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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

March 16, 2010

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)

SUBJECT

Adopt the attached Resolution required by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) as part of the application process for the 2009-10 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grant Program in the amount of $285,033.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to submit a grant application to CDPR for the OHMVR Grant Program in the amount of $285,033 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11.

2. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Sheriff, or his designee, to sign and submit all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, modifications, amendments, extensions, and payment requests that may be necessary for completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

CDPR requires that the Resolution be adopted by your Board and be submitted with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) grant application in response to the 2009-10 OHMVR Grant Program. The primary objective of CDPR's 2009-10 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 Department will use the grant funds to implement Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Enforcement Programs administered by the Department's Santa Clarita Valley ($176,311) and Palmdale ($108,722) Sheriff's Stations.

The Department is in its seventh consecutive year of applying for funding from CDPR's OHMVR Grant Program. The goal of the Department's OHV Program is to reduce incidences of off-highway vehicle-related offenses and code violations throughout the Department's jurisdictions in Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita Valley and Crescenta Valley.

In order to successfully reduce the types of offenses and violations identified above, the Department will utilize the grant funds specifically to retain sergeant and deputy personnel on an overtime basis. These sergeants and deputies will be responsible for identifying and targeting areas where violations are highly prevalent and conducting coordinated enforcement efforts throughout the identified region. 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 times, such as weekends and holidays.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Department's OHV Enforcement Program is a multi-station effort directed at enhancing OHV enforcement operations, consistent with the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Community and Municipal Services; and Goal 5, Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Upon your Board's authorization to apply for funding under the 2009-10 OHMVR Grant Program, the Department will propose to implement an OHV Enforcement Program. The total grant amount requested is estimated at $285,033. Cash or in-kind match at a minimum of $71,258 is required, whereby, in-kind services will be provided by the Department.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

CDPR anticipates identifying Southern California agency recipients of the 2009-10 OHMVR Grant Award in July 2010. Upon notice of award, the Department will be given a period of 12-months to implement/complete the 2009-10 OHMVR Enforcement Program.

This Board letter has been reviewed and the Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

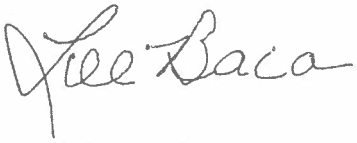
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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 mission, goals, and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the 2009-10 OHMVR Grant Program.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, please provide two individually adopted copies of this action and an original executed copy of the Resolution to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



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SHERIFF

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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 Operation and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement services, and Education and Safety for 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 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California 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 Department of Parks and Recreation for the Sheriff's off-highway motor vehicle program through the 2009-2010 grant program.

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

(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 County of Los Angeles; and

(4) Certifies that the project will be well maintained during its useful life (as applicable); and

(5) Certifies that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will provide the required Matching Funds (as applicable); and

(6) Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this project (as applicable); and

(7) Appoints the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for Los Angeles County, to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all required documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, extensions, contracts, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____ 2010, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By _____
MICHELE JACKSON
Deputy County Counsel