




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: August 22, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (ext. 14290) 
Director(s)
Contact Info: Robert Minter, Lieutenant (ext. 14353)
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Ocean Technology Systems Dive Masks and Communication Equipment from One805

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Sheriff to accept the Ocean Technology Systems Dive Masks and Communication Equipment, valued at \$39,995.09, donated to the Sheriff's Office from One805, a local non-profit;
- B. Approve Budget Revision Request #0008987 to increase appropriations of \$40,000 in Sheriff General Fund for Services & Supplies – Instruments and Equipment under \$5,000, funded by a donation from One805; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

Pursuant to Board Resolution No. 15-58, non-cash donations exceeding \$10,000 from a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) will be referred to the Board with a recommendation from the agency to accept or reject the donation. The Sheriff's Office recommends accepting the donated dive equipment from One805, a local NPO. The dive gear is designed to accommodate 10 divers which includes 10 full face dive masks, 11 zero visibility communication devices, and 1 surface communication kit, that utilizes the additional zero visibility communication device. The equipment will provide necessary face and eye protection when diving in less than desirable conditions and will allow dive team members to communicate by voice in zero visibility conditions.

Background:

The Sheriff's Dive Team often dives in low visibility and less than desirable conditions during their search and recovery efforts. Dive team members currently dive with a scuba mask and regulator which are often used in recreational scuba diving. Unfortunately, this equipment often leaves Dive Team members mouths, eyes, and noses exposed to the sometime hazardous environments. The addition of the full-face dive masks will provide an added layer of protection to the diver's face while allowing for the integration of communication equipment.

Communication during scuba diving is extremely important for diver safety and evidence recovery efforts. When scuba diving, divers use hand signals to communicate to other members of their team. In a zero-visibility environment, communication becomes nearly impossible other than through hand-to-hand signals. In the event team members are separated in zero visibility conditions, having voice communications adds a layer of safety and accountability. With the addition of communication devices, divers will be able to talk to each other underwater, and will be able to talk with team members on the surface. The addition of voice communication enhances the Dive Team's ability to coordinate search and recovery efforts while creating a safer environment for everyone.

Acceptance of the Ocean Technology Systems, full face dive masks and communications systems will provide the Sheriff's Office Dive Team with necessary gear to perform rescue and recovery efforts in a safe and effective manner.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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: | \$ 40,000.00 | | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 40,000.00 |

Narrative:

Budget Journal Entry #0008987 records the donation paid for by One805 for the purchase of full-face dive masks and zero visibility communications equipment.

Special Instructions:

Please send two copies of the Minute Order, one to Lieutenant Rob Minter, and the other to Chief Financial Officer Hope Vasquez, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Invoice from Ocean Technology Systems (paid by One805)
- Attachment B: Budget Revision Request #0008987.

Authored by:

Robert Minter, Lieutenant - Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office