



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
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**Department Name:** Sheriff  
**Department No.:** 032  
**For Agenda Of:** December 4, 2012  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** **Majority**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Sheriff Bill Brown  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: CFO Doug Martin Ext. 4293  
Lieutenant Sol Linver Ext. 4353

**SUBJECT:** **Acceptance of \$186,494 Grant for the Marijuana Suppression Program (MSP) for the FY2012-2013**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors accept a \$186,494 grant, for the FY 2012-13, from the Board of State and Community Corrections (herein referred to as the BSCC) to fund the third year of the Marijuana Suppression Program (MSP).

**Summary Text:**

On August 25, 2010, the Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$275,000 grant, for the FY2010-2011, from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) to fund a Marijuana Suppression Program (MSP) that was slated to last for three fiscal years. This program enhances law enforcement resources in the detection and elimination of marijuana production in Santa Barbara County. The grant funds a portion of one Special Duty Deputy Sheriff position, the services of the District Attorney's Office to prosecute offenders identified under the program, and associated materials and training.

Effective in FY2012-13 the administration of this grant was turned over to the Board of State and Community Corrections. The BSCC has requested a new resolution for the third year of the grant, from the governing board. The verbiage includes the understanding that the federal grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body. In addition that the implementing agency/organization and partnering entities agreed to abide by the statute and regulations

governing the federal Justice Assistance Grant Program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County, like other California counties, has experienced an increase in the cultivation and production of marijuana in recent years. This program is designed to suppress and investigate marijuana cultivation activities in the County, seize assets of marijuana cultivators, and educate the public on the illegal use of marijuana.

These funds will aid in the suppression and investigation of marijuana cultivation activities in the county to include, but are not limited to: Seize assets of marijuana cultivators and traffickers; Improve the quality of marijuana investigation and eradication efforts. Provide information to the public to prevent the illegal use of marijuana. Remove children who are found in the presence of a clandestine lab and/or who are found in settings involving the use, possession, manufacturing, sale or transportation of illicit drugs pursuant to California PC 13879.80&81; Increase conviction rate of felony marijuana cultivators and traffickers. Provide specialized services to law enforcement to improve prosecution efforts, forfeit assets of marijuana cultivators and traffickers. Improve prosecution of marijuana cases through specialized training.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

**Narrative:**

The Sheriff's Office budgeted for the Marijuana Suppression Grant program in the FY2012-13 budget, Project Code 2570. This includes a transfer of funds to the District Attorney's Office for their services to the program.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the resolution and the minute order to Doug Martin and Lt. S. Linver at the Sheriff's Office.

**Attachments**

Resolution to Accept Grant

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