

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2**

**SUBJECT: SHERIFF - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL HELICOPTER PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On June 4, 2019 (3), the Board of Supervisors approved a five-year agreement in which the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) supports the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) costs of motorist aid-related rescue services with funding provided by the Regional Helicopter Program.

SANDAG has approved the continuation of the Regional Helicopter Program up to a maximum of \$375,000 annually. SANDAG will provide funding on an annual basis from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 to support the Sheriff for continued operation, maintenance, and fuel for the three Bell 205A-1 medium-lift fire/rescue and one Bell 412EPX helicopters when used during Sheriff helicopter operations that involve rescue and aid to motorists.

If approved, today's action will authorize the Clerk of the Board to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with SANDAG, through which the Regional Helicopter Program will defray Sheriff's costs related to motorist aid-related rescue services.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

1. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, upon receipt, effective July 1, 2024, with the San Diego Association of Governments for the Regional Helicopter Program to defray Sheriff's Department costs related to motorist aid rescue services, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000 annually for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all required documents, including any extensions, amendments, or revisions thereto that do not materially impact either the program or funding level.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action advances equity in the region by maintaining and improving rescue incident response. Maintaining the Memorandum of Understanding helps the County by receiving support for the costs associated with medical and hoist rescues in San Diego County roadways. This service helps reduce the risk of loss of life or severe injury to motorists in critical traffic events.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access through the delivery of rescue services provided by first responders. The proposed actions will benefit all San Diego County residents and visitors, particularly those who find themselves in a critical traffic event where they face risk of severe injury or death.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of up to \$375,000 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Costs and revenue of up to \$375,000 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029 will be budgeted in future operational plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source will be program revenue from the San Diego Association of Governments Regional Helicopter Program. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

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

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)  
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