EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has previously solicited the Glenn County Sheriff's Office for assistance in investigating, reporting, and eradicating illicit cannabis and controlled substances. This annual agreement would be a continuance of our current agreement with the DEA which expired in September.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
Authorize the Sheriff to execute and manage Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the DEA.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
Historically the Sheriff's Office has worked with the DEA to eradicate controlled substances, including illicit cannabis (marijuana), within Glenn County. Although California law has changed in recent years to allow personal possession of marijuana in limited quantities, it is still a crime to grow marijuana on public lands. These illegal public land grows pose a serious risk to the safety of the citizens who utilize those lands for recreation or business, as well as to the environment. They are often found to be connected to dangerous cartels, and Law Enforcement regularly locates weapons and/or harmful chemicals which destroy the environment at the grow site. Not only do these armed individuals threaten the safety of citizens that may stumble across a grow, but there is significant damage done to the forest lands and waterways when the grow is set up. The Sheriff's Office and DEA work together to continue to ensure the safety of the public by actively investigating such illegal grows on public lands in the Mendocino National Forest within the County, and this agreement helps offset the associated costs of doing so.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACTS(S):
Limited General Fund Impact--This is an overtime and limited expenses only agreement. The vast majority of overtime costs are absorbed by the service agreement allocation, and any remainder is absorbed within the Sheriff's yearly operational budget.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:

APPROVERS: