

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: August 23, 2011

FROM: KEN GREHM / CHUCK GORDON

SUBJECT: **FLEET SERVICES DIVISION BUDGET/EARLY PURCHASE AUTHORITY FOR SHERIFF PATROL VEHICLES**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Approve early purchase authority for Sheriff patrol vehicles for the Fiscal Year 2011/12 and authorize the Purchasing Manager or his/her designee to sign the appropriate purchase order.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

Per labor agreements, Sheriff patrol vehicles are cycled out of service when they hit 110,000 miles. In fiscal year 11/12, nine patrol vehicles and seven 4x4 patrol vehicles are anticipated to be replaced. Patrol vehicles are being purchased through a Federal General Services Agency (GSA) public safety procurement list. Prices for patrol vehicles off this list are cheaper than what we have traditionally obtained through County solicited competitive bids.

Current pricing is available for orders made through August 31. Early purchase authority will allow the Sheriff's Department to realize lower costs by locking in last year's prices for the current year patrol vehicle replacements. Next year's costs are not yet available but traditionally costs have increased 3-4%/year.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065 and is, therefore, exempt from environmental review under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Early purchase authority will allow us to secure current year pricing which could be as much as \$1,000/vehicle. The order of magnitude savings to the Sheriff's Department budget is \$10,000-\$15,000.