



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: May 6, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael W. Dyer, Fire Chief, x5507
Director:
Contact Info: Eric Peterson, Deputy Fire Chief, x5501
SUBJECT: 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

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute the State of California Standard Agreement (STD 213) 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, 2014 through June 30, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$27,137,029. A copy of the contract is included as Attachment A.
2. Determine that the execution of this contract is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in compliance with Section 15061 (b), (3), (No possibility of impact on the environment), (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

This agreement between the County of Santa Barbara (Fire Department) and CAL FIRE 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, 2014 through June 30, 2017). 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, not to exceed \$27,137,029 for the entire term of this agreement.

This agreement is again for three years as negotiated and preferred by the Contract Counties and CAL FIRE.

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 contract also provides for additional funding related to firefighting needs when fires grow beyond initial attack.

The previous contract between the Fire Department and CAL FIRE will expire on June 30, 2014. Renewal of this contract will allow continuation of fire protection services to SRA.

Performance Measure:

Suppress 95% of SRA wildland fires at 10 acres or less.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. However, the entire \$27.1 million may not be realized since the actual revenue received during the three-year period covered by this agreement is dependent upon the final amounts allocated in the State's budget for each fiscal year.

Special Instructions:

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

- Five copies of the first page of the STD 213, with original signature
- One copy of the minute order

Attachments:

- A. Contract with four additional copies of the first page of the Contract (for signatures)
- B. CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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