

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Approval of Three Additional Firefighters/Paramedics at Fire Station 32 (Santa Ynez)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the personnel resolution effective April 15, 2002, adding three (3 FTEs) firefighter positions (range 552) (\$3,807 - \$4,647) Budget Unit 3710 Fire Station No. 32.
2. Authorize Fire Chief to execute an agreement between the County Fire Department and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians which provides for this increase in staffing.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1.:An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and with Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

(Please see attached Agreement) The Agreement states that the Chumash have agreed to fund a new additional Firefighter position 24 hours a day (one firefighter/paramedic for each shift). This Firefighter/Paramedic will reduce the impact of a growing number of responses to the casino and assist the neighboring community by increasing the ability of the Fire Department's first responders.

The Fire Department recognizes the generosity of the Chumash and their partnership in public safety.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This additional staffing assists in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) minimum staffing standards and will solve the California Occupational Safety and Health Association (Cal/OSHA) requirements of "2-in-2-out." The "2-in/2-out" rule requires a total of four Firefighters on scene before a Firefighter enters a burning structure. This addition will increase service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This action will increase revenues approximately \$300,074 annually. The intent is to cover future actual salary increases. The expenditures of salary will equal the revenues. The cost of these three positions will be offset by revenues received from the Chumash. The County will absorb the costs of training, safety equipment, certification, housing and other costs related to maintaining a post position.

Special Instructions:

Please send certified copy of minute order and three original Agreements to:
Rose Pueschel, Fire Department

Concurrence:

County Administrator/County Counsel/Risk Management/Auditor-Controller

Attachment/Agreement