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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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Subject: Authorization for the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff to Sign the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Drug Operations Plan & Financial Plan for the Controlled Substance Operations between the U.S. Forest Service and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for the Period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Increase Appropriations and Unanticipated Revenue in the Amount of \$24,000 for the 2021 Cooperative Plan (RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 REQUIRES 4/5ths VOTE).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize your Chair to sign the attached Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Drug Operations Plan & Financial Plan (Exhibit 1) for controlled substance operations between the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO), for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to sign the attached Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Drug Operations Plan & Financial Plan (Exhibit 1) for controlled substance operations between the USFS and the VCSO, for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to establish appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows within the 2500 Sheriff's Police Services, Unit 2529 - Major Crimes (4/5ths vote required):

INCREASE 2500-2529 Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 24,000
INCREASE 2500-2529 Salaries & Benefits	\$ 16,800
INCREASE 2500 -2529 Services & Supplies	\$ 7,200

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Depts.: No additional impact
Source of Funding: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest

Summary of Revenue and Costs:	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>
Revenue:	\$ 24,000	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 24,000	\$ 0
Indirect – Department	\$ 0	\$ 0
Indirect – County CAP	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

FY 21-22 Budget Projections for Sheriff's Police Services – Division 2500				
Unit 2529 Major Crimes				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 18,401,383	\$ 18,401,383	\$ 18,401,383	\$ - 0 -
Revenue	\$ 4,639,839	\$ 4,639,839	\$ 4,639,839	\$ - 0 -
Net Cost	\$ 13,761,544	\$ 13,761,544	\$ 13,761,544	\$ - 0 -

Discussion:

For the past several years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, has requested assistance from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office with the investigation of numerous drug trafficking organizations (DTO's) that are involved in the illegal cultivation of marijuana on National Forest land in Ventura County.

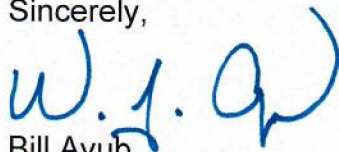
The impact of marijuana cultivation on National Forest lands results in significant resource damage to the environment and causes extensive reclamation efforts by the Forest Service. For the duration of this agreement, the USFS agrees to supply up to \$24,000 for officers' time, overtime, per diem costs, helicopter flight time, and supplies or equipment associated with the marijuana eradication. It is our intent to utilize the funding to offset Sheriff's personnel overtime expenses, equipment and supply expenses as well as helicopter flight time. The Sheriff's Office was not notified of the

funding amount from the US Forest Service until May 27, 2021 causing a delay in requesting FY 2021/22 appropriations. We anticipate expending the entire \$24,000 this fiscal year.

The Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Drug Operations Plan & Financial Plan is a one-year agreement between the USFS and the VCSO that began October 1, 2020 and will end September 30, 2021. The USFS requests that both the Sheriff and the Chair of the Board each sign this agreement.

The Offices of the County Executive, County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Sheriff Chris Dunn at (805) 383-8785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. J. Ayub", written over the printed name.

Bill Ayub
Sheriff

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Drug Operations Plan & Financial Plan