



City Council Meeting Staff Report

Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration and Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Yuba County Sheriff's Department for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services

PREPARED BY: Bill Zenoni, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Wheatland City Council consider adoption of a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department for supplemental law enforcement services.

DISCUSSION:

The Wheatland Police Department currently has funding for seven Police Officer positions and one Sergeant position. As a result of a significant turnover in staffing earlier this fiscal year, the City relied upon support services from the Yuba County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department provided staffing support to the City from October thru January at no cost to the City, but advised staff that they would need to start billing for these services. The Police Chief has been making diligent efforts to recruit and fill the vacant positions. One new officer was hired in August of 2025. Two additional officers have recently been hired and will start work this month. One will start on March 9th and the other on March 30th. However, they will have to complete their field training before they are able to work alone. For lateral officers (who have completed field training at another law enforcement agency), their training can last 2-4 weeks. For an officer with no prior field training, the minimum training requirement is 12 weeks.

It is anticipated that continued (although reduced) support from the Yuba County Sheriff's Department will be required through the end of the fiscal year. The Sheriff's Department has developed an agreement to formalize this arrangement. While it is anticipated that the City will only require support services through the end of this fiscal year, the agreement has a termination date of June 30, 2029 which will provide a mechanism for staffing support if needed for future vacancies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these services is available from vacant position salary savings in the Police Department budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution w/Exhibit