RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-107

MEETING: March 11, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Peno Blanco Radio Vault Space Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an Agreement with the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for communications vault rack space for repeater radio frequencies located on Peno Blanco Peak, and

Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office is currently licensed to operate with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) radio frequencies used by the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office and by Mariposa County located on Peno Blanco Peak West of Coulterville California. This repeater location allows for communication between Mariposa County Deputy Sheriff’s and Mariposa County Sheriff’s Dispatch Center and all other Mariposa County Departments that use the licensed frequencies assigned to the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office for Northern Mariposa County.

The vault on Peno Blanco Peak is owned by the State of California and Operated by CAL Fire.

The Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office has had a repeater located on Peno Blanco Peak for over twenty (20) years. With this agreement new terms and costs for rack space between the State of California, CAL Fire and Mariposa County will begin. The terms of the agreement are for 9 years and 8 months, and includes annual rental increases. The rack space needed for this new agreement will support all of the radio communications in the Northern Mariposa County for the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office, Mariposa County, Regional Inter-operable Mutual Aid Radio System and microwave communication system.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Prior agreements have been signed between the State of California, CAL Fire and Mariposa County for the lease of vault space at other Vault sites in Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Find alternate location for the radio communications for Mariposa County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding was requested during 2013-2014 budget hearings and granted by the Board of Supervisors. No additional General Funds are needed for this agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Peno Blanco Radio Vault Agreement  (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Rick Benson, County Administrator/Office

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, Merlin Jones
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier