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May 18, 2004

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

Dear Supervisors

ADOPTION OF 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 in response to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's (CDPR) 2004 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle and Recreation (OHMVR) grant program proposing to implement an off-highway vehicle enforcement project administered by the Sheriff's Department's (Department) Santa Clarita Station.

2.) Adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County to apply for grant funding, and as an agent for the County, to sign, accept, and execute a grant award agreement and any other necessary documents from the CDPR in the event the application is selected for funding.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CDPR has requested submission of grant applications in response to the 2004 OHMVR grant program. In addition to the request for applications, the CDPR also requests that Attachment 1 be adopted by your Board and be submitted with the Department's application.

The primary objective of the CDPR's 2004 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 an off-highway vehicle enforcement project administered by the Department's Santa Clarita Station. Under the 2003 OHMVR grant program, Santa Clarita Station received $50,000 from the CDPR to implement a similar project. Similar to the prior year, the goal of this specialized project will be to reduce incidences of off-highway vehicle related offenses and code violations throughout Santa Clarita Station's jurisdiction.

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 personnel will then be responsible for identifying/targeting areas in which these 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 (i.e. holidays, extended weekends).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Department's 2004 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 and/or operations, the Department will be given the opportunity to continue the accomplishment of its mission, goals, and objectives, as well as those of the 2004 OHMVR grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Pending your Board's authorization to apply for funding under the 2004 OHMVR grant program, the Department will propose to implement an off-highway vehicle enforcement project. The total grant amount requested will be approximately $87,000, while the total cost of the project is estimated at $209,600. The remaining balance of approximately $122,000 will be in-kind services provided by the Department.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CDPR will identify Southern California agency recipients of the 2004 OHMVR grant award in December 2004. Upon notice of award, the Department will be given a period of 12 months to implement/complete the 2004 OHMVR enforcement project.

Attachment 1 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 mission, goals, and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the 2004 OHMVR grant program.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, the Department requests that your Board please provide four (4) individually adopted copies of this action and two (2) originally executed copies of Attachment 1 to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contacts for this requested Board action are Karen J. Anderson, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5408, or Richard F. Martinez, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5299.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

William T. Stonich

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UNDERSHERIFF

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 1998, 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 2004/2005 Fiscal Year.

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

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

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the _____day of _____,2004, 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

_____,2004.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent

County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Board of Supervisors

Attest: Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the County Counsel

By: _____
Gary Gross, Senior Deputy County Counsel