



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: April 18, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief / Fire Warden, 805-681-5500
Director:
Contact Info: Rob Heckman, Deputy Chief of Administration, 805-681-5501
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with the State of California for Fire Protection to State Responsibility Area (SRA) Lands

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, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the State of California Standard Agreement Amendment No. 1 (STD 213A) (Attachment A) with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas (SRA) for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 increasing the amount by \$3,321,608 for a revised total not to exceed \$48,930,148; and
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action does not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is the creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This amendment to the State of California Standard Agreement Number 7CA04881 (STD 213) (Attachment B) between the County of Santa Barbara (Fire Department) and CAL FIRE solely increases the amount of the agreement by \$3,321,608 to a total of \$48,930,148. The agreement provides reimbursement to the County for costs associated with fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas (SRA) for a three (3) year period (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023). The agreement provides

for payment by the State to the Fire Department in accordance with the amounts annually set forth in the State's budget each fiscal year. The actual amount of funding received by the Fire Department will exceed the original agreement estimates, primarily due to the inclusion of funding for fire/fuels crew activities, thus requiring an amendment to increase the total amount of the agreement.

Background: CAL FIRE is responsible for fire protection within State Responsibility Areas (SRA). SRA is found in 56 of California's 58 counties and totals more than 31 million acres. In most cases, SRA is protected directly by CAL FIRE. However, in Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties, SRA fire protection is provided by the counties under contract with CAL FIRE. Known as "Contract Counties," they protect 3.4 million acres of SRA, 670,000 of which are in Santa Barbara County.

CAL FIRE provides funding to the six counties for fire prevention activities, pre-suppression force preparedness, and basic initial attack actions to protect SRA in lieu of CAL FIRE having duplicate services/facilities in a Contract County. The agreement also provides for additional funding related to firefighting needs when fires grow beyond initial attack.

Performance Measure:

Contain 95% of all wildland fires to 10 acres or less.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Special Instructions:

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to provide to the Fire Department, attention Courtney Stockton, the following:

- Please rush a digital copy of the minute order and executed agreement to:
cstockton@countyofsb.org
- Two copies of Attachment A with original signatures
- One copy of the minute order

Attachments:

- A. STD 213A Agreement Number 7CA04881-A1
- B. STD 213 Agreement Number 7CA04881

Authored by:

Rob Heckman, Deputy Chief of Administration