



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: March 20, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Eric L. Peterson, Fire Chief
Director(s)
Contact Info: (805) 681-5507
SUBJECT: Agreement #883301 between the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department

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) Accept an agreement with the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, for the Department of Defense Firefighter Property (FFP) Program (Attachment A);
- b) Approve the resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to sign and execute the agreement (Attachment B) and
- c) Determine that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as it is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2).

Summary Text:

This cooperative agreement between the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department allows Santa Barbara County Fire to participate in the Department of Defense (DoD) FFP Program which supports the County Fire Department's ability to actively engage in the prevention and suppression of fires.

Background:

CAL FIRE's FFP Program is a new program driven to aid and strengthen local, rural, and volunteer fire departments' ability to meet their fire missions and emergency services efforts through the acquisition of excess federal property.

The FFP Program awards excess DoD property to CAL FIRE and its local cooperators for use in firefighting and emergency services. Through the FFP program, CAL FIRE assists state and local fire and emergency service organizations to acquire the property. CAL FIRE works with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service to implement the program. FFP is a competitive but simplified program to acquire excess DoD equipment before it is available to other government agencies through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP). In the FFP program, certain property passes ownership after it has been in use for a specified period in contrast to FEPP where property is only on loan.

FFP must directly support the fire protection program and emergency services. Property could include vehicles and other fixed assets, plus fabricating materials, warehouse equipment, tools, and other items needed to distribute, maintain and prepare the property for fire use or emergency use. Participation in the FFP program is valuable as there is no initial investment needed to attain the equipment.

The FFP program is authorized through a cooperative agreement between CAL FIRE and USDA Forest Service. When CAL FIRE assists a fire department or agency, a separate cooperative agreement is required. The agreement holds the cooperator responsible for federal and state guidelines in the FFP program. General Services has reviewed this program.

In order for the Fire Department to participate in this program, the attached agreement must be signed and a resolution from the Board of Supervisors must be submitted to Cal Fire indicating participation approval.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: As part of the screening process of FFP property available for wildland and structural fire control, the Fire Department will determine and plan for any necessary on-going maintenance or other costs required, prior to requesting and acquiring the property.

Fiscal Analysis:

Local cooperators become directly accountable for FFP's acquisition, inventory, loss or misuse; the current practice of sponsorship, control and accountability of FEPP by CAL FIRE units is no longer necessary nor justified in the new program.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to please return a copy of the minute order and two (2) original resolutions to the Fire Department, attention: Courtney Stockton (805) 681-5552. Upon execution and return from the State, Fire will return one copy of the original resolution to the Clerk.

The date on page 1 of the agreement (Attachment A) will be filled in by the State.

Attachments:

- A. Cooperative Agreement #883301 for the Department of Defense Firefighter Property (FFP) Program
- B. Resolution Authorizing Application for Firefighter Property Program in Accordance with Title 10, United States Code § 2576b

Authored by:

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CC:

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