

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:

May 27, 2025

CATEGORY:

Consent Calendar 18

SUBJECT:

Approve a renewal agreement with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for inmate housing and training at California Fire Camps.

DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff-Jail

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:

All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Dale Marlar, Correctional Lieutenant, (530) 245-6134

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:

Michael L. Johnson, Sheriff

Vote Required?

Simple Majority Vote

General Fund Impact?

No Additional General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a renewal agreement with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for housing and training of Shasta County inmates in State Fire Camps in the amount not to exceed \$100,970 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

DISCUSSION

Shasta County has held many ongoing agreements with CDCR to house Shasta County inmates at CDCR Fire Camps. CDCR provides custody and care pursuant to Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities set forth in California Code of Regulations Title 15, and 24 and in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and directives for each Shasta County Sheriff inmate transported to CDCR for housing under this agreement. Health Care services are discussed within the contract. Approval of this renewal agreement will continue to allow an inmate to serve their stay in custody and gain some vital employment skills while incarcerated in the CDCR facility. This agreement is open to those inmates meeting placement criteria, both male and female, who pass a medical health screening. The inmate will receive a two-to-one credit (for everyone one day served the inmate will receive two days credit) based on behavior within the CDCR facility.

The inmates, while at the CDCR facility will go through an extensive training program to prepare them to be assigned to a designated Fire Camp. While in the Fire Camps, the inmates will be assigned daily tasks to complete, assigned to a work crew for off-site duties, and when needed, respond for fire suppression duties. When eligible inmates are assigned to the camps it will free up bed space at the Main Jail.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board may choose to request changes to the terms and conditions of the agreement, may choose to delay approval for the agreement until a later date, or may choose not to approve the agreement which would result in the return of any inmates currently being housed at CDCR, and future transfers to CDCR under this agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form. Risk Management has approved the agreement. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Jail will reimburse CDCR for the housing of inmates at the daily rate of not more than \$81.00 per day while in training and \$10.00 per day thereafter with a maximum of \$100,970.00 over the term of the agreement. A "housed" inmate is defined as an

inmate who has been placed into the population of a CDCR run facility. Due to historical levels of inmate placement into this program, expenditures are not anticipated to be very significant for this contract and should be managed withing the requested appropriations in the Sheriff's FY 2025-26 requested Jail budget. Expenses related to these contract beds would also include transportation and medical costs under Professional and Special Services if beds are utilized at the Fire Camp.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: CDCR Agreement