



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: December 10, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff's Office Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (Ext. 4290)
Contact Info: Lieutenant Brian Thielst (Ext. 4133)
SUBJECT: Donation of "Dynamometer" speedometer calibration equipment to the Sheriff's Office

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a. Accept a donation of thirteen (13) items, together identified as "Dynamometer Equipment", from the Automobile Club of Southern California, with a total value of the donation of \$10,000; and
- b. Approve Budget Journal Entry #0006710 to increase appropriations of \$10,000 in Sheriff General Fund for Capital Assets funded by unanticipated revenue from Other-Capital Donations.; and
- c. Determine that the above actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is not a project as it is the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

For many years, the Automobile Club of Southern California has provided speedometer testing services, by use of portable dynamometers and related equipment, to law enforcement agencies in Santa Barbara County. Beginning January 1, 2020, the Automobile Club of Southern California will no longer be providing this service and, as such, no longer has a need for the equipment. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office expressed an interest in acquiring a portable dynamometer and related equipment, and the Automobile Club of Southern California wishes to make a gift of this equipment to the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office so that it can carry out its public service functions. The equipment is to be accepted "as is," and the Automobile Club of Southern California has provided an estimated value of the equipment of \$10,000.

The Sheriff recommends that the Board of Supervisors accept this donation pursuant to Section 25355 of the Government Code, Section 18944 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and Section 610-D4.1 of the County Administrative Manual.

Background:

The Sheriff's Office maintains the capability to enhance traffic safety by enforcing all traffic laws, including offenses related to excessive speed. A deputy can establish reasonable suspicion that a speed violation has occurred by matching the suspected offender's speed and verifying it is in excess of the posted speed limit by means of the patrol car's speedometer. In order for this practice to result in a successful prosecution of the speed violation, the patrol vehicle's speedometer must be calibrated and certified to be accurate, or the deviation from actual speed must be known to the deputy. Calibration and certification of a vehicle's speedometer is accomplished by means of a dynamometer, which accurately detects and compares the vehicle's actual speed and the speed indicated on the speedometer. Acquiring a dynamometer will allow the Sheriff's Office to ensure patrol vehicle speedometers are accurate, and deputies are able to effectively enforce speed related offenses of the California Vehicle Code.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted:

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Total		\$ -	\$ 10,000.00

Narrative:

Budget Journal Entry BJE-0006710 records the donation of the Dynamometer equipment as Capital Asset-Equipment and the donation as Miscellaneous Revenue-Capital Donations.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send a minute order to Hope Vasquez, CFO, Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Identification of thirteen (13) items to be gifted by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Attachment B: Budget Journal Entry #0006710.

Authored by:

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