



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent  
**June 26, 2007**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title:** Reimbursement to Northern California Regional Public Safety Training College (NCRPSTC) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Firing Range Phase II

**Location/Council District:** 5428 Patrol Rd., McClellan, CA 95652

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the Chief of Police to expend up to \$500,000, contingent on the approval of funding through the FY2006/07 Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant, to reimburse the Northern California Regional Public Safety Training College (NCRPSTC) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for Phase II of the development of new range firing lanes at the existing firing range at McClellan Park.

**Contact:** Jackie Dowden, Captain 566-2474; Steve Quinn, Lieutenant 566-6565

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Training

**Organization No:** 2157

## **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Per City Council Resolution No. 2006-431, the City authorized reimbursement of Phase I of the firing range at McClellan Park. Phase I enabled the firing range to become operational, but additional construction is required to provide sufficient space and a variety of shooting environments to meet the training requirements for all of our employees. Phase II of the project, which will be funded by the NCRPSTC JPA, will include the creation of a new outdoor range and an outdoor shotgun range. The outdoor pistol range will have 25 firing lanes and is 50-yards deep. This will allow our officers to practice long distance rifle training and qualifications. The outdoor shotgun range can accommodate oversized and heavy vehicles in addition to squad cars for more realistic training. The addition of the Phase II firing lines will allow several firing scenarios to occur at one time.

**Policy Considerations:** The need for a Police Department firing range has become more prevalent with the continuous expansion of the Department. The use of other agencies' firing ranges is inefficient and it is difficult to schedule around those agencies' demands.

**Environmental Considerations:** This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a “project” as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Sections 15321(b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Commission/Committee Action:** Not applicable

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Phase I of the firing range project allows for some shooting training to be conducted at McClellan, but a large majority still must be scheduled at other agencies’ facilities in order to meet training demands. Currently, police recruits utilize the California Highway Patrol’s (CHP) Academy firing range that is located in West Sacramento. The Department also utilizes the Sacramento Sheriff’s Department’s (SSD) firing range located at the Rio Consumes Correctional Center in Elk Grove. Both facilities require extensive driving time to and from McClellan Park, where the Police Academy is located. The result is increased travel time, cost of using the above agency firing ranges, and loss of productivity for employees. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the Police Department to meet mandatory firearms training for new recruits because the Police Department is given low priority in scheduling the CHP and SSD firing ranges. Expanding the firing range would reduce costs associated with travel, rental, and labor costs, and increase productivity for Police Department employees. This will also allow the Department to address the planned increase in police recruits for the immediate future.

**Financial Considerations:** The firing range is being funded by the NCRPSTC JPA as part of the overall NCRPSTC JPA improvement plan. The Police Department is requesting authority to reimburse the NCRPSTC JPA for Phase II of the firing range, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, contingent upon the acceptance of the FY2006/07 COPS Grant funds. Sufficient funding is available in the FY2006/07 COPS Grant. The State of California has allocated \$890,491 in funding to the Police Department through the COPS Program. In another staff report, the Department is requesting approval to accept and use the COPS grant funds to, among other things, upgrade police training facilities.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted by: Jackie Dowden  
Jackie Dowden, Captain

Approved by: Albert Nájera  
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

*for* Ray Kerridge  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Background**

The Sacramento Police Academy is located at the Northern California Regional Public Safety Training College (NCRPSTC) in McClellan Park. The facility is operated under the NCRPSTC Joint Powers Authority (JPA), of which Sacramento Police Department is a contributing member. The NCRPSTC JPA plans to renovate and enlarge an existing, now operative United States Air Force (USAF) firing range in McClellan Park that will give the Sacramento Police Department full-time access to a range facility.

Phase I is now complete. That phase included the renovation and improvement of the existing firing range infrastructure to make it operational. The completion of Phase I enables the Department to conduct quarterly qualification shoots, open range days for skill improvement, team training and officer survival schools. The completion of Phase I made sixteen firing lanes available for use at distances up to 25-yards. This bullet trap is designed to accommodate handgun, shotgun and rifle rounds.

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**REIMBURSEMENT TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING COLLEGE (NCRPSTC) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA) FOR THE POLICE ACADEMY FIRING RANGE**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Northern California Regional Public Safety Training College (NCRPSTC) was established in 2001 at the McClellan Business Park through the NCRPSTC Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that consists of the County of Sacramento, the City of Sacramento, the California Regional Fire and Rescue Training Authority, and the Los Rios Community College District. The Sacramento Police Academy is located at the Northern California Regional Public Safety Training College in McClellan Park.
- B. The NCRPSTC JPA plans to renovate and enlarge an existing, now operative United States Air Force (USAF) firing range in McClellan Park that will give the Sacramento Police Department full-time access to a range facility.
- C. As a member of the NCRPSTC JPA, the Sacramento Police Department will bear a portion of the costs for all NCRPSTC JPA improvements at McClellan Park.
- D. The State of California has allocated \$890,491 in funding to the Police Department through the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program. The Department has requested the City Council accept and authorize use of COPS grant funds to, among other things, upgrade police training facilities.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The Chief of Police is authorized to reimburse the NCRPSTC JPA for Phase II of the McClellan Park firing range, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, contingent upon the acceptance of the FY2006/07 State of California's Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant funding by Council.