



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Sheriff  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: October 2, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5ths vote

Nor TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff ext. 4290  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Chief Financial Officer Doug Martin ext. 4293

SUBJECT: Renewal of contracts with Satellite Tracking of People (STOP) for electronic monitoring services

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Increase the maximum amount to be spent on Board Contract BC-09-049 to \$950,000;
2. Approve a renewal of a contract between the County and STOP (not a local vendor) for electronic monitoring services for the Sheriff's Office for the period of one (1) year commencing September 1, 2012 with automatic renewal for three (3) one (1) year terms;
3. Find that the proposed action(s) do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making).

**Summary Text:**

The Sheriff's Office operates an Alternative Sentencing Bureau (ASB) to provide sentencing options in lieu of physical incarceration. Alternative Sentencing assists in reducing overcrowding in the jail by placing qualified candidates in monitored care outside of the jail facility. Accepted offenders are placed on Electronic Monitoring (EM) and pay a fee for participation. The ASB utilizes GPS technology provided by STOP to monitor clients on a 24/7 basis.

In October 2008 your Board approved a four year contract with STOP for GPS monitoring services totaling \$832,500 expiring October 31, 2012 (BC-09-049). The impacts of jail overcrowding and the implementation of AB 109 have caused the Sheriff's Office to exhaust the value of the current contract before its expiration date. The Sheriff's Office requests that the Original Contract Amount, as noted on

the Contract Summary, be increased by \$117,500 to \$950,000. This will allow the department to pay for services under this contract up to the execution date of the new agreement.

The renewal of the contract with STOP will extend the expiration date to August 31, 2016. While most terms and conditions are unchanged, the vendor as agreed to lower the daily rate per participant to \$4.25. This is a decrease of \$1.00 from the current \$5.25 rate.

**Background:**

In addition to the GPS technology provided by STOP, the Sheriff's Office utilizes the STOP Monitoring Center for further supervision of EM clients after normal business hours. The Monitoring Center contacts clients directly for minor infractions, low battery alarms, or no GPS signals, and attempts to rectify these situations without sworn staff involvement. Major infractions, band tampers, or exclusion zone violations require immediate contact with sworn staff and also provides last known location of the offender. These services allow for the ASB offices to remain open during normal business hours while still providing continuous supervision of offenders.

Overcrowding in our jail facilities and the recent state realignment under AB109 has led to an increase in population on Electronic Monitoring. From FY 09-10 to FY 11-12 our EM population has risen approximately 40%. This trend is expected to continue, if not increase, into the next fiscal year. It is anticipated the increase in population will level off after FY 12-13.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

The Sheriff's Office has budgeted for this expense in Department 032, Program 1079, line item 7460.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Due to the increase in population we exceeded the value of the existing contract in June 2012. This renewal will allow us to cover expenses incurred to date, approximately \$81,000, plus future billings. The increase of \$100,000 in the current contract amount will allow the department to cover the costs incurred up to the execution date of the renewal agreement.

We project our costs for Electronic Monitoring under this four year renewal to be \$1,500,000. This estimate reflects the increase in utilization of this form of alternative incarceration, partially offset by the \$1.00 reduction in the daily fee for Active Tags (active participants) from \$5.25 per day to \$4.25. This reduction in fees will save approximately \$605,000 over the duration of the new contract.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send two (2) copies of the executed contract and a minute order to Doug Martin, Sheriff's Office.

**Attachments:**

Three (3) original copies of the contract between the County and Satellite Tracking of People (STOP).

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