

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:** Authorize Chair to sign Agreement 07-LE-11051360-006 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.

**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 provide 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$0
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		See Attached Agreement
Additional Funding Needed: \$0		
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
( ) General ( ) Other		

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**  
 Res. No.: 07-67 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: Pickard  
 Approved  
 Minute Order Attached  No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**  
 Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
 Revised Dec. 2002

CAO: 