



# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001227

**MEETING DATE:** 05/19/2026

**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):** District 5

**SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff-Coroner

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):** Cory Martino, 714-647-1817  
Thomas Graham, 714-935-6966

**SUBJECT:** Renew Amendment Number Three to Helistream Inc. Contract

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

<b>Budgeted:</b> N/A	<b>Current Year Cost:</b> N/A	<b>Annual Cost:</b> FY 2026-27 \$375,178 FY 2027-28 \$34,822
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<b>Staffing Impact:</b> No	<b>Sole Source:</b> No
<b>Current Fiscal Year Revenue:</b> N/A	<b>County Audit in Last 3 years:</b> No
<b>Funding Source:</b> State (Proposition 172): 92%, Other (Contract Cities): 8%	

**Levine Act Review Completed?** Yes

**Prior Board Action:** 4/22/2025 #17, 4/11/2023 #12, 7/19/2022 #9

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment Number Three to the Helistream Inc. contract for helicopter flight instructor services and advanced flight training effective August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, in a not to exceed amount of \$410,000, for a new cumulative amount of \$2,050,000.

**SUMMARY:**

Approval of Amendment Number Three to renew the Helistream Inc. contract will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department to continue to provide needed flight instructor and advanced flight training services to maintain continual training for current helicopter pilots and to train additional helicopter pilots.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Sheriff-Coroner Department (Sheriff), through its Air Support Bureau, provides airborne law enforcement services for the County of Orange (County). In addition to regular patrol functions, the helicopters are used for firefighting support, search and rescue operations in the Cleveland National Forest and off the Pacific Coast and swift water rescues. The Air Support Bureau is also the lead airborne law enforcement resource for the County in support of disaster relief and homeland security, providing airborne support and assistance to areas within Sheriff's jurisdiction, plus other federal, state, county and city entities during mutual aid situations, including transport of emergency personnel and handling official business in support of County goals and objectives. Sheriff's helicopter

pilots participate in joint operations with the Orange County Fire Authority and provide contracted services to the City of Santa Ana. In order to provide these services, the Air Support Bureau helicopter pilots must receive continuous training in order to maintain proficiency and comply with the Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission.

The Board approved this contract with Helistream Inc. (Helistream) on July 19, 2022. That contract states that there will be no price increases during the first year of the contract. The Contractor also agreed that the compensation as specified in the contract was full payment for all services and materials, including reasonably unforeseen difficulties which may arise or be encounter in the execution of the contract. The table below details the contract history with Helistream for flight instructor and advanced flight training:

<u>Board of Supervisors (Board) Approved</u>	<u>Amendment Number or Contract</u>	<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>
7/19/22	Contract	8/1/22 - 7/31/25	\$1.23 million	Board approved a new contract.
4/11/23	One	8/1/22 - 7/31/25	-	Board approved amendment number one to increase pricing and compensation with no increase to the total contract amount.
4/22/25	Two	8/1/25 – 7/31/26	\$410,000	Board approved amendment number two to renew the contract.

Sheriff now requests Board approval of Amendment Number Three to renew the original contract for a one-year term of August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, in the not to exceed amount of \$410,000, for a new cumulative amount of \$2.050 million as noted in the Recommended Action. This contract is renewing for the final year. Prior to the contract expiration, Sheriff will issue an invitation for bid solicitation to continue receiving these services. This contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment B for the Contract Summary Form. An analysis was completed to verify the contract provides County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

Contractor performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. Sheriff has verified that there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this contract renewal.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Appropriations for this contract will be included in the Sheriff-Coroner's FY 2026-27 Budget for Budget Control 060 and will be included in the budgeting process for future years. The contract is contingent upon funding availability. In the event funding is reduced or terminated, the County may renegotiate the level of services and/or terminate the contract, as necessary.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

N/A

**REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Amendment Number Three to Contract MA-060-22011404

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form