RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-276

MEETING: June 12, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: FY18-19 Forest Service Law Enforcement Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the FY18-19 payment for operational services of the five-year Cooperative Agreement No. 17-LE-11051360-025 with the United States Department of Agriculture (Sierra and Stanislaus National Forest), Exhibit A, Mod 03 (2018 Annual Patrol Operating Plan), Exhibit B, Mod 04 (2018 Controlled Substance Annual Operating Plan) to assist in providing law enforcement services on National Forest Land; and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreements.

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office currently enjoys a five-year agreement with Mariposa County Sheriff to provide law enforcement services on those lands that are designated as National Forest Lands. The law enforcement services that are provided by the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office are intended to supplement the services being provided by National Forest Service Law Enforcement Personnel.

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

The identified areas of enforcement that will be reimbursed under the Agreement is as follows:
   Narcotics Investigations, Enforcement relating to Marijuana Cultivation AND regular scheduled Law Enforcement Patrols on Forest Service Lands as noted Exhibit A and B.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors has approved similar agreements with the Department of Agriculture in past years, which have been productive for the community.

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.
FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Revenue and Appropriations will be included in Fiscal Year 2018-19 Sheriff's Budget

ATTACHMENTS:
2018 FS Exhibit A Patrol (PDF)
2018 FS Exhibit B Controlled Substance (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey