DEPARTMENT: Sheriff

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Approve Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement 05-LE-11051520-023 (Including Sub-Agreement 02-LE-11051360-061) with the United States Department of Agriculture, Sierra National Forest to assist in providing law enforcement services on National Forest Lands.

The United States Department of Agriculture is seeking an agreement with Mariposa County to provide law enforcement services on those lands that are designated as National Forest Lands. The law enforcement services that are to be provided by the sheriff’s office are intended to supplement the services being provided by National Forest Service Law Enforcement Personnel.

The proposed agreement identifies two targeted areas of enforcement that will be reimbursed under the agreement. Those targeted areas are:

1. Patrol activities within the Merced River Canyon area of Mariposa County.
2. Narcotics investigations and enforcement relating to marijuana cultivation on Forest Service Lands.

The Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office has a long history of working cooperatively with National Forest Law Enforcement Personnel, and a proven success record of locating and eradicating large cannabis growing operations on National Forest lands.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: The Board of Supervisors has approved similar agreements with the Department of Agriculture, Sierra National Forest in past years. This agreement was signed off by Supervisor Pickard on September 20, 2005, however final approval was never received from the Board.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: If the agreement is not signed, Mariposa County will not be able to seek reimbursement from the Department of Agriculture for law enforcement services provided on National Forest Lands. If the agreement is not signed, the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office will continue to proved services and assistance to the Department of Agriculture, however all costs associated with providing those services will be bore exclusively by Mariposa County.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Current FY Cost: $ ___
Amount in Budget: $ ___
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $0
See Attached Agreement

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 433
Vote – Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent:
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

Revised Dec. 2002
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _________________________________
Deputy

CAO: _______________________________