Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed per person in total for each item.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S): [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:

   A. Board Letter:
   AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TO ACQUIRE THREE PATROL VESSELS
   Speaker(s): Brent Carlson and Ronald Nohles (Sheriff’s)

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

   A. Board Briefing:
   SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – POTENTIAL REVENUE SHORTFALLS/LOSSES REVIEW
   Speaker(s): Glenn Uyeda (Auditor-Controller), Michael de Castro and Tom Atmayer (Consultants)

   B. Board Briefing:
   DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ) TRANSITION COMMITTEE BRIEFING
   Speaker(s): Adam Bettino (Probation)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
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6. ADJOURNMENT

7. UPCOMING ITEMS:
   A. NONE

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January 11, 2022

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TO ACQUIRE THREE PATROL VESSELS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff’s Department (Department) seeks Board approval to acquire three patrol vessels (Boats) and to authorize Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County Purchasing Agent (CPA), to proceed with the acquisition of the Boats, not exceeding the total amount of $2,500,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize ISD, as the CPA, to proceed with the acquisition of three Boats, not to exceed a total of $2,500,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to purchase three Boats as part of an effort to replace the aging fleet at Marina del Rey Sheriff’s Station (Station) and to authorize the CPA to proceed with the acquisition of these capital assets with a cost of more than $250,000 each.

The Station currently has seven Boats, aging between 14 to 49 years. Each boat has major issues (see attached Exhibit A), which causes each of these vessels to have
untimely breakdowns. The Department has not been able to keep pace with any type of vessel replacement program due to budgetary constraints.

The Station fields a patrol boat on all three shifts (early morning shift, day shift, and PM shift) every day of the year. To ensure that the Department will not be faced with severe operational challenges negatively impacting its service delivery and to provide safety and security to the Los Angeles County Maritime Region and waterways, the Department will need to replace three Boats this fiscal year.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommendations are consistent with the County’s Strategic Plan, Goal 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities by reducing the nitrogen oxide and toxic particulate matter emissions, and Goal 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today by providing marine law enforcement with the most effective tools to respond to and deal with emergencies and calls for service, the Department is enhancing its capabilities and response times to the public, which in turn will increase the safety and security of Los Angeles County residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to net County cost. Two boats will be purchased using the Department’s Asset Forfeiture/Special Funds, and a third boat will be purchased using funding provided by the Fourth District, Board of Supervisors. The Department will be working with the Executive Office, Clerk of the Board for the reimbursement of the third boat.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Upon Board approval, the implementation of this project will assist the Department in meeting state and local environmental objectives by reducing vehicle emissions. The Department’s oldest boats produce significant nitrogen oxide and toxic particulate matter emissions, which are associated with a wide variety of respiratory illnesses, heart disease, various cancers, and other health concerns. The new Boats will produce less nitrous oxide and particulate emissions than the older vessels.

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy whereby departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of $250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisition to the CPA.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.
CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the CPA. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the CPA in accordance with the County’s purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will have a positive impact on the Department’s current services, specifically for the Marina del Rey Harbor and Santa Monica Bay waters. The purchase of replacement vessels will greatly reduce the risk of vessel breakdowns and disruptions in emergency responses to the boating community. This action also supports emergency dive services, boating accident investigations, and sunken vessels recoveries. This action will also significantly reduce the nitrogen oxide and toxic particulate matter emissions associated with a wide variety of health concerns.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return a copy of the adopted Board letter to the Department’s Central Patrol Division.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI
UNDERSHERIFF
Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department

Audit Report Follow-Ups and Operational Reviews

Presentation on
Potential Revenue Shortfalls/Losses

December 15, 2021

Conducted by:
BCA Watson Rice, LLP
Background, Objectives and Scope

- This briefing covers the review of Potential Revenue Shortfalls/Losses. Two other reports will follow: 1) Operational Review of Overtime, Employee Benefits, and Facilities, and 2) Prior LASD Audit Report Follow-Ups of corrective actions taken.

- Determine primary causes for any revenue shortages, evaluate if revenue streams are maximized, identify opportunities to increase revenues or recover costs, and identify potential impacts of any additional revenues/cost recoveries.

- Seven (7) areas reviewed: AB 109, Contract Cities (Billing Rates), Trial Courts, Civil Immigration Detainers, Special and Trust Funds, Grants, and Other Potential Revenue Sources.
Findings and Recommendations

Finding No. 1 – Contract billings to cities could be increased by over $10 million annually based on changes to the contract cities billing model.

Recommendation No. 1 – LASD in consultation with the Auditor-Controller Accounting Division should quantify the costs not being fully billed to determine the cost impact to cities. LASD should then seek direction from the Board on whether to pursue such billing increase to contract cities.
Findings and Recommendations (continued.)

Finding No. 2 – Trial court supplemental services revenues began to increase in FY 2018-19 based on the re-categorization of some base services to supplemental services.

Recommendation No. 2 – LASD should continue to identify and define what constitutes supplemental services to make the policy consistent across courthouses and ensure full reimbursement for supplemental services.
Findings and Recommendations (continued)

Finding No. 3 – Current LASD costs related to ICE civil immigration detainers consists of only two part-time custody assistants. In 2019, LASD made a policy decision to not provide reporting to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) related to undocumented persons in custody. As such, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funding ceased.

Recommendation No. 3 – In light of the change in the federal administration and recent success with reporting requirements within the Byrne JAG grant, LASD should consider applying for future SCAAP grants using the same approach taken for the Byrne JAG grant. Potential increase revenue in excess of $2 million.
Finding No. 4 – During the last 5 fiscal years, LASD had approximately $3.7 million in unused grant funds and $3.5 million in canceled grants. Thus, we found LASD’s grant application process, utilization of grant funds and grant monitoring can be improved.

Recommendation No. 4 – LASD should design grant policies and procedures to ensure grant funds are fully utilized within the grant period, adopt a strict documentation and approval process to comply with the grantor’s documentation requirements, and make enhancements to its grant logs to include all grants applied for, the date applied, and the award or denial date.