

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of:
September 13, 2007
9:30 a.m.

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Sheriff's Department
Subject: Report Back on the Marine Enforcement Detail
Contact: Nancy Gust, Administrative Services Officer III, 874-6032

Background

The Sheriff's Department operates a Marine Enforcement Detail (Detail) that patrols the waterways in Sacramento County in cooperation with other local jurisdictions and the Coast Guard. The Sheriff has been before the Board several times lately regarding this detail, including acceptance of funding from the State for operations, jurisdictional patrol coverage, and special salvage operations. The Board has received different versions of the funding sources for this detail from the Sheriff and the Office of Budgets and Debt management. This report addresses the funding for the Detail.

Discussion

The Detail is funded through a combination of State grant revenues and County General Fund. The State grant revenues are derived in part from the State boat registration fees. The monies are redistributed to local governments under a formula which considers local need, the number of square miles of boating water, the amount of boat use, local monies derived from personal property tax on boats and fees charged for inspection of vessels for equipment, capacity, seaworthiness and pollution control. The County General Fund financing is derived in part from personal property tax on boats, although these taxes are not specifically identified as funding for the Detail.

The Detail's budgeted cost for Fiscal Year 2007-08 is \$892,887. The budget also includes \$370,000 in State grant revenues, leaving a net County General Fund cost of \$522,887. The Sheriff received the official notification from the California Department of Boating and Waterways on August 6, 2007 that the grant totals \$406,236, \$36,236 more than the budgeted revenues.

The State grant is a reimbursement agreement that requires the expenditure of local funds equal to the personal property tax on boats collected by the County before grant funds can be claimed. The estimated personal property tax on boats for Fiscal Year 2007-08 is \$347,601. The County General Fund allocated to the Detail in excess of the \$347,601 in personal property tax and the \$406,236 State grant is \$139,050.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN MCGINNESS
Sheriff