6 – LOS PINOS WASTEWATER MITIGATION

- 1. Program Area: Public Protection
- **2. Agencies and Departments involved:** Probation Department and Resources & Development Management Department (RDMD)
- 3. New or previously identified in earlier Strategic Financial Plans, if previously identified what has changed and why: New

4. Description of the project/program – what it is and what it will achieve:

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB) has cited that the discharge in the wastewater treatment system/sewage ponds of Probation's Los Pinos Conservation Camp is in multiple violation of the discharge effluent limits prescribed by SDRWQCB's Order No. 94-46. Per the California Water Code (CWC), these violations are subject to additional enforcement actions by the Regional Board including time schedule orders, cease and desist orders, clean up and abatement orders, referral to the district attorney or attorney general, and administrative civil liability. With regard to the last action, CWC Section 13350 specifies liability amounts can range from \$100 to \$5,000 per day per violation, or up to \$10 per gallon of each gallon of waste discharged.

RDMD has determined that mitigation of the discharge conditions would span two years, requiring the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and the undertaking of pond improvements at the site of the Los Pinos sewage ponds.

- 5. Potential Funding Sources: General Fund
- **6.** Cost estimate and identify separately one-time and ongoing costs: FY 2004-05 budget recommends \$129,000 for project design. Cost of construction, estimated at \$1.2 million, is unfunded.
- 7. Community Awareness (stakeholders): Orange County residents living in the project area
- 8. Personnel will the program/project require additional staffing? If so, estimate number of positions: None
- 9. Mandated or discretionary: Mandated
- **10. Implementation period if funding were available:** Two-year period starting FY 2004-05.