



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/10/2024

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File #: 24-1067

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Sheriff

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Renewed California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Pelican Bay State Prison MOU/Mutual Aid Agreement

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the resolution (Attachment 1) accepting the proposed renewed mutual aid agreement (Attachment 2) with CDCR Pelican Bay State Prison;
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution to the Sheriff's Office;
3. Authorize the Humboldt County Sheriff to execute three originals of the agreement;
4. Authorize the Humboldt County Sheriff to approve any extensions, amendments, modifications, or terminations for the term of the agreement after consultation with and approval by the Office of County Counsel and County Administrative Office; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return two signed originals of the agreement to the Sheriff's Office.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

**DISCUSSION:**

The Humboldt County Sheriff and the CDCR Warden have long recognized that mutual aid and cooperation in response to a natural disaster, critical incident, or other emergency can be strengthened through collaboration. By establishing and maintaining an agreement of mutual aid through the approval of this renewed agreement, both agencies have an improved ability to respond to and sufficiently deal with incidents throughout both jurisdictions, effectively improving overall public safety. An MOU was developed to confirm the framework for this cooperative relationship (Attachment 2).

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

CDCR Pelican Bay State Prison  
General Fund

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The attached MOU is an agreement to share services and facilities, including but not limited to security, rescue, relief and

communications during a disaster or emergency. The agreement does not include financial terms. However, the party receiving aid will be responsible for providing supplies and material, such as gasoline, food, and water for on-site use of equipment and for personnel who are engaged in providing aid. Responding to a request for mutual aid may also result in overtime costs for Sheriff's Office staff, though those costs could be partially offset if the Governor were to declare an emergency.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

CDCR Pelican Bay State Prison

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to approve the agreement between the County of Humboldt and the CDCR for mutual crisis response services, however, this is not recommended as a denial of the proposed MOU could jeopardize public safety.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. CDCR Resolution
2. Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid between CDCR Pelican Bay and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Meeting of: September 3, 2019

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