RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-133

MEETING: March 24, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coronel-Public Administrator

RE: 2015-2016 Boating Safety Enforcement Financial Aid Contract

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways to participate in the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and authorize Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign agreement.

The Department of Boating and Waterways is obligated under Harbor and Navigation Code 663.7 (a) to provide financial aid for Boating Safety and Enforcement Programs to each county in the State of California. The proposed contract amount for the fiscal year 2015-2016 is $231,827.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office is responsible for boating safety and enforcement on the Merced River, Lake McClure and Lake McSwain. The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office currently has two full time Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the Boating Safety and Enforcement Program but historically has had three when fully staffed. The funding received pays for the personnel costs for the assigned Deputy Sheriffs and a portion of the operation costs. The Deputy Sheriffs are charged with providing boating safety and enforcement to the guests that visit Lake McClure, Lake McSwain, and the Merced River. The current drought conditions are not expected to impact this agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Mariposa County has been participating in the financial aid program since 1987.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office is responsible for boating safety and enforcement on the Merced River, Lake McClure and Lake McSwain. Failure to sign the financial aid program contract would result in Mariposa County incurring 100% of the cost to provide boating safety and enforcement or to reduce services in boating safety and enforcement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Failure to sign the financial aid program contract would result in Mariposa County providing 100% of the cost to provide boating safety and enforcement which currently has operational costs of approximately $450,000 or a reduction of services in boating safety and enforcement.
ATTACHMENTS:
2015-2016 Boating Safety and Enforcement Agreement (PDF)
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hudson
3/18/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann
EXCUSSED: John Carrier