



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Sheriff  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: June 7, 2011  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5ths

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Bill Brown, Sheriff  
Director  
Contact Info: Laz Salinas, Sheriff's Commander, extension 4150  
**SUBJECT:** Accept a Donation of \$1,069,662 of Equipment on Sheriff's Helicopter- Guardian 3

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the acceptance of equipment valued at \$1,069,662 from Project Rescue Flight, a 501(c)3 non profit organization designated to complete the build and make operational a rescue capable helicopter.
- 2) Approve Budget Revision Request #0001476 recognizing the donation and appropriating the capital expenditure.

**Summary Text:**

The Sheriff's Office obtained Board of Supervisor's approval to begin the process of refurbishing a UH-1H helicopter in 1996. Using donations from the Sheriff's Council the project moved forward to this anticipated completion date of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This board letter marks the final acceptance of the County to accept donations from Project Rescue Flight, a 501(c)(3) corporation, in the amount of \$1,069,662 to complete the project. All funding to refurbish this helicopter was contributed by donors from the Sheriff's Council and Project Rescue Flight.

**Background:**

The Sheriff's Office sought and obtained a used, non operational UH-1H aircraft body from the Jefferson County, Colorado, Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Council began fundraising efforts to build up and refurbish the aircraft to be used as a rescue helicopter. In October, 2006, the Sheriff's Council at a Board of Supervisor's meeting turned over \$950,000 in charitable donations to the

Sheriff's Office to be used towards the completion of the UH-1H aircraft. The Board also approved a contract extension in September, 2010 for the builder, Pac West Helicopters to complete the remaining restoration. Using the donated funds contributed by Project Rescue Flight, this board letter signifies the completion of the projects. A total of \$2,019,622 has been spent in the refurbishment of Guardian 3, funded exclusively with donated funds.

The creation of this helicopter will allow a broad spectrum of service not subject to the constraints of the Federal Equipment Procurement Program (FEPP) regulations and restrictions. The aircraft will provide substantial rescue capabilities to include lift performance, hoisting and lowering capability, medical transport, transportation of law enforcement and fire personnel, and water dropping capability at higher altitudes during hotter weather.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: None**

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:** Budget Revision Request #0001476 recognizes \$1,069,622 in donation revenue from Project Rescue Flight and appropriates a like amount in LI 8300, Fixed Assets.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two copies of the minute order of the action to the Sheriff's Office, attention Commander Laz Salinas, Aviation Operations, 4434 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, Ca., 93110

**Attachments:**

Budget Revision Request #0001476

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**