

April 18, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
TRAINING CENTERS PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING IN SUPPORT
OF PROPOSED WESTERN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER
(ALL DISTRICTS)**

(4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize participation by the County of Los Angeles in the Regional Law Enforcement Training Centers (RLETC) Program, administered by the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP), for the purpose of securing facility planning funding for the proposed Western Regional Public Safety Training Center (WRPSTC).
2. Approve of the submission of an application by the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (Sheriff) to the OCJP for funding WRPSTC facility planning costs in the amount of \$1.25 million under an 18-month grant award term commencing April 1, 2002 and ending September 30, 2003.
3. Instruct the Chair of the Board to execute a Letter of Commitment that expresses the Board's support for the WRPSTC project, and the Board's commitment toward achieving the planning phase objectives, and which is to accompany the application.

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4. Authorize the Sheriff to accept the grant award funding on your Board's behalf, and to execute the grant award and any subsequent amendments thereof to extend the grant term, subject to review by County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer, in the event the OCJP selects the application for funding and issues a grant award.
5. Approve a Request for Appropriation Adjustment in the amount of \$1.25 million to be offset with State funds that will be submitted by the Sheriff's Department, in the event the OCJP selects the application for funding and issues a grant award.

PURPOSE OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) will issue four grant awards each for a maximum of \$1.25 million on a competitive basis under the Statewide \$5 million Fiscal Year 2001-02 Regional Law Enforcement Training Centers (RLETC) Program. The grantees will be selected from 14 applicants, nine sheriff's departments, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and five police departments, that have regional training centers with the potential enrollment of 750 trainees or more, and that are accredited by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The funds must be expended during an extendable 18-month grant term, from April 1, 2002 to September 20, 2003, on enhancing training facilities, building up the infrastructure, providing Statewide coverage, and assisting facility planning. The Sheriff's Department wishes to take advantage of this funding opportunity by submitting an application to cover facility planning costs for a training complex, entitled "Western Regional Public Safety Training Center" (WRPSTC), replete with requisite training venues and accommodations. The application is being prepared and will be made available upon request. A planning timeline and planning cost schedule are enclosed (Enclosure A).

In satisfaction of the OCJP RLETC program requirements, a Letter of Commitment, signed by the Chairman of the Board, must accompany the application to be made integral to the grant award document in the event the OCJP selects the application for funding. The letter expresses the Board's support for the WRPSTC project and its commitment to achieve the

objectives of the planning phase during the 18-month grant term (Sample, Enclosure B).
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JUSTIFICATION:

Los Angeles County's peace officer training facilities have become inadequate over the past 15 years of unprecedented growth in law enforcement personnel, while no additional training venues were developed. The Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County's primary safety provider and peace officer trainer, is the foremost provider of in-service advanced training, basic academy and recruit training for its own personnel and 38 other law enforcement agencies, an aggregate of 50,000 officers.

The training facilities are dispersed geographically and are not designed to serve all training needs. As a result, the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies in the County have large numbers of personnel that are delinquent in POST mandated continuous professional training. The situation is exacerbated by the mandate for additional coordinated anti-terrorism and bio-terrorism training in the post-September 11 era. In a survey conducted in 2000 by the Sheriff's Department, 60 local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies reported a critical need for consistently available training, and that they would support a law enforcement regional training center in line with the WRPSTC.

The WRPSTC complex is envisioned at a relatively isolated 205-acre site within the jurisdiction of the City of Lancaster in the Fox Field Industrial Corridor. The complex would consist of an academy and training center, complete with SMART classrooms and physical agility and fitness center; an emergency vehicle operations center with virtual simulation training and classrooms; weapons training, complete with classrooms and Mock Laser Village; anti-terrorism and bio-terrorism situational training; and support services, consisting of dormitories, food services, emporium and a child care facility. The complex would provide an environment most conducive to the inculcation of the principles of law enforcement and leadership training. All of the Department's training needs and programs would be served. The WRPSTC would be available to any agency in the western United States and Federal agencies for training services provided by Departmental personnel and other users' training staff.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Applying for funding under the Fiscal Year 2001-02 RLETC Program to fund the facility planning phase of the WRPSTC project conforms with implementation of the County Strategic Plan's Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, under Strategy 1: Recruit, develop and retain dedicated and productive employees. The WRPSTC will enhance the County's law enforcement, anti-terrorism and bio-terrorism training capabilities and quality to unprecedented levels.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated should the OCJP award the grant with an 18-month extendable term for the purpose of the facility planning phase of the WRPSTC. The OCJP will issue a check in the amount of the grant award with close-out procedures.

The total cost for the facility planning phase is \$1,250,000 for consultant services agreements with an architectural engineering firm and an environmental engineering firm, and for contingency costs and additional assessments. The architectural firm is to provide a Site Assessment and Environmental Impact Report for \$285,000, and a Needs Assessment and Architectural Program in the amount of \$870,000. The Environmental Engineering firm is to perform a Topographical Survey for \$35,000. Contingency Costs and Additional Assessments total \$60,000. The planning schedule ending in September 2003, and a planning cost summary are enclosed, cited previously as Enclosure A.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS:

The Fiscal Year 2001-02 RLETC Program funding from the State General Fund in the amount of \$5 million, "...shall be used to provide one-time grants, on a competitive basis, to Regional Law Enforcement Training Centers for facility planning, renovation, or

construction costs.” [Budget Act of 2001 (Chapter 106, California Statutes 2001),
Item 8100-101-0268, Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Schedule: (1) 50.30.700.]
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CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Should the OCJP issue a grant award agreement to fund the WRPSTC planning phase, a request for bid process will be initiated to select an architectural engineering firm to prepare a Needs Assessment and Architectural Program, and an environmental engineering firm to perform a Topographic Survey of the proposed WRPSTC site.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

No immediate impact on services or projects currently operated by the Sheriff’s Department or other County Departments is anticipated during the 18-month grant term WRPSTC planning phase.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS:

The Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report will be addressed in a future request for action by your Board.

CONCLUSION:

Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to return five copies of the Board Letter denoting adoption of the recommendations, and two original certified copies of the Letter of Commitment to the attention of Judi E. Thomas, Acting Assistant Director, Fiscal Administration, Sheriff’s Department. Ms. Thomas may be contacted at (323) 526-5408.

Inquiries concerning the WRPSTC may be directed to David R. Betkey, Commander, Office of the Undersheriff, at (323) 526-5666, or Carlos A. Hernandez, Director,

Facilities Administration, at (323) 526-5191.

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Questions concerning the processing of this grant application should be addressed to Judi E. Thomas, Acting Assistant Director, Fiscal Administration, at (323) 526-5408.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

ENCLOSURE A

WESTERN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER (WRPSTC)

PLANNING PHASE: PROJECT SCHEDULE AND PROJECT COST SUMMARY

ENCLOSURE

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTERS PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED WESTERN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER (WRPSTC)

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

| Project Activity | Estimated Completion Date |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Award Consultant Service Agreements for Site Assessment and EIR | Sept 2002 |
| Execute Contract | Sept 2002 |
| Site Assessment Report | Sept 2003 |
| Award Consultant Service Agreements for Needs Assessment and Architectural Program | Jan 2003 |
| Execute Contract | Jan 2003 |
| Final Needs Assessment and Architectural Program | Sept 2003 |

II. PROJECT COST SUMMARY

| Budget Category | Proposed Project Budget |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Site Assessment and EIR | \$285,000 |
| Needs Assessment and Architectural Program | \$870,000 |
| Topographic Survey | \$ 35,000 |
| Contingency Cost and Additional Assessments | \$60,000 |
| TOTAL | \$1,250,000 |

ENCLOSURE B

LETTER OF COMMITMENT

May 1, 2002

SAMPLE
(BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD)

Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning
Office of the Director
1130 K Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**LETTER OF COMMITMENT
WESTERN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

As evidence of support for the Western Regional Public Safety Training Center (WRPSTC), in principle and concept, as envisioned by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, in a regular hearing on April 30, 2002, went on record, to wit:

- Approved of the submission of the application by the Sheriff of Los Angeles County to the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for \$1.25 million in RLETC Program funding to be expended solely for achieving the specified objectives and activities of the WRPSTC facility planning phase during an extendable 18-month time frame commencing April 1, 2002 and ending September 30, 2003.
- Authorized the Sheriff of Los Angeles County to accept RLETC Program grant award funding and execute and enter into a grant award agreement with the State of California, both actions on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, in the event the OCJP executes said application into a grant award agreement with a grant term of April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Sincerely,

Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles/
Supervisor, Third Supervisorial District
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(Facilities Administration)

Enclosures

8: William T. Stonich, Undersheriff
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