellers to flush out any business establishments and/or roadside vendors who participate in illegal transactions. Such information will be presented to the Task Force for further action.

- c. Wireless Webcast System on a Mobile Surveillance
Agricultural Trailer (M.A.S.T.)

The Wireless Webcast system is used to fight against rural fuel, chemical, livestock and other agricultural theft. The system is utilized by placing it in strategic locations along with other motion and sound detection devices to alert detectives that an unauthorized person has entered a large area known to be targeted for theft. Fuel theft is very hard to predict from one theft to the next

because wind machines that can hold hundreds of gallons of fuel are spread out over multiple square miles of area. This system allows the detectives to watch a large area without the cost of overtime compared to having detectives placed in the target area after hours. When a detective receives an alert that the sound or motion detectors have recorded someone entering the area they are able to log onto the Wireless Webcast system to verify there is a intruder before they respond to the area. While responding to the area the detective has the ability to record the suspect's actions and location and advise other patrol units closer to the area to make contact and arrest the suspect if criminal activity is determined. This system greatly increases the safety and success of responding officers by knowing where the suspect is located.

2. Special Operations

a. Night Operations

Theft thrives under the cover of darkness. Night is the primary time for the commission of any crime, including rural crimes. Because farmers and ranchers often work in early hours, it is sometimes difficult for a passerby to tell whether the activity is being done by an industrious owner or by a thief. Because the keys for many tractors are interchangeable, it is difficult for a casual witness to tell if the driver is the legal owner or a thief. As a suppression measure, steps will be taken to increase the frequency of regular night patrols in the high risk areas most likely to be targeted by thieves.

Due to repeated terrorist attacks and high crime rates, officials in London took action which could with modifications be utilized by the task force.

Camouflaged cameras were mounted on street lamps and other locations in areas established by the study of criminal records as areas where criminal activity would most likely occur. The cameras were successful at uncovering criminal activities, alerting police, and preserving evidence for court. Crime was reduced with a minimum intrusion on people's privacy.

Tulare County will utilize similar hidden night vision cameras to monitor night time activities in high risk rural areas. These cameras will be mounted at inconspicuous locations to defy detection. They will be moved to undisclosed locations at irregular intervals. Monitoring device will be available at the Task Force's Office. As soon as a criminal activity is detected, patrol officers will be dispatched immediately to that location to investigate.

b. Harvest Seasons

Harvest seasons are prime times for crop thefts. The seasons are usually predictable, thus thieves can plan their activities in advance. During these times, farm activities are intense and hectic, thus farmers are usually tired and distracted. The season lasts only a few weeks. Since many short-term employees are needed, the presence of strangers is normal. Many farms leave large quantities of packaging materials in the field to facilitate harvesting which must be done within a limited time frame, thus making quick overnight criminal activities even easier. In short, the time is ripe for thefts by passerby, small-time vendors, or organized criminal enterprises.

Rotating hidden cameras, immediate dispatch of patrol officers upon detection of criminal activities, and increased regular patrols will be the staples of

the program. In addition, the Model Program will provide special surveillance and undercover services to deter criminal attempts and to expedite investigations and arrests.

c. Post Harvest Processing Stings

Many commodities need to be processed before they can be sold to consumers. For example, walnuts need to be dehydrated. Like other buyers, these processing plants are also required to keep a record of all their purchases. Sting operations will be used to discover if any of them engages in illegal transactions with thieves. Vital to deterrence of the criminal enterprises is the suppression of illegal markets for the stolen goods. The District Attorney's Office will aggressively prosecute such activities.

3. Central Registry System

Besides crime victims, the insurance industry is also a big loser in criminal activities. It bears the burden of paying coverage which is often many times the premiums received. Consequently, the insurance industry has begun its own program to combat crimes. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) is created as a clearing house of information. Member insurance companies deposit information of insured parties in a centralized computer system located in Chicago. When an adjuster suspects the authenticity of a claim, he/she reports it to the NICB. An NICB investigator retrieves the stored information and follows up on the report. If the investigation turns up evidence of fraud, the NICB then files a criminal complaint with the District Attorney's Office and notifies the insurance company. The NICB also receives calls from sheriff's offices all over

the country and provides assistance to law enforcement agents with their investigations of insurance crimes. In addition, the NICB provides training for insurance adjusters and staff to help them identify suspicious cases. An 800 number hotline is also available for the public to report crimes and to give information.

This Program contracts with NICB and utilizes its data bank and services whenever possible. To maximize resources, the Task Force synchronizes the private bar code design and registration mentioned above not only with state's computer system but also with the NICB system.

E. Prosecution

The District Attorney's Office is responsible for vigorously prosecuting all suspects involved in rural crimes. The Sheriff's Office will conduct preliminary criminal investigations and present information to the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Criminal Investigator will work closely with the Sheriff's Office to conduct what further investigations are needed for trial. In addition, the Investigator will work in covert operations, examine financial records of suspected parties, prepare evidence for prosecution, identify and locate witnesses, consult with experts, etc. Forensic experts are utilized to provide technical assistance in soil sampling, strands of vegetation, climate effect on seeds, etc. The Agriculture Commission will provide expertise in chemical usage, container requirements, fruit types, etc.

This program uses the vertical prosecution model. The designated Deputy District Attorney reviews existing laws and pursue all charges. This

Deputy District Attorney is a specialist in this field and is responsible for each case from filing to conviction. He has a limited caseload and is expected to be an expert in the prosecution of agricultural crime. The Task Force will submit appropriate cases to the Program Deputy District Attorney for prosecution. The Criminal Investigator and Investigator aide will assist the Deputy District Attorney in researching and preparing cases.

1. Tulare County District Attorney's Office Policies for the Staffing of the Special Prosecution Division

The District Attorney has enumerated policies governing the activity of the Special Prosecutions Division and its administration. The Special Prosecutions Division handles specifically targeted crimes and areas as designated by the District Attorney, such as the Career Criminal Program. It is recognized through office policy that specialized training, education, experience, and reduced caseloads are necessary for the successful operation of the Division.

Furthermore, the complexity of the targeted crimes or areas along with the requirements of grant programs, demand that those assigned to the Special Prosecutions Division have demonstrated legal skills, documented training and significant felony case experience. A minimum of one year's felony experience (in the case of MNVP, two years) as a Deputy District Attorney and specific recommendation from the District Attorney are required for assignment to the Special Prosecutions Division.

Assignments to the Special Prosecutions Division are long term and except in unusual circumstances, a minimum of one year. The rotation of

attorneys assigned to the Special Prosecutions Division shall be minimized as to not disrupt the effective operation of a specialized program.

The current average caseload per felony deputy in the Tulare County District Attorney's Office is 180 cases per year. The average number of defendants prosecuted is 261 per felony deputy. This unit will prosecute 45 defendants or 30 cases, 60% to be handled with true vertical prosecution from filing through judgment.

2. Training

Rural Crime Program staff will attend seminars and training sessions specifically relevant to their assignments on a regular basis or at least once per year.

3. Utilization of Attorney for General Caseload

Per policy of the office and by directive of the District Attorney, except in emergencies, the Rural Crime Program prosecutor shall not be used for back up of the general criminal caseload.

Supplanting of funding

The funding provided from OES for the Rural Crime Prevention Program shall not be used to supplant other funding for the District Attorney's Office. The enforcement of this provision will be assured by a specific statement in the document submitted to Chief Administrative Office of Tulare County and to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for governing body approval. Furthermore,

the resolution to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the grant will contain language prohibiting the supplanting of funding.

Project Objectives and Activities

Objective 1: Enhance crime prevention efforts by maintaining a county program that strengthens law enforcement agencies' ability to monitor and detect agricultural and rural based crime

Activities: There are a total of 8 full FTE , one 60% FTE and one .05% FT positions assigned to the program:

Sheriff's Office: (65%) Sergeant
 (3) Detectives

District Attorney: (1) Attorney
 (1) Investigator
 (1) Investigator Aide
 (1) Legal Office Assistant
 (1) Account Clerk
 (.5) Grant Coordinator

The Rural Crime Prevention Demonstration Project was established by the legislature in 1996, and Tulare County was the first and lead County to implement the Project.

Objective 2: Establish a Regional Crime Prevention Task Force

The Rural Crime Prevention Demonstration Project has shown that agricultural crimes are not just a local occurrence but are often multi-county operations extending nationally and internationally. Stolen goods, whether it be tractors, agricultural chemicals or commodities can easily traverse great distances in a matter of hours. Apprehension, recovery and conviction often depend upon rapid identification and retrieval of information as well as specialized expertise. Identification and crime information in one locality often is not available in another. The solution is in a regional approach and vision.

The task of envisioning and governing this regional approach is the responsibility of the Regional Rural Crime Prevention Task Force composed of management level representatives from participating county agencies. This board provides oversight and carries out the mandate created through AB 157.

Activities: Establishment of the Task Force

- A. This Task Force will meet quarterly at a joint facility. The meetings are held in various locations throughout the region. This rotating of location sites enables all counties to participate on a regular basis.
- B. The Task Force is composed as follows: Eight (8) members with one vote per member representing each county funded. Tulare County shall have two votes. The second vote is to be exercised in the event of a tie vote on any matter before the Task Force. Tulare County has a total of 14 members who participate. Include in this total are members of the *ACTION*

Project who are not included in the funding from this grant.

Two additional non-voting members per county representing the county agencies other than the voting member's agency.

- C. Representatives to the Task Force shall be selected by consensus of the local program.
- D. A representative from the Office of Emergency Services and the Legislative Analysts Office may be an ex-officio member without voting rights.
- E. The Task Force shall select a chairperson and establish protocol to conduct its meetings.

Activities: Provide Leadership and Oversight for the Rural Crime Prevention Program

- A. Research and develop crime fighting and prevention techniques as they relate to rural crime prevention.
- B. Consult with experts from the United States Military, the Department of Justice and other law enforcement agencies as deemed necessary to maximize this program.
- C. Interface with property owner groups, farm bureaus and other related organizations.
- D. Promulgate legislation and compile supportive information necessary for the successful operation and continuation of the Rural Crime Prevention Program.

Activities: Provide Regional Coordination of Operations

- A. Establish protocol for operations involving multiple counties and jurisdictions.
- B. Establish a tracking and reporting system for information regarding the activities of the counties operating rural crime programs.
- C. Establish a computer data base for storage of information to be tracked and reported. The data base became operational in October 2002.

Objective 3: Conduct Felony and Misdemeanor Agricultural and Rural Crime Arrests

Concentrate misdemeanor and felony arrest efforts on persons and criminal organizations suspected of committing agricultural and rural crime offenses, as measured by:

Activities: The Sheriff's Unit will conduct investigations of agricultural crimes and agricultural related crimes with the following targets:

- A. Investigate 400 cases of agricultural crime or agriculturally related crime.
- B. Make 45 Felony Arrests for agricultural crime.
- C. Make 15 Misdemeanor Arrests for agricultural crime.
- D. Submit 45 cases for criminal filing.
- E. 30 Cases will be prosecuted involving 45 defendants.

Objective 4: Crime Reporting and Acceptance Rates

Report agricultural and rural crime-related statistics for criminal activity in the projects target area. Develop, establish, sustain and subsequently increase the acceptance rate of reported crimes that are agricultural and rurally related, as measure by:

Activities: The Sheriff's Unit will submit for criminal filing cases of agricultural and agricultural related crime with the following targets:

- A. The number of crimes reported as agricultural crime-related;
- B. The number of crimes reported as rural crime-related;
- C. The number of crimes that required the specialized skills of the county agricultural commissioner and inspectors;
- D. The number of crimes that required the specialized skills of other local, state, or federal agencies;
- E. Estimate the number of crimes involving agricultural equipment (45);
- F. Estimate the number of crimes involving agricultural chemicals (10);
- G. Estimate the number of crimes involving livestock (16);
- H. Estimate the number of crimes involving commodities (35);
- I. Estimate the number of crimes involving tractors (15);
- J. Estimate the number of crimes involving vandalism (10);

- K. Estimate the number of crimes involving loss due to arson ((0);
- L. Estimate the number of crimes involving miscellaneous ag property (400);
- N. Estimate the total cost in losses sustained as a result of agricultural and rural crime (\$1,884,869)
- O. Estimate the total cost recoveries as a result of agricultural and rural crime efforts (\$780,124).

Objective 5: Vertically Prosecute Offenders Committing

Misdemeanor/Felony Agricultural and Rural Crime Offenses

Penal Code Section 14171(b)(3) requires the vertical prosecution of offenders committing agricultural and rural crimes under this program as measured by:

Activities: The District Attorney's Office Unit will prosecute 30 cases of agricultural crime with 45 defendants as follows:

- A. Total Number of Individuals to be vertically prosecuted: 45
- B. Total Number of Individuals to be vertically prosecuted using true vertical prosecution: 30
- C. Total Number of Individuals to be vertically prosecuted using major stage vertical prosecution: 10
- D. Total Number of Individuals to be vertically prosecuted using unit vertical prosecution: 5

Objective 6: Develop, Establish and Increase Rural Crime Defendant Conviction Rates

Develop, establish, sustain and increase convictions of defendants prosecuted by specialized agricultural and rural crime prosecutors as measured by:

Activities: The District Attorney's Office will maintain a high conviction rate previously established over a three period by the Demonstration Project.

- A. 95% Conviction Rate
- B. Estimate the number of agricultural and rural crime defendants convicted on any charge. (Subordinate categories will include misdemeanors, felonies and infractions) (72)
- C. The number of agricultural and rural defendants NOT convicted on any charge. (Subordinate categories will include misdemeanors, felonies and infractions) (3)

Objective 7: Track and Report the Length of Sentences/Commitments in Agricultural and Rural Crime Defendants

Track, record and report the length of sentences/commitments in agricultural and rural crime cases as prosecuted, as measured by:

Activities: It is the design and policy of the Program to seek the most severe punishment authorized upon a person convicted and information will be tracked in a computer data base as follows:

- A. Estimate the number of defendants sentenced to incarceration (e.g. jail, CRC, prison, etc.) (45)

- B. Estimate the number of defendants NOT sentenced to incarceration (e.g. diversion, suspended sentence, dismissal of charges, changed to misdemeanor with probation, etc.) (5)
- C. Estimate the number of defendants convicted by trial; (2)
- D. Estimate the number of defendants convicted by plea; (43)
- E. Estimate the average sentence length in days; (500)
- F. Estimate the number of defendants sentenced with a court-ordered requirement for restitution. (30)
- G. Estimate the total dollar amount of restitution ordered (\$31,082)

Objective 8: Promote the Efforts and Accomplishments of the Rural Crime Prevention Program

Activities: Increase Public and Agriculture Industry Awareness in conjunction with the ACTION Project

- 1. Conduct 6 Public Information Sessions via school presentations, service clubs, farm bureaus, TV community access programs, etc.
- 2. Have published four (4) Articles profiling the Rural Crime Prevention Program/ACTION Project in separate periodicals, four (4) directed at the agricultural industry and four (4) published by periodicals of general circulation.

Activities: In conjunction with the ACTION Project Function as a Resource Center for Law Enforcement

- A. Provide four (4) different one-hour training sessions for law enforcement personnel on agriculture specific issues.
- B. Develop written materials contained in a 3-ring notebook outlining and providing a guideline on developing programs similar to the ACTION Project and Rural Crime Prevention Demonstration Program.

Implementation

The Tulare County District Attorney's Office intends to achieve the objectives of the program by ensuring that the referral, investigation and prosecution of the target crimes against the agricultural community are expeditiously handled. The Rural Crime Prevention Program in Tulare County is currently operational and has proven to be very successful. The current Agricultural Crime Prosecutor will continue to be assigned as the grant vertical prosecutor and the current DA Criminal Investigator and Investigator Aide will continue to be assigned to the Program. The Sheriff's Department Ag Crime Unit will be fully staffed and operational. Agricultural Inspectors are in place. The ACTION Project is operational and developing its structure and computer network.

William Yoshimoto, the Project Director and Supervising Attorney with over 28 years of prosecution experience, has a proven track record working with OES and several other agencies on grant issues. He has personally been responsible for obtaining and, more importantly, retaining, many grant positions

in the county. Mr. Yoshimoto serves on the Tulare County Child Protection Coordinating Council, is an Advisory member of Rape Crisis Response Services, was a faculty member of College of the Sequoias (Child Abuse) and is Chairman of Tulare County Kids' Court. He also serves on the CAVP Advisory Committee. He was recently re-appointed by the Governor, upon recommendation by OES, to serve as a member of the State Sexual Assault Committee (SAC). He is a member of the state advisory committee for Automobile Insurance Fraud and Economic Theft by appointment of Chuck Quackenbush, then the California Insurance Commissioner.

Implementing Agency Description: District Attorney

The Tulare County District Attorney's Office is headed by the Honorable Phillip J. Cline. The Criminal Division is organized into seven major divisions, Major Crimes Division, Community Protection/Sex Crimes Division, Juvenile Division, Civil & Financial Division, Visalia Division, Tulare Division and Porterville Division. The Victims Assistance Bureau, Support Services and the Bureau of Investigations are also included in the Criminal Division of the Office. The Criminal Division is divided into two general criminal attorney teams serving three separate geographic regions (The southern region is served by two branch offices with a unified team). The Special Prosecutions Division encompasses the specialized areas of prosecution such as gang violence suppression, major narcotics, career criminal, insurance fraud, economic crime, etc. and is included in the various Divisions listed above. Regardless of the mission of the section,

vertical prosecution of all cases is the operational perspective of this office. The Bureau of Investigations handles the investigative functions of the office.

The Special Prosecutions Division, under the direction of William Yoshimoto, administers the OES funded Vertical Prosecution Program which includes the Major Narcotics Vendors Program, Career Criminal Program and Child Abuser Vertical Prosecution Program. This Division also includes the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program, and the INET program, which is a multi-component narcotics suppression project funded under the ADA program. The Special Prosecutions Division also is in charge of the Victim/Witness Program, partially funded by OES. In addition to these OES projects, the Division also operates programs in the areas of Gang Violence Suppression, Workers Compensation Fraud, Auto Insurance Fraud, Spousal Abuser Prosecution, and a Vehicle Theft Program. Consumer Fraud, Environmental Violations, and White Collar/Economic Crime are also under the auspices of the Special Prosecution Division. All of the above prosecution programs engage in true vertical prosecution.

This office files over 4,500 felony cases and over 22,000 misdemeanor cases per year. The number of filings for our size, the aggressive prosecution attitude of the office as demonstrated through the creation and maintenance of its special programs noted above, indicate the commitment of the Tulare County District Attorney's Office to the finest and most aggressive prosecution available for the protection of Tulare County Citizens.

Sheriff's Department Description:

The Tulare County Sheriff's Department is the largest law enforcement agency in Tulare County with over 760 employees. Through dedicated effort, using the most current and innovative techniques, such as community based policing, over 550 sworn personnel provide service to all unincorporated areas of Tulare County. It is the mission of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department to work in partnership with the community to improve the quality of life through professionalism, excellence, and trust. We commit to maximize the welfare and safety of our community and the integrity of the criminal justice system by maintaining safe and secure custody of prisoners.

The Sheriff's Department is headquartered in the County Civic Center adjacent to the main courthouse in Visalia. In addition to the headquarters facility, the Sheriff's Department operates three substations located in Porterville, Oroshi and Pixley. The Sheriff's Department also runs the Tulare County Jail system with major facilities in several locations, the Office of the Tulare County Coroner and provides security for the entire court system of Tulare County.

The Sheriff's Department is committed to providing the best possible law enforcement services. To this end, the Sheriff's Department has pioneered in partnership with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office in addressing needs in the areas of domestic violence, gang violence suppression and the Rural Crime Prevention Demonstration Program. The Sheriff's Department is a leader in the fight against illegal drugs and narcotics. In addition to the Ag Crime Unit, specialized units for violent crimes, narcotics, crime prevention, sexual assault

and child abuse highlight an increasing expertise in meeting the challenges of crime suppression and prevention.

Agricultural Commissioner's Office Description:

The Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer conducts a variety of programs in order to promote and protect agriculture and the public health, safety, and welfare and to ensure equity in the market place for all transactions involving weight, measure, or count. Several field office locations are maintained throughout the county in order to provide local service to the grower community.

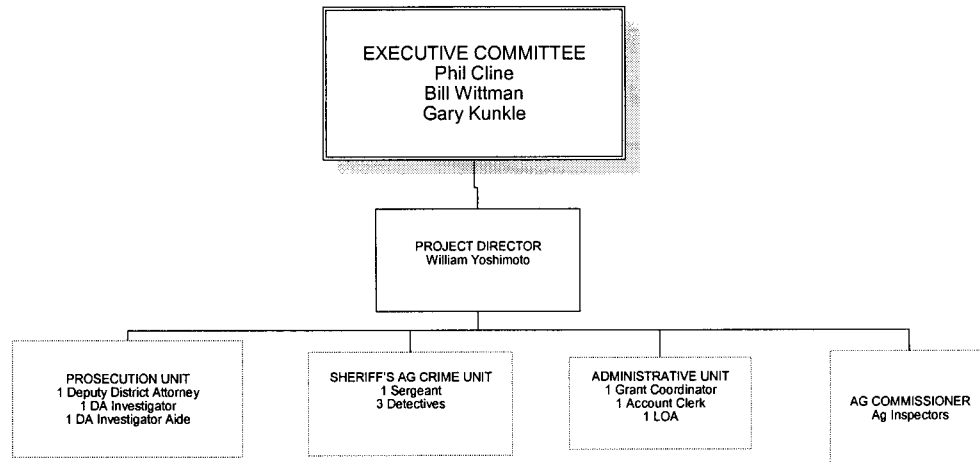
The mission of the Agricultural Commissioner of the State of California is to enforce the provisions of the California Agricultural Code "for the purposes of promoting and protecting the agricultural industry and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare." This mission is accomplished in Tulare County by 57 Full time employees (16.5 extra help personnel are added as needs require), including 48 licensed inspectors, through various programs: pesticide use enforcement and apiary; pest exclusion and quarantine; fruit and vegetable quality control and statistics; weights and measures enforcement and egg quality control; pest management and pest eradication; pest detection; nursery inspection and seed inspection/certification; vapor recovery inspection; and biosolids use enforcement. These programs have been instrumental in regulating the safe use of pesticides, defending against invading plant pests and diseases, monitoring packing, shipping, and quality regulations of fruits, nuts and vegetables, ensuring the accuracy of commercial transactions, and managing

vertebrate pest populations. These programs, and their proposed objectives, should assure that the Tulare County agricultural industry continues to prosper.

Only the main Tulare office is a full-service location. Additional offices are open during the scheduled times, primarily to provide additional locations for pesticide permit issuance. They are also available to take ag pest questions or requests for phytosanitary or other inspections. Additionally, the Department maintains an Ag Warehouse which is used by the vertebrate pest control and weed division, and for storing the chemicals and equipment involved with those functions. It is also the field-testing site where the Weights and Measures division tests trucks equipped with liquid and LPG measuring devices.

(See Appendix G for Organizational Chart)

TULARE COUNTY RURAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM



Grant Award Number: _____

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

OES 700 (REV. 7/04)

RECIPIENT			
Agency:	Tulare County District Attorney's Office		
Project Director:	William Yoshimoto	Phone #:	559.624.1054
Address:	701 W. Center St.		
City:	Visalia	Zip:	93291

ATTENDEE(S)			
Name:	Tom Sigley		
Title:	Sergeant, Sheriff's Office	Phone #:	559.740.4300
Name:	John Dow		
Title:	Detective, Sheriff's Office	Phone #:	559.740.4300
Name:	_____		_____
Title:	_____		_____
Name:	_____		_____
Title:	_____		_____
Name:	_____		_____
Title:	_____		_____

TRIP DETAILS	
Trip Date [Month/Day(s)/Year]	March 2008
Destination (City/State)	Reno Nevada
Description (Meeting/Conference/Other)	Western States Livestock Investigators Conference
Investigators meet to discuss domestic terrorism, surveillance updates, network with others in the field, keep up on new trends in ag crimes.	

Justification (indicate the need for the trip and the benefits to the State. Use additional pages if necessary. Attach brochure if available.)

The attendees will be able to network with other agencies within the Western Region to develop strategies to combat ag crimes and will learn the latest, updated information regarding surveillance and agro terrorism

Recipient must attach Cost Worksheet to the Out-of-State Travel Request.

FOR OES USE ONLY

Recommendation:

Approve

☐

Disapprove

☐

Program Specialist

Date

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST WORKSHEET

Date of Trip: March 2008
Destination: Reno Nevada
Purpose: Western Livestock Investigators Conference

ESTIMATED COSTS

TRANSPORTATION:

Airfare.....	_____
Airport Expenses:	
Mileage	_____
Taxi/Shuttle	_____
Parking	_____
Auto Expenses:	
Private Car	_____
Rental Car	_____
State/Agency Car	\$ 680.00

HOTEL/PER DIEM

Hotel: \$125 x 2 people x 2 nights	\$500.00
Per diem: 3 days @ \$50 x 2 people _____ ...	\$ 300.00

OTHER EXPENSES

Registration/Conference Fee \$100 x 2 people	200.00
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TOTAL COSTS NOT TO EXCEED	\$1,680.00
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PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant County of Tulare, Office of the District Attorney Grant Number _____ [FOR OES USE ONLY]

Provide the name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for the project contacts named below. **If a section does not apply to your project, enter "N/A."** **NOTE: If you use a PO Box address, a street address is also required for package delivery and site visit purposes.**

1. The **Project Director** for the project:

Name: William Yoshimoto Address: 701 W. Center St.
Title: Supervising Attorney City: Visalia Zip: 93291
Telephone #: 559.624.1054 Fax #: 559.624.1077
(Area Code) (Area code)
E-Mail Address: wyosh@agcrime.net

2. The **Financial Officer** for the project:

Name: Patricia Woody Address: 221 So. Mooney Blvd. rm 224
Title: Chief Financial Officer City: Visalia Zip: 93291
Telephone #: 559.733.6411 Fax #: 559.733.6626
(Area Code) (Area Code)
E-Mail Address: pwoody@co.tulare.ca.us

3. The **person** having **routine programmatic responsibility** for the project:

Name: Katie Wallace Address: 701 W. Center St.
Title: Grant/Program Coordinator City: Visalia Zip: 93291
Telephone #: 559.624.1054 Fax #: 559.624.1077
(Area Code) (Area Code)
E-Mail Address: katie@agcrime.net

4. The **person** having **routine fiscal responsibility** for the project:

Name: Patricia Woody Address: 221 So. Mooney Blvd. rm 224
Title: Chief Financial Officer City: Visalia Zip: 93291
Telephone #: 559.733.6411 Fax #: 559.733.6626
(Area Code) (Area Code)
E-Mail Address: pwoody@co.tulare.ca.us

5. The **Executive Director** of a community based organization or the **Chief Executive Officer** (e.g., chief of police, superintendent of schools) of the implementing agency:

Name: Phil Cline Address: 221 So. Mooney Blvd. rm 226
Title: District Attorney City: Visalia Zip: 93291
Telephone #: 559.733.6411 Fax #: 559.730.2658
(Area Code) (Area Code)
E-Mail Address: pcline@co.tulare.ca.us

PROJECT SERVICE AREA INFORMATION

1. COUNTY OR COUNTIES SERVED: Enter the name(s) of the county or counties served by the project. Put an asterisk where the project's principal office is located.

Tulare

[Staff Note: Include items 2, 3 and 4 only if required by the federal funding source.]

2. U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S): Enter the number(s) of the U.S. Congressional District(s) which the project serves. Put an asterisk for the district where the project's principal office is located.
3. STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT(S): Enter the number(s) of the State Assembly District(s) which the project serves. Put an asterisk for the district where the project's principal office is located.
4. STATE SENATE DISTRICT(S): Enter the number(s) of the State Senate District(s) that the project serves. Put an asterisk for the district where the project's principal office is located.
5. POPULATION OF SERVICE AREA: Enter the total population of the area served by the project.

420,619 (DOF 1-1-06)

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. PROJECT YEAR

- ☐ New
☒ Year 2
☐ Year 3
Other:

2. PROJECT TITLE

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION
PROGRAM

3. GRANT PERIOD

7-1-2007 to 6-30-2008

4. APPLICANT

Name: County of Tulare Phone: 559-733-6271
Address: 2800 W/ Burrel Ave Fax #: 559-733-6381
City: Visalia Zip: 93291

5. FUNDS REQUESTED

\$ 685,315

6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Name: Office of the District Attorney Phone: (559) 733-6411 Fax #: 559-733-2658
Address: 221 S. Mooney Blvd. Rm 224 City: Visalia Zip: 93291

7. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The specialized and directed investigation of agricultural and agriculturally related crimes by a dedicated Sheriff's Department unit of agricultural crime investigators linked with expertise from the Agricultural Commissioners Office and coupled with the vertical prosecution of cases. The prosecutor will have a significant reduced caseload and will have a significant reduced caseload and will exclusively handle prosecution from filing through judgment. The three agency components will network and confer on cases, strategy, education and outreach.

8. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In this Age of Information, we are bombarded by the media about crime reports and statistics. Yet, almost all of the information we receive is about urban blight. Little attention is paid to agricultural areas and little information is available. Unfortunately, crime does not recognize city limits. Criminals strike whenever and wherever there is opportunity. Because farms and ranches are often isolated in rural areas, they are frequently easy prey for the unscrupulous. Crimes often go undetected. The economic impact is great.

9. OBJECTIVES

- A. Total number of cases to be investigated: 400
- B. Total number of individuals to be arrested: 75
- C. Total number of cases submitted for prosecution: 30
- D. Total number of individuals to be vertically prosecuted using vertical prosecution: 45
- E. Average caseload, excluding warrant cases for prosecutor per year: 50
- F. Number of presentations to be made: 6

3. ACTIVITIES Specialized investigation of agricultural crime cases. The vertical prosecution of agricultural crime cases Community education and outreach through public presentations Coordination and networking of the Sheriff's Dept., Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the District Attorney's Office. Additional network with the other 7 participating counties.	11. CATEGORY - - NA -			
13. EVALUATION Program effectiveness will be measured by maintaining a computer database of all program categories. The Project Director will review progress regularly and submit required reports to OES. Fiscal issues will be monitored the Financial Services Officer and an independent audit will be performed at the end of the fiscal year to insure integrity.	12. PROGRAM AREA - - NA -			
14. NUMBER OF CLIENTS TO BE SERVED				
15. PROJECTED BUDGET				
	Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Equipment	TOTAL
Funds Requested.....	\$651,052	\$34,263	\$0	\$685,315
Other Grant Funds				
Other Sources (list in-kind, fees, etc.)				
16. NAME OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL				
Signature: _____ Date: _____				
Typed Name: <u>William Yoshimoto</u>				
Title: <u>Supervising Attorney, Project Director</u>				

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL		STATE		
4/26/2007		COST		
A. Personal Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits		District Attny	Sheriff	
(1) Sheriff's Sergeant. The Sergeant will be responsible for supervising the investigation of program cases and personnel of the Sheriff's Department Ag Crime Unit. The grant will cover 65% of the salary and benefits.				
Salary:	27pp \$ 70,350.00			
Benefits: Retirement:	\$ 12,391.00			
Social Security:	5,597.00			
Cafeteria Plan.:	9,517.00			
POB	2,522.00			
Wk Comp	626.00			
Unif/Detective/Biling Pay	2,811.00			
Sub-Total Benefits:	\$ 33,464.00			
Total Salary and Benefits	\$ 103,814.00 x 65% \$67,479		\$ 67,479.00	\$ 67,479.00
<i>cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life</i>				
(3) Sheriff's Detective. The criminal investigator will be responsible for the investigation of program cases. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits. The figures shown are from a sample salary. The total is the true cost.				
Salary:	27pp \$ 172,521.00			
Overtime: (See Detail below)	\$ -			
Benefits: Retirement:	\$ 30,252.00			
Social Security:	13,755.00			
Cafeteria Plan.:	24,603.00			
POB	6,183.00			
Wk Comp	1,867.00			
Uniform Allow.:	7,275.00			
Sub-Total Benefits:	\$ 83,935.00			
Total Salary and Benefits	\$ 256,456.00		\$ 256,456.00	\$ 256,456.00
<i>cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life</i>				
(1) Deputy District Attorney III. Attorney will be responsible for the vertical prosecution of program cases. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits from July through June 2007.				
Salary:	27pp \$ 82,851.00			
Benefits: Retirement:	\$ 8,096.00			
Social Security:	6,338.00			
Cafeteria Plan.:	11,357.00			
POB	2,146.00			
Wk Comp	626.00			
Bar Dues:	390.00			
Sub-Total Benefits:	\$ 28,953.00			
Total Salary and Benefits	\$ 111,804.00	\$ 111,804.00		\$ 111,804.00
<i>cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life</i>				
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Subtotal		\$ 111,804.00	\$ 323,935.00	\$ 435,739.00

			District Attny	Sheriff
(1) DA Investigator. This criminal investigator will be responsible for the investigation and preparation of Program cases for trial. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits from July to June 2007.				
Salary:	27pp	\$ 64,420.00		
Benefits: Retirement:		\$ 10,994.00		
Social Security:		4,928.00		
POB		2,242.00		
Wk Comp		627.00		
Cafeteria Plan.:		10,405.00		
Sub-Total Benefits:		\$ 29,196.00		
Total Salary and Benefits		\$ 93,616.00	\$ 93,616.00	\$ 93,616.00
<i>cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life</i>				
DA's Overtime Fund (\$ 39.06 /hr x 64 /hours)			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
(1) DA Investigator Aide. This person will be responsible for assisting in the investigation and preparation of program cases for trial under the supervision of the DA Investigator. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits.				
Salary:	27pp	\$ 29,707.00		
Benefits: Retirement:		\$ 2,813.00		
Social Security:		2,273.00		
POB		769.00		
Wk Comp		626.00		
Cafeteria Plan.:		4,455.00		
Sub-Total Benefits:		\$ 10,936.00		
Total Salary and Benefits		\$ 40,643.00	\$ 40,643.00	\$ 40,643.00
<i>cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life</i>				
(1) DA Legal Office Assistant. This person will be responsible for preparation of documents, data entry, and case file preparation for Program cases. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits.				
Salary:	27pp	\$ 25,113.00		
Benefits: Retirement:		\$ 2,356.00		
Social Security:		1,921.00		
POB		650.00		
Wk Comp		626.00		
Cafeteria Plan.:		4,363.00		
Sub-Total Benefits:		\$ 9,916.00		
Total Salary and Benefits		\$ 35,029.00	\$ 35,029.00	\$ 35,029.00
<i>cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life</i>				
CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE	Subtotal		\$ 171,788.00	\$ 171,788.00

(1) Sr. Account Clerk. This person will be responsible for the preparation of financial reports, billing, and the day to day monitoring of the program budget. The grant will cover 100% of the salary and benefits.

Salary:	27pp	\$ 30,878.00
Benefits: Retirement:		\$ 2,929.00
Social Security:		2,362.00
POB		800.00
Wk Comp		626.00
Cafeteria Plan.:		<u>4,855.00</u>
Sub-Total Benefits:		\$ 11,572.00
Total Salary and Benefits		\$ 42,450.00

cafeteria plan individual options medical/dental/vision/life

Ag Commissioner
Salary and Benefits

Deputy Agricultural Inspector will be responsible for inspections and assisting the Ag Crime Unit. The Ag Commissioner will assign area/crop specialized personnel (e.g. pesticide, citrus, or theft) on a case needed basis. The grant will cover salary and benefits on a per hour basis as assigned.

District Attny	Sheriff
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\$ 42,450.00	\$ 42,450.00
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\$ 1,075.00	
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Subtotal	\$ 43,525.00	\$ -	\$ 43,525.00
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TOTAL			\$ 651,052.00
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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL

B. Operating Expenses

District Attny

Sheriff

STATE
COST

Training and travel for Statewide Rural Crime Task Force meetings

Registration: \$ 10.00 x 4 meetings qtrly = \$ 40.00

Lodging: \$ 100.00 x 4 meeting: x 2 nights = \$ 800.00

Meals: \$ 49.00 x 4 meeting: x 3 days = \$ 588.00

Total: \$ 1,428.00

Training and travel for (1) CDAA or POST Training Programs

Registration: \$ 200.00 x 1 people = \$ 200.00

Lodging: \$ 100.00 x 1 people x 2 nights = \$ 200.00

Meals: \$ 49.00 x 1 people x 3 days = \$ 147.00

Total: \$ 547.00

Travel for (2) Sheriff staff to the Western Livestock Investigations Conference in Reno

Lodging: 125 x 2 people x 2 night \$ -

Meals: 50 x 2 people x 3 days \$ -

Total Personnel Training & Travel \$ 1,975.00 \$ 1,975 \$ - \$ 1,975

\$ -

Motor Pool Expenses

\$495.83 x 2 trucks x 12 months DA

\$378.85 x 4 trucks x 12 months Sheriff

\$ 11,900 \$ 18,185 \$ 30,085

Radio Communications (access charge to law enforcement radio services) \$ 1,200 \$ - \$ 1,200

\$240 x 5 radios/mobile x 1 year annually

Communications (Nextel phone expenses, internet access charges) \$ 900 \$ - \$ 900

\$75 x 12 months

Office Supplies (inclusive of paper, pens, files, calendars, binders, presentation materials for court cases, ie: foam board, tacks, spray glue, markers)

\$ - \$ - \$ -

\$ - \$ -

\$ - \$ -

Subtotal \$ 15,975 \$ 18,185 \$ 34,160

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BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL		District Attny	Sheriff	STATE COST
B. Operating Expenses				
Payroll Services This expense covers the cost of the County's contracted vendor to process an employee's paycheck. These costs have been identified on a per employee basis.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5 ftes x \$10.22 x 12 TCDA 4 ftes x \$10.75 x 12 TCSO				
Professional Support/Memberships		\$ 103.00		\$ 103.00
Alarm Service \$6.45 x 12 months		\$ -		\$ -
		\$ -		\$ -
		\$ -		\$ -
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		\$ -		\$ -
<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant will use the State travel policy. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The applicant will use a travel policy other than the State's. The applicant will use the written policy of <u>Tulare County</u> which is more/less (circle one) restrictive than that of the State's.				
Subtotal		\$ 103.00	\$ -	\$ 103.00
TOTAL				\$ 34,263.00

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RURAL CRIME DATABASE
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 14171(b)(3), the Central Valley Rural Crime Task Force, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services, has developed uniform reporting procedures for the collection and reporting of data on agricultural crimes; and has designated the Tulare County ACTION Project as the agency responsible for maintaining the database.

Further, to be eligible for funding under the Central Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program, each participating county is required to collect and report statistical data on agricultural crimes, and enter this data into a centralized database.

In signing the Rural Crime Database Participation Agreement, the County of Tulare agrees to:

1. Collect and report statistical data on agricultural crimes,
2. Enter collected agricultural crimes data into a centralized database;
and
3. Designate the Tulare County ACTION Project to house and maintain the centralized database, thus ensuring uniform data collection and retrieval.

County District Attorney
Date

County Sheriff
Date