



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**November 16, 2021**

**FROM**

**SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator**

**SUBJECT**

Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to reimburse the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator, if funds are available, for personnel training costs related to boating safety and the enforcement of boating safety laws and regulations.

(Presenter: John Ades, Deputy Chief, 387-3760)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Improve County Government Operations.**

**Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) will provide reimbursement to the Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator (Department) for the transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred by Department employees while attending and satisfactorily completing training courses approved by DBW. DBW's training budget fluctuates each year and reimbursements are contingent upon the availability of funds and successful completion of administrative requirements of DBW's Marine Law Enforcement Training Program. Reimbursements will be based on rates listed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Department will include appropriation and revenue adjustments in a future countywide Quarterly Budget Report presented to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for approval, if necessary.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

DBW's Marine Law Enforcement Training Program provides training courses statewide to law enforcement officers, harbor patrol officers, lifeguards, and others that work in a marine patrol environment. Statewide training ensures uniform enforcement of boating laws on all of California's waterways. The purpose of the training program is to provide comprehensive, current, and effective courses with reliable consistency.

DBW training courses are designed to accommodate all levels of boating skills. Fundamental basic courses for new boat patrol officers include: Basic Maritime Officer, Inland Boat Operator Training, Boating Under the Influence, and Basic Accident Investigation. More advanced courses for experienced boat patrol officers include: Rescue Boat Operations, Marine Fire Fighting, Introduction to Rescue Watercraft for Law Enforcement, and Advanced Accident Investigation. The Department provides regular boat patrols, as well as search and rescue missions on the Colorado River and other water bodies located in the County's boundaries. Most DBW training courses are certified by the California State Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).

On September 12, 2021, the Department received notification from DBW that funds are available to reimburse qualified employee expenses incurred while completing division sponsored training from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The MOU is being presented to the Board for approval at the first available meeting date after completion of the financial and legal review process. Approval of the MOU at this time will not have an impact on the Department's operations. The signed MOU must be returned to DBW prior to reimbursement. Claims for expense reimbursement can be submitted retroactively to July 1, 2021.

**PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Richard D. Luczak, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on September 29, 2021; Finance (Carolina Mendoza, Administrative Analyst, 387-0294) on October 25, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on October 28, 2021.