



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Adopt a resolution authorizing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Sheriff's FY 2026-27 Adopted Budget, increasing appropriations by \$336,904 in 1001 -230012, financed by a decrease in contingencies (1001-105011) to be reimbursed by insurance, for payment of emergency lighting repairs at the Monterey County Jail to Staples Construction Company under the Monterey County Public Works, Facilities, and Parks Job Order Contract, Job Order Number: JF02-24-14-J8552-01 (4/5ths vote required).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is requesting an increase in appropriations to repair Jail's emergency lighting system. MCSO will not be going to the budget or capital committee due to meeting schedule. Going to the committees at the end of July would delay this emergency request from going before the Board of Supervisors until sometime in August. Worked with CAO to identify funding source.

DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office operates the Monterey County Jail which has an average daily population of over 800 incarcerated persons. The Jail operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Jail is strictly governed by California Code of Regulations Title 15 and Title 24 which require functional emergency lighting at all times.

On July 15, 2025, a catastrophic electrical event damaged portions of the jail's emergency lighting system. Due to this event, the county jail has been functioning without a large portion of its emergency lighting operational. Reliable emergency lighting is essential to maintaining the safety and security of Sheriff's Office personnel, contractors, visitors, and the incarcerated population. Failure of these systems during an emergency could significantly impair facility operations and increase the risk of injury to occupants and responders.

Replacement of the damaged emergency lighting components is necessary to restore system reliability, reduce operational risk, and ensure compliance with applicable detention facility safety standards. It is also imperative that the County maintain compliance with future inspections conducted by the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and continue to meet obligations established under the Hernandez Settlement Agreement. Functional emergency lighting is a critical component of life-safety infrastructure and supports the County's ongoing commitment to providing a safe, secure, and constitutionally compliant detention environment.

Expedited completion of this project will support regulatory compliance, and help ensure the continued safety of staff, contractors, visitors, and the incarcerated population during power outages and other critical incidents.

Once the repairs have been completed, Risk Management can submit the project to the insurer for reimbursement under the open claim for this incident.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks supports this project. The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and advised on this Agreement as to legal form. The Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved the Agreement as to fiscal provisions.

FINANCING:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Supervisors increase appropriations in the Adopted Budget for FY 2026-27 in the amount of \$336,904 financed by contingencies to be reimbursed by insurance.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

The proposed recommended action demonstrates the County's commitment to provide public safety in the County of Monterey.

- X Well-Being and Quality of Life
- X Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- X Safe and Resilient Communities
- __ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- __ Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice

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Attachments:

Resolution

Job Order Control #JF02-24-14-J8552-01

Proposed schedule

