

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 6

SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST TO EXTEND CURRENT CONTRACT FOR FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY SERVICES FROM BIO-TOX LABORATORIES INCORPORATED (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The San Diego County Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory (Crime Lab) receives over 3,700 requests annually from law enforcement agencies throughout San Diego County for forensic toxicology services, or for testing of controlled substances in the blood or urine of criminal suspects. The test results are a crucial tool to criminal investigations and are essential in the prosecution of the suspects.

The Crime Lab is in the process of establishing an in-house toxicology program which will help advance the standardization of toxicology practices and phase out the outsourcing of testing by a third-party laboratory. The completion of the in-house toxicology program is estimated at June 2023. Currently, the Crime Lab contracts these services out to Bio-Tox Laboratories Incorporated. This contract will expire on June 30, 2022.

Today's request is to authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to amend the Sheriff's contract with Bio-Tox Laboratories Incorporated to extend the current contract term for one year with one option year, with a six-month option if needed, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Sheriff.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

Waive Board Policy A-87 and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to amend Contract 556404, with Bio-Tox Laboratories Incorporated to extend the current contract term for one year with one option year, with a six-month option if needed, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Sheriff.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Extending the contract for toxicology testing benefits the residents in San Diego County, especially victims of crimes where there is suspected use or presence of drugs. Necessary and timely toxicology testing ensures the accountability of offenders and allows for the deliverance of justice on behalf of the victims. The ability to test for drugs and substances is critical in the prosecution of cases. Successful prosecution is a step in bringing healing for the victims of crimes, many of whom have likely been impacted by inequities and inequalities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff’s Department. If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs of \$560,000 for the first extension year, and then one optional year, with a six-month option if needed for a total of \$1,400,000. Subsequent year costs will be included in future year Operational Plans for the Sheriff’s Department. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no addition of staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter