



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: August 14, 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 805-681-5507
Director(s)
Contact Info: Lynne Dible, CFO 805-681-5506

SUBJECT: **Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Fire Apparatus**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure three (3) Type III fire engines pursuant to County Code § 2-39; and
- b) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(4) that the above fiscal activity is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to purchase three (3) Type III fire engines (also referred to as brush trucks) at approximately \$388,000 each as a sole source procurement from West-Mark.

The recommended action will allow the Fire Department to obtain apparatus that are standardized with the current fleet, resulting in efficiencies with parts, maintenance and operation of the apparatus. The functional controls on the apparatus can be similarly located and provide identical function, thus improving interoperability for firefighters working on any of these units. This improves firefighter safety and efficiency during operation of these vehicles.

Background:

Due to operational safety and efficiency considerations, the Fire Department has been striving to standardize the fleet of vehicles, especially the emergency response vehicles. West-Mark has provided the Type III engines for the department for several years now and they have proven to be reliable. Staff continually evaluate the various vendors and apparatus on the market and have found that West-Mark continues to meet the needs of the Fire Department's wildland fire mission.

The Type III engines are utilized primarily for wildland fire responses as they have a shorter wheel base and higher ground clearance which allows the apparatus to navigate more effectively in the wildland environment.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The three (3) Type III fire engines are part of the County's Vehicle Operations Internal Service Fund and as such, Fire Department funds have been accumulated over a number of years to cover the projected cost of the replacement vehicles. Any shortfall in the amount of funds accumulated over the years for the engines will be covered by a transfer from the Fire Department to the Vehicle Operations Fund.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified copy of the minute order to Lynne Dible, Fire Department and Purchasing.

Attachments:

- A. West-Mark Proposal for Three (3) Type III Model 14 Wildland Fire Engines
- B. West-Mark Specifications #690454-0002

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cc:

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