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*Siskiyou County Clerk, 311 Fourth St., Rm 201, Yreka, CA 96097*

# **Agenda Worksheet**

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| **Regular** | **[x]**  |  | **Time Requested:** | **10 minutes** | **Meeting Date:** | **Jan. 21, 2025** |
| ***OR*** |
| **Consent** | **[ ]**  |  |
| **Contact Person/Department:** | **Jeramiah LaRue, Sheriff** | **Phone:** | **530-842-8300** |
| **Address:** | **305 Butte Street, Yreka, California 96097** |
| **Person Appearing/Title:** | **Jeramiah LaRue, Sheriff** |
| **Subject/Summary of Issue:** |
| The Sheriff, with the support of other County departments, including the CDD, are requesting the Board approve the proposed resolution declaring an emergency as to the continued proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation within the County and occuring over thousands of parcels. As set forth in Exhibit A to the Resolution, over 700,000 cannabis plants were destroyed in a two-year period, with a retail value in the billions. The cultivators frequently involves illegal pesticides, obtained from outside the United States. The insecticides not only damage the ground and water but are a direct harm both to the persons grown the cannabis as well as police officers and investigators who are exposed to such pesticides. Further, the use of human trafficking is widespread, and the living conditions are dangerous with substandard living conditions and have even lead to multiple carbon moxide poising deaths. The end product of cultivation is transporting the illegal products through the County and creates a nexus with criminal activity to include other lethal substances like fentanyl and methamphetamine.  |
| **Financial Impact:** |
| **NO** | [x]  | *Describe why no financial impact:*       |
| **YES** | [ ]  | *Describe impact by indicating amount budgeted and funding source below* |
| Amount: |       |  |  |  |  |
| Fund:  |       |  | Description: |       | Org.: |       | Description: |       |
| Account: |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Activity Code:  |       |  | Description: |       |  |
| Local Preference: YES [ ]  NO [ ]  |
| For Contracts – *Explain how vendor was selected:*       |
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| Additional Information: |       |
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| **Recommended Motion:** |
| That the Board adopt the Resolution declaring a state of emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation. This Resolution supersedes Resolution #20-18, and includes additional language. |
| **Reviewed as recommended by policy:** |  | ***Special Requests*:** |
| County Counsel |       |  |  |
|  |  |  | *Certified Minute Order(s)* |       | *Quantity:* |       |
| Auditor |       |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Personnel |       |  | *Other:* |       |
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***NOTE: For consideration for placement on the agenda, the original agenda worksheet and backup material must be submitted directly to the Board Clerk (after reviewing signatures have been obtained) by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday the week prior to the Board Meeting.*** Revised 8/09/2021