



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Fire Protection District  
**Department No.:** 031  
**For Agenda Of:** June 4, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Fire Protection District: Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief / Fire Warden  
Contact Info: Anthony Stornetta, Deputy Chief of Emergency Operations  
x14202  
**SUBJECT:** **First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Fire Services between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment (Attachment A) to the Agreement to Provide Fire Services between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Attachment B); and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because it consists of government administrative or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is before the Board to approve a First Amendment to the original agreement (Agreement) between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (Fire Department) and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Chumash) for fire suppression services. This First Amendment replaces Exhibit A, Statement of Work, in full, with new language to include the Camp 4 addition to the Chumash Reservation within the areas to be provided fire services under Agreement.

**Background:**

From 2002-2015, the Fire Department and the Chumash operated under an agreement to provide enhanced firefighting services in Santa Barbara County, specifically in the Santa Ynez Valley, through the staffing and funding of a Firefighter/Paramedic post position (three Full Time Equivalents), enabling the Fire Department to staff a fourth Firefighter/Paramedic at Fire Station 32 in Santa Ynez 24 hours/day, seven days/week.

On May 12, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign an Agreement for Fire Protection Services with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, effective July 1, 2015, replacing the 2002 agreement with a new Agreement that would continue the staffing at Station 32 in Santa Ynez and further enhance staffing by adding an additional Firefighter/Paramedic post position (three FTEs) at Fire Station 30 in Solvang, effective April 1, 2016. In addition, the Chumash funded a fully equipped aerial ladder truck which is housed at Station 30. The Agreement term is through June 30, 2034 and, unless terminated by either party, thereafter automatically renews for additional one-year terms.

The 2015 Agreement required both parties to review the agreement should additional lands be annexed into the Reservation. In 2019, the area designated as "Camp 4" was placed into federal trust and became a part of the Santa Ynez Reservation. This First Amendment to the Agreement adds the area designated as "Camp 4" to the Agreement. The Chumash are planning for approximately 140 residences on the 1427.78-acre property.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no anticipated cost increase associated with the annexation of Camp 4 in its current raw land state. Prior to any development occurring within the undeveloped land of Camp 4 the Fire Department and Chumash will meet to determine the operational and financial impacts for the Fire Department to support proposed growth. Both parties understand that changes may result in amendments to the agreement.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None at this time.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) copy of the minute order and one (1) copy of the fully executed Amendment to Courtney Stockton, Fire Department.

**Attachments:**

- A. First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Fire Services between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
- B. 2015 Agreement to provide Fire Services between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

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