

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 2**

**SUBJECT: SHERIFF - REQUEST FOR AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITIES OF CARLSBAD, EL CAJON, ESCONDIDO, AND SAN DIEGO FOR CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SUPPORT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) is a statewide system 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.

Since 2007, the San Diego County Cal-ID/RAN Board has served as a regional policy and advisory board responsible for making recommendations for a program to employ staff and purchase equipment for crime laboratories across the region to support the identification of suspects. The Sheriff's Department serves as San Diego County's Cal-ID/RAN administrator. The County of San Diego's current agreements for Cal-ID support positions with the cities of El Cajon, Escondido, and San Diego will expire on June 30, 2025. To ensure the continued success of the program, there is a need to continue to provide funding for staff at the El Cajon, Escondido, and San Diego Police Departments as well as equipment and other Cal-ID/RAN Board approved items at the Carlsbad Police Department.

Today's actions request the Board of Supervisors (Board) to authorize agreements between the County of San Diego by and through the Sheriff's Department and the cities of Carlsbad, El Cajon, Escondido, and San Diego to provide annual funding from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund to the four cities for Cal-ID support positions and equipment. This funding comes from the collection of a \$2 fee for every vehicle registered in San Diego County by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The term of the agreement for equipment is from October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with optional annual renewals up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2029. The term of the agreements for positions is from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with optional annual renewals up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2030.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SHERIFF**

1. Authorize the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff) to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Carlsbad to provide funding for Cal-ID/RAN Board approved equipment, training, and certification based on revenue from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund for the period of October 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with optional annual renewals, with the option to renew being at the Sheriff's discretion, up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2029, and to amend the MOA as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding. The estimated funding for the initial term is \$22,025 to include \$17,025 for a fingerprint development chamber and \$5,000 for training. Funding for option years will be based on requests for equipment, training, and certification to enhance the City of Carlsbad's capacity to provide fingerprint identification.

2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute a MOA with the City of El Cajon to provide an estimated \$131,721 in annual funding for one full-time Forensic Latent Print Examiner position based on revenue from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with optional annual renewals, with the option to renew being at the Sheriff's discretion, up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2030, and to amend the MOA as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
3. Authorize the Sheriff to execute a MOA with the City of Escondido to provide an estimated \$275,032 (\$137,516 per position) in annual funding for two full-time Latent Print Specialist positions based on revenue from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with optional annual renewals, with the option to renew being at the Sheriff's discretion, up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2030, and to amend the MOA as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
4. Authorize the Sheriff to execute a MOA with the City of San Diego to provide an estimated \$256,000 (\$128,000 per position) in annual funding for two full-time Latent Print Examiner Aide positions based on revenue from the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with optional annual renewals, with the option to renew being at the Sheriff's discretion, up to a maximum of four additional years through June 30, 2030, and to amend the MOA as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Offender identification is crucial in the criminal justice process to deliver offender accountability and bring justice and healing to victims. Qualified Latent Print Examiners/Specialists demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of friction ridge physiology and morphology, terminology, detection, recovery, photography, preservation, enhancement, analysis, comparison, documentation and reporting of latent print evidence. This level of expertise in conjunction with the necessary equipment is critical in supporting the San Diego County California Identification System program. Fingerprint identification and forensic evidence handling are key components to identifying individuals involved in crimes and exonerating the innocent. The positions for El Cajon, Escondido, and San Diego ensure that these critical components of criminal investigations are completed.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions to authorize agreements with the cities of Carlsbad, El Cajon, Escondido, and San Diego support 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 program requires both Latent Print Examiners/Specialists and equipment to ensure that accurate identification is conducted, a critical component of serving justice and holding the responsible parties accountable for their actions.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the equipment agreement with the City of Carlsbad will result in Fiscal Year 2024-25 estimated costs and revenue of \$22,025 for fingerprint development chamber (\$17,025) and training (\$5,000). Costs and revenue for four optional annual renewals will be determined and approved by California Identification System/Remote Access Network (Cal-ID/RAN) Board and included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

If approved, costs and revenue estimated at \$662,753 for agreements to fund positions supporting the cities of El Cajon, Escondido, and San Diego will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. As needed annual increases for up to four additional years, through June 30, 2030, will be included in future Operational Plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is the Sheriff Fingerprint ID Trust Fund. 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 Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, 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