

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Sheriff's Department

BOARD AGENDA # B-10

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE September 15, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept a Donation from the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, a Non-Profit Organization, for Purchase of Surveillance Equipment

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the donation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Sheriff's Department Detectives Division from the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau for the purchase of surveillance equipment for the purpose of law enforcement services in Stanislaus County.
2. Recognize Wayne Zipser, General Manager of Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, for the generous donation.
3. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$5,000 in the Sheriff's Department Operation budget, Detectives Division, for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as detailed in the attached budget journal.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total value of the donation from the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau is \$5,000. The Sheriff's Department will purchase necessary equipment used for surveillance and video recording of thefts. The Sheriff's Department will own the equipment and will fund the maintenance and repair of the equipment from existing appropriations in the Sheriff's Operations budget. There is no additional cost to the General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-634

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department Rural Crimes Unit currently maintains Surveillance Equipment for the detection and apprehension of criminals involved in the theft of property and machinery. This program has been utilized since December 2002 and has been extremely effective over the years.

Numerous surveillance operations have been conducted resulting in several suspects who have been arrested and subsequently convicted of numerous crimes. Many of the convictions were obtained prior to trial with the subjects receiving state prison sentences.

The equipment has been effective when used in areas where crime has been prevalent, from large business parks to rural areas of the community including agricultural and farmland. Criminals generally commit several thefts per night. Targeting these high theft areas with surveillance equipment has increased the number of arrests made and has been an effective tool in reducing the number of property crimes in these high crime areas. The use of additional and more sophisticated surveillance equipment will enable the Sheriff's Department to maximize its limited personnel resources and enable monitoring of multiple operations.

POLICY ISSUES:

Acceptance and recognition of this donation supports the Board of Supervisor's priorities of A safe community, Efficient delivery of public services and Effective partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

