



Sheriff's Department COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: June 29, 2010

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
CONTACT PERSON: Michael Bowen PHONE: 733-6229, Ext. 6531						

SUBJECT: Ratify submission of a grant application to the California Emergency Management Agency for Marijuana Suppression II Program

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve submission of a grant application to the California Emergency Management Agency for a grant in the amount of \$550,000 under the Marijuana Suppression II Program for a joint Tulare County-Fresno County marijuana eradication team from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011.
2. Ratify and approve the Chairman's signature on the application's Grant Award Face Sheet and the Certification of Assurance of Compliance / Anti-Drug Abuse / Methamphetamine Laboratory Operations form.
3. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of June 1, 2010, and that it was in the best interests of the County to submit the application on that date.

SUMMARY:

Illegal marijuana cultivation and trafficking in Tulare and Fresno counties has dramatically increased in recent years. Between 2006 and 2009, Sheriff's departments in both counties have spearheaded multi-eradication efforts that have confiscated and destroyed illegal marijuana with a combined street value of more

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than \$8 billion.

Both counties use a combination of general fund and grants to underwrite marijuana eradication efforts. The state's Marijuana Suppression II Program requires that counties create a joint marijuana suppression team to apply for the funding with one county serving as fiscal agent for the grant. The County of Tulare will fulfill that fiscal agent role if awarded funding under the program. The program also requires strong participation by the District Attorney's Office in each county on the team. Thus, the partners for the proposed South Valley Marijuana Suppression Program are the Tulare County Sheriff's Department, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office.

This grant program required a very short turnaround time (two weeks) between announcement of the opportunity and the date application was due. Thus, the Sheriff's Department is today seeking Board ratification of the application and the Chairman's signature on forms included in the application.

If the application is funded, the Sheriff's Department will return to the Board to approve an operational agreement for the program (an unsigned, draft agreement was submitted with the application) and to accept the grant. This grant would allow both Tulare and Fresno counties to devote more resources to combat criminal marijuana activity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The proposed \$550,000 Marijuana Suppression II Program grant would:

- (1) Pay salary and benefits for a full-time Tulare County Sheriff's investigator's aide.
- (2) Pay for overtime by Tulare County detectives.
- (3) Pay a full-time detective with the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.
- (4) Pay one-half the salary and benefits for a deputy District Attorney with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office.
- (5) Pay one-half the salary and benefits for a deputy District Attorney with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office.
- (6) Pay for specialized training and investigation equipment for the project team.

There will be no net cost to the County of Tulare operate this grant program.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The Tulare County Strategic Business Plan includes a Security and Safety Initiative. If the Sheriff's Department receives funding under the state's Marijuana Suppression II Program, the Department will be able to enhance illegal marijuana traffickers and thus contribute to the safety of County residents.

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ALTERNATIVES:

N/A.

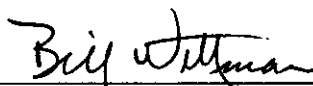
INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Counsel has approved as to form the Grant Award Face Sheet and the Assurance of Compliance / Anti-Drug Abuse / Methamphetamine Laboratory Operations form of the grant application. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office will investigate and arrest marijuana cultivators and traffickers for the task force. The Tulare County District Attorney's Office and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office will prosecute criminals arrested by the task force.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Wittman", is written over a horizontal line.

Bill Wittman
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)
Tulare County District Attorney's Office
Fresno County Sheriff's Office
Fresno County District Attorney's Office

Attachment A: Grant Award Face Sheet

Attachment B: Certification of Assurance of Compliance / Anti-Drug Abuse /
Methamphetamine Laboratory Operations form

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

IN THE MATTER OF Authorize submission)
of an application for a grant under state's) RESOLUTION NO. _____
Marijuana Suppression Program) AGREEMENT NO. _____

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

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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