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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

August 1, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to submit a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) in the amount of $216,792 for the 2006 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) grant program.

2. Adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment) authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

CDPR has requested submission of grant applications in response to the 2006 OHMVR grant program. In addition to the request for applications, CDPR also requests that the Attachment be adopted by your Board and be submitted with the Department's application.

The primary objective of CDPR's 2006 OHMVR grant program is to provide funding to selected law enforcement agencies in order to protect natural resources and enforce laws that regulate the use of off-highway motor vehicles and associated equipment.

In meeting this objective, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) will use the grant funds to implement off-highway vehicle enforcement projects administered by the Department's Santa Clarita Valley and Palmdale Sheriff Stations.

The Department is in its fourth consecutive year of applying for funding from CDPR's OHMVR program. The goal of the Department's 2006 Off-Highway Vehicle project is to reduce incidences of off-highway vehicle related offenses and code violations throughout the jurisdictions of Palmdale and the Santa Clarita Valley.

In order to successfully reduce the types of offenses and violations identified above, the Department will utilize the grant funds specifically for the retainment of deputy personnel on an overtime basis. These deputies will then be responsible for identifying/targeting areas in which these violations are highly prevalent and conducting coordinated enforcement efforts throughout the identified regions. In addition to the Department's active involvement in the project, the Department will also collaborate with the United States Forest Service to ensure that efficient and productive enforcement of the problem areas exists during peak usage times (i.e. holidays and extended weekends).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Department's 2006 OHMVR grant application supports each of the goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this funding source, the Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal 1: Service Excellence, Goal 2: Workforce Excellence, Goal 3: Organizational Effectiveness, and Goal 4: Fiscal Responsibility. With these grant funds being directed at establishing off-highway vehicle enforcement efforts, the Department will be given the opportunity to continue the accomplishment of its missions, goals, and objectives, as well as those of the 2006 OHMVR grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Pending your Board's authorization to apply for funding under the 2006 OHMVR grant program, the Department will propose to implement an off-highway vehicle enforcement project. The total grant amount requested is estimated at $216,792. A twenty-five percent (25%) cash or in-kind match is required, and this match will be met by in-kind services provided by the Department.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

CDPR will identify Southern California agency recipients of the 2006 OHMVR grant award in October 2006. Upon notice of award, the Department will be given a period of 12 months to implement and complete the 2006 OHMVR enforcement project.

The Attachment has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This grant funding will have a positive impact on the services currently provided by the Department. With this funding, the Department will be given the opportunity to successfully accomplish the missions, goals, and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the 2006 OHMVR grant program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15321 Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies, Class 21 (b), of the revised Environmental Reporting procedures and guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, the Department requests that your Board provide four (4) individually adopted copies of this action and two (2) originally executed copies of the Attachment to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contact for this requested Board action is Deryl Trotter, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5153.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

Governing Board Resolution

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003 as amended, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for law enforcement services, projects, planning, acquiring, developing, operating, conserving and maintaining off-highway vehicle recreation;

WHEREAS, the funds will enable the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to enforce laws in public areas designated for off-highway vehicle use within Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, the California State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility of administering the program;

WHEREAS, procedures established with this County's adopted general master plan are compatible with the land use of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding this project; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is requesting funds from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation for the Sheriff's off-highway motor vehicle program through the 2006/2007 Fiscal Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for a State of California Department of Parks and Recreation grant; and
2. Certifies that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department understands its legal obligations to the State of California upon approval of the grant; and

3. Certifies that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will implement the project with diligence once funds are available and a project agreement has been consummated between the State and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and
4. Certifies that the project will be well maintained during its useful life; and
5. Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this project; and
6. Appoints the Sheriff as agent of Los Angeles County to conduct all negotiations and, execute and submit all required documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, extensions, contracts, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION OF
2006 OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the _____day of _____, 2006, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent

County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Board of Supervisors

Attest: Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the County Counsel

By: _____
Gary Gross, Principal Deputy County Counsel