

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff Jim Anderson
681-4290

STAFF CONTACT: Cmdr. Jeff Meyer
681-4136

SUBJECT: Adding Five (5) Sheriff's Deputy Positions Funded by the Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee Grant

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a Personnel Resolution to add five (5) Sheriff's Deputies (Class 6904/6905; Salary Range 5572/5972 \$3,907-\$4,769/\$4,769-\$5,822 p/mo.) to be assigned to the Santa Ynez Valley effective July 5, 2004, funded by the Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee Grant.
2. Approve a Budget Revision that recognizes the receipt of \$525,160 of Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee Grant funds and appropriates these funds to Salaries and Employee Benefits.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On October 12, 2003, SB 621 was chaptered into law. SB 621 establishes the method of calculating and distributing \$25 million from the Indian gaming Special Distribution Fund to local jurisdictions impacted by tribal gaming. Of the \$25 million available statewide, the allocation available for distribution to local jurisdictions in Santa Barbara County was \$1.1 million.

With the growth in popularity of tribal gaming over the years, and the enlargement of the Chumash Casino (Casino) on the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' Reservation, the total number of daily visitors to the

area has increased dramatically. With the increased number of visitors comes an increase in the criminal activity at both the Casino and the surrounding community.

As the primary law enforcement agency for both the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' Reservation and the areas surrounding the reservation on all four sides, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department has been impacted.

A review of the calls for service at the Casino over the last nine years documents some of the impacts. In 1994 the total activity at the Casino, including calls for service and reports written, was 25. Each year since 1994 the total activity has increased. In the year of 2003, the total activity at the Casino was 300. This is a 1,100% increase of activity during the last nine years at the Casino alone. The impacts are not limited to the Casino. The total activity in the area including both the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' Reservation and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County have also been increasing each year. In 2000 the total activity was 3,750. In 2003 the total activity was 4,555, a 21% increase in the last three years.

In May of this year, the Sheriff's Department, along with other local jurisdictions, applied for a grant from the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee asking for five Sheriff's Deputies that would be assigned to the Santa Ynez Valley in an effort to mitigate the impacts associated with Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Casino and gaming.

The Sheriff's Department was successful in its grant application, and was awarded a grant of \$525,160 for this fiscal year to offset the costs of five deputies. The application also included a request for funding of these deputies through Fiscal Year 08-09, however the Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee funding and award will be appropriated and decided on an annual basis.

Currently, the cities of Solvang and Buellton contract for one deputy 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to these deputies, the Santa Ynez Sub-Station also fields one deputy 24/7 in the unincorporated area of Santa Ynez. The funding from the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee Grant will add an additional deputy 24/7 to patrol the Santa Ynez area. The goal in deploying these additional law enforcement resources will be the reduction of crime, increased likelihood of identification and arrest of suspects and the reduction of fear of crime in the community.

Mandates and Service Levels:

SB 621 creates an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee in Santa Barbara County and requires local grants funded by the Committee to be administered by the County. As administrator of local grants, the County is required to provide an annual report to the State Legislature. These five Deputies will be deployed in the Santa Ynez Valley, pursuant to the conditions of the Santa Barbara County Indian Gaming Community Benefit Committee Grant application. The five Deputy Sheriff positions are an enhancement to the current service levels provided in this area.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

\$525,160 was approved by the Committee for FY 2004-05 and funded by the State. The State has released \$420,128 of these funds to date. The remaining \$105,032 is expected to be received by the end of the first quarter of FY 2004-05. The grant application specified this was a multi-year contract with total funding of \$2,788,140 to cover the costs of the five deputy positions through FY 08-09. However these funds will be appropriated on an annual basis and distributed based upon the Indian Gaming Community Benefit

Committee decisions annually. These funds and related Salaries and Employee Benefit expenses will be budgeted in Fund 0001 - General, Department 032 - Sheriff, Project 2452 - Indian Gaming Grant. There are no facilities impacts with these recommended actions.

Special Instructions: Please send one copy of the approved resolution to Susan Kean, Human Resources.

Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
Human Resources

Attachments:

Budget Revision Request
Personnel Resolution