RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-291

MEETING: June 2, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: 2020-2021 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 2020-2021; 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 2020-2021 is $231,827.00.

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 Sheriff Deputies assigned to the Boating Safety and Enforcement Program. The funding received pays for the personnel costs for the assigned Sheriff Deputies and a portion of the operation costs. The Sheriff Deputies are charged with providing boating safety and enforcement to the population that visit Lake McClure, Lake McSwain, and the Merced River.

Harbors and Navigation Code 663.7(e) The department shall not allocate funds to any county or a public agency within a county unless the department receives a resolution adopted annually by the board of supervisors authorizing the county to participate in the program and certifying that the county will expend for boating safety programs during that year not less than an amount equal to 100 percent of the amount received by the county from personal property taxes on vessels. The money allocated to a county pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be used only for boating safety and enforcement programs, as specified in subdivision (a), that are conducted in that county.

Title 14 6593.4 (a)(1) In the case of a local government agency within a county, a certified copy of the resolution or minute order shall accompany the application for financial aid from that local government entity, as well as a certified copy of the resolution or minute order from its county board of supervisors, authorizing the agency to participate in the program.

(2) The resolution or minute order shall:
(A) Authorize the chairperson, or designated representative, to sign the application and contract.
(B) Authorize the chairperson, or designated agency representative, to sign the department’s form for each reimbursement claim.
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(C) Authorize the county auditor to certify the amount of prior year vessel taxes received by the county.

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

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
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:
$231,827 in revenue will be included in the 2020-2021 Requested Budget to offset the costs of the Boating Safety budget.

ATTACHMENTS:
2020 2021 Boating Agreement (DOC)
Title 14 (PDF)

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