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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

April 10, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE TERM SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR EMIGRANT LANDING
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE, SANTA CLARA/MOJAVE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT
(DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to execute a Term Special Use Permit with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District (Forest Service) for use of the Forest Service administrative site at Emigrant Landing, Pyramid Lake. Use of this site is necessitated in support of a cooperative effort between the parties to enhance State and local law enforcement in connection with activities on National Forest Service lands.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will authorize the Sheriff to execute a Term Special Use Permit between the County and the Forest Service for continued use of the administrative site at Emigrant Landing, Pyramid Lake, which has been intermittently utilized by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) since 1988, and is currently operating under an as-needed tenancy. The Term Special Use Permit, approved as to form by County Counsel, delineates responsibilities for occupancy, use, and maintenance.

JUSTIFICATION

On November 18, 2004, a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement was entered into by and between the Department and the Forest Service, under the provisions of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Act of August 10, 1071, P.L. 92-82. 16 U.S.C. 551a. Development of this agreement recognized that public use of National Forest Service lands are typically located in areas that are remote or sparsely populated. The purpose of the agreement was to formalize a cooperative effort between the parties to enhance State and local law enforcement in connection with activities on forest service lands.

Use of the Emigrant Landing at Pyramid Lake will provide for use of office space and storage, docks for storage and maintenance of water craft, radio tower for the Department's communication antennas, a parking area, and fuel storage tanks.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendation is in support of County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Service Excellence, by providing the public and County's law enforcement personnel with an operational service environment, which is an essential component to protecting the communities they serve. This action also meets County Strategic Plan Goal 6, Community Services, by providing a wide range of services responsive to the community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County's General Fund. The use of this Forest Service facility and ancillary areas will be provided at no cost to the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Term Special Use Permit was prepared by the forest service and has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There will be no compromise or disruption of vital public safety services.

CONCLUSION

The signature from the authorized officer of the Forest Service will be obtained upon approval of this action.

Upon your Board's approval, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return two (2) adopted copies of this letter to the Sheriff's Department, Facilities Planning Bureau.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF