

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff-Coroner		(2) MEETING DATE March 21, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Michael Matus (805) 781-4555	
(4) SUBJECT Approve the implementation of a Marijuana Suppression Program, a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$193,333 from unanticipated revenue to Budget Unit 136 Sheriff-Coroner, and amend the fixed asset list for a total of \$19,592.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST The Marijuana Suppression Program provides Federal assistance in the eradication and suppression of marijuana and the prosecution of marijuana offenders. This request seeks approval to accept the funds and continue the suppression program for a forth year. In addition, some of the funding will be used to purchase an off-road all terrain vehicle and a thermal imaging system.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve a Marijuana Suppression Program, a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$193,333 from unanticipated revenue to Budget Unit 136 Sheriff-Coroner, amend the fixed asset list to purchase an off-road all terrain vehicle for \$9,116, and one thermal imaging system for \$10,476 and related operating expenses.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Office of Emergency Services (OES) - Marijuana Suppression Program		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST \$193,333.00		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): The Sheriff's Department will coordinate their efforts with the Department of General Services for the procurement of equipment. The District Attorney's Office has agreed to support the program through prosecution and asset forfeiture proceedings, and the County Administrative Office has also reviewed this request.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th <u>All</u>			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(15) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(16) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(17) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			(18) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

(19) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW	
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Sheriff-Coroner

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San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department

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(805)**

Administration
781-4540

Animal Services
781-4400

Civil
Enforcement
781-5484

Crime
Prevention
781-4547

Custody
781-4600

Detectives
781-4500

Patrol
781-4550

Coast Station
528-6083

Dispatch
781-4550

North Station
237-3000

South Station
473-7100

Watch
Commander
781-4553

Permits
781-4575

Property
781-4533

Records
781-4140

Warrants
781-4588

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Patrick Hedges

FROM: PATRICK HEDGES, SHERIFF-CORONER

DATE: MARCH 21, 2006

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MARIJUANA SUPPRESSION PROGRAM, A CORRESPONDING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,333 FROM UNANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BUDGET UNIT 136 SHERIFF-CORONER, AND AMEND THE FIXED ASSET LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,592.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board approve a Marijuana Suppression Program, a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$193,333 from unanticipated revenue to Budget Unit 136 Sheriff-Coroner, amend the fixed asset list to purchase an off-road all terrain vehicle for \$9,116, and one thermal imaging system for \$10,476 and related operating expenses. A 4/5th vote of approval is required.

DISCUSSION:

The Marijuana Suppression Program (MSP) provides Federal assistance in the eradication and suppression of marijuana and the prosecution of marijuana offenders. Funding for this program originates from the Federal Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program and is administered by the California Office of Emergency Services. This request seeks approval to accept the funds and continue the suppression program for a fourth year.

On August 23, 2005, your Board approved the submittal of an application to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for a Marijuana Suppression Program. Funding for the grant has been approved for the 4th year in the amount of \$193,333.

This grant has been funded for a 4th year ending 30 June 06, with a possible 5th year extension option. Any extension would require us to reapply through the competitive process.

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The addition of an off-road all terrain vehicle will allow investigators to access remote marijuana cultivation sites in a safe manner. The thermal imaging system will allow the visualization of persons under low-light conditions that may be hiding in marijuana sites and offer greater safety to staff members.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT:

The Sheriff's Department will coordinate their efforts with the Department of General Services for the procurement of equipment. The District Attorney's Office has agreed to support the program through prosecution and asset forfeiture proceedings, and the County Administrative Office has also reviewed this request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Upon approval, the Sheriff's Department will realize up to \$193,333 in reimbursement through this grant program during fiscal year 2005/2006. In addition, transfer \$19,592 into fixed assets for the purchase of one all terrain vehicle and one thermal imaging system. The remaining funds will be used to fund two extra help Deputy Sheriffs, \$103,971: Narcotic Unit Deputy Overtime, \$38,625: Services and Supplies, \$18,737: and Significant Value Purchases, \$12,408. The monies are received through a quarterly reimbursement process and there are no matching funds required for the implementation of the grant.

INTENDED RESULTS:

The two additional deputy sheriffs assigned exclusively to marijuana suppression are projected to arrest and refer 25 marijuana cultivators and traffickers to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. In addition, it is anticipated that they will recover 5000 marijuana plants and 45 pounds of processed marijuana.

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