

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: SHERIFF - NEW USER AGREEMENTS FOR THE CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM/REMOTE ACCESS NETWORK (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) is a statewide system, maintained by the California Department of Justice, that provides local law enforcement agencies with direct access to local, state, and federal automated fingerprint, palm print, photo systems and databases. This statewide system allows for the rapid identification of persons booked into detention facilities and latent prints lifted from crime scenes. The Sheriff's Office serves as San Diego County's Cal-ID/RAN administrator, and membership includes all 18 cities in the region.

Cal-ID/RAN is funded in part by user fees collected from the cities. User agreements between the County and the cities outline agency contributions towards the shared costs of the program which is estimated to be \$9 million for Fiscal Year 2026-27. On February 26, 2019 (3), the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the current user agreements, for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. On May 21, 2024 (1), the Board authorized extending the agreements for two additional years. The agreements are set to expire on June 30, 2026. It is necessary to establish a new set of five-year agreements with regional Cal-ID/RAN participating cities to ensure continued fingerprint, palm print, and photo inquiry services can be provided.

Today's actions request the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize new Cal-ID/RAN user agreements for a period of five years, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031. This request includes a fee adjustment to ensure revenue from participating cities within the San Diego region to offset Cal-ID/RAN operational costs. Additionally, a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested, as the Cal-ID/RAN program is not full cost-recovery.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

SHERIFF

1. Approve and authorize the Clerk of the Board to accept and execute, upon receipt, California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) user agreements with the cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and Vista for a period of five years from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, and authorize the Sheriff, or designee, to execute amendments as needed.
2. Approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to reassess and adjust user fees to offset Cal-ID/RAN operational expenses. Estimated amounts of revenue based on user fees for Fiscal Year 2026-27 are Carlsbad (\$30,600), Chula Vista (\$68,700), Coronado (\$5,700), Del Mar (\$1,000), El Cajon (\$29,300), Encinitas (\$14,300), Escondido (\$42,100), Imperial Beach (\$6,000), La Mesa (\$16,400), Lemon Grove (\$7,600), National City (\$19,200), Oceanside (\$50,900), Poway (\$9,400), San Diego (\$407,700), San Marcos (\$19,900), Santee (\$12,100), Solana Beach (\$3,100), and Vista (\$23,400).

3. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Offender identification is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver offender accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. The California Identification System/Remote Access Network program provides local law enforcement agencies with direct and quick access to local, state, and federal automated fingerprint, palm print, photo systems and databases. Since this statewide system allows for the rapid identification of persons booked into detention facilities and latent prints lifted from crime scenes, law enforcement agencies can more efficiently identify individuals involved in crimes and exonerate the innocent. This creates a more equitable process when using fingerprints to identify individuals involved in crime cases.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today’s action to authorize user agreements supports the County of San Diego’s Sustainability goal of providing just and equitable access for victims of crimes and those that may have wrongfully been accused in a crime. The California Identification System/Remote Access Network program ensures that there is expedient and accurate identification, which is a critical component of serving justice and holding the responsible parties accountable for their actions. Additionally, today’s actions will support the County’s Sustainability goal of maintaining fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency by adjusting fees to ensure full cost recovery.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request in the current year. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$767,400 in Fiscal Year 2026-27 from Carlsbad (\$30,600), Chula Vista (\$68,700), Coronado (\$5,700), Del Mar (\$1,000), El Cajon (\$29,300), Encinitas (\$14,300), Escondido (\$42,100), Imperial Beach (\$6,000), La Mesa (\$16,400), Lemon Grove (\$7,600), National City (\$19,200), Oceanside (\$50,900), Poway (\$9,400), San Diego (\$407,700), San Marcos (\$19,900), Santee (\$12,100), Solana Beach (\$3,100), and Vista (\$23,400). Remaining Fiscal Year 2026-27 Cal-ID/RAN program costs, estimated at \$9,616,500, will be included in the Fiscal Years 2026-28 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Sheriff’s Office. The funding sources will be the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund (\$8,041,100) and General Purpose Revenue (\$808,000). A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested, as the Cal-ID/RAN program is not full cost-recovery. Anticipated costs and revenue for the contract years through June 30, 2031, will be included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff’s Office. The funding sources will be Cal-ID/RAN user fees collected from participating cities, Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Aguirre, 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