



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Sheriff-Coroner
Department No.: 032
Agenda Date: May 5, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Sheriff Bill Brown *BMW #2861*
Contact: Lieutenant Frank Vasquez
SUBJECT: FY 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 Sheriff's Voluntary Response Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreements Reports

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive and file the fiscal year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 reports of Sheriff's Voluntary Response (SVR) supplemental law enforcement agreements, as required by Resolution No. 19-2; and
- b) Determine this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), which are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is before your Board to receive and file the fiscal year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 reports of Sheriff's Voluntary Response (SVR) supplemental law enforcement agreements, as required by Resolution No. 19-2. SVR agreements are supplemental law enforcement services for recurring or single, temporary events, such as private events like weddings, film productions, small festivals, and concerts. The Sheriff's Office had a total of five SVR agreements in the last two years (FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025). The Sheriff's office also provides law enforcement services under the existing contracts that the Sheriff's Office maintains with its four contract cities and local school districts.

Discussion:

The Sheriff's Contract Services Bureau had three SVR events in fiscal year 2023-2024 and two SVR events in fiscal year 2024-2025 that were not supplemental services of a current, Board approved contract, and therefore are being reported per Resolution 19-2. Multiple events, including music festivals, concerts, and private events typically of a relatively short duration, may be staffed by means of a single agreement with an event organizer. The agreements being reported today are those with Miramar Acquisitions, LLC, 805 inc. and TGM Productions, Inc. Both Miramar Acquisitions and 805 inc. host a variety of events, some open to the public and some private, while TGM Productions, Inc. sought law enforcement services while producing a film on the central coast.

Background:

On January 8, 2019, the Board approved Resolution No. 19-2, which authorizes the Sheriff to execute SVR agreements with certain conditions. Specifically, SVR agreements must be: 1) reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Risk Management, and the Auditor-Controller; 2) in an amount under \$50,000 for the term of the agreement; and 3) with a term of no more than three (3) years with an option for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms. In addition, the Resolution requires a comprehensive list of all executed SVR agreements to be presented to the Board for review within 90 days after the conclusion of the fiscal year. The Sheriff's Office inadvertently did not provide a report for FY 2023-2024; those agreements are being included in the report of SVR agreements for fiscal year 2024-2025. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office historically averaged over fifty (50) SVR agreements for supplemental law enforcement services per year for recurring or single, temporary events. However, changes in FY 2020-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic limited the number of events in the community, thus decreasing the number of contracts over the last several fiscal years. Another factor contributing to the decrease in the number of items reported under Resolution No. 19-2 is the inclusion of supplemental services under existing contracts, such as those with our contract cities and local school districts. Finally, since SVR events are staffed by deputies on a voluntary basis, we have been unable to staff some events requests due to low volunteer sign-ups.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes- The reoccurring SVR contracts under \$50K revenues and associated overtime costs are included in the budget, and only the unanticipated/unknown contracts are not budgeted. These unanticipated/unknown contracts would typically produce revenues of under \$5,000.

Fiscal Analysis:

While some SVR events can be anticipated to reoccur in future fiscal years and are budgeted for, many are one-time occurrences and are not guaranteed to occur in subsequent fiscal years and therefore cannot be budgeted. In either case, full cost recovery for these events is obtained by invoicing the organizer of each event for actual cost, plus applicable indirect costs.

Funding Source	FY 2023/2024	FY 2024/2025
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
<i>Other: Contract Reimbursement</i>	\$21,287.22	\$21,052.80
Total	\$21,287.22	\$21,052.80

Key Contract Risks:

Contract risk is low based on the Sheriff's Office's historic experience and prior contractual relationships with many of these organizations. SVR contracts also require that organizations indemnify the County.

Staffing Impacts:

There is no staffing impact as these events are staffed utilizing existing Sheriff staff on a voluntary basis. SVR events are staffed by sworn personnel represented by both the Deputy Sheriffs' Association and the Sheriff's Managers' Association pursuant to a side letter, which provides that costs shall not exceed the overtime rate of a Sheriff's Sergeant (DSA member). Participation in these events is strictly voluntary and occurs outside of regularly assigned duties and hours. In managing staffing, SVR events are filled only by personnel who would otherwise be off duty, minimizing any impact on overall Sheriff's Office staffing levels.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 SVR Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreements Report Executed and Approved by the Sheriff Pursuant to the Authority of Resolution No. 19-2

Attachment B: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 SVR Supplemental Law Enforcement Agreements Report Executed and Approved by the Sheriff Pursuant to the Authority of Resolution No. 19-2

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