



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: January 12 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff's Office Bill Brown, Sheriff-Coroner (Ext. 14290)
Contact Info: Hope Vasquez, CFO (Ext. 14299)
SUBJECT: Approve Reimbursement Agreements with Various Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Responders from the Cave Fire Event

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute Reimbursement Agreements with six law enforcement agencies, as listed in Attachment A, totaling \$71,803.64 for the Cave Fire law enforcement aid;
- b. Approve Budget Journal Entry #0007317 (Attachment C), which increases appropriations to fund the Cave Fire Mutual Aid Response; and
- c. Determine that the above actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as it is an administrative government activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The recommended action before the Board provides the Sheriff's Office the authority to reimburse 100% of the Mutual Aid Partner claims. This Budget Journal Entry increases appropriations by \$71,804.

The Sheriff's Office is required to provide security in and around evacuation and disaster areas occurring within the unincorporated areas of the county. Due to the size, scope and duration of the Cave Fire, the Sheriff's Office lacked sufficient resources to effectively provide the necessary levels of security. Therefore, the Sheriff's Office activated and utilized the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid (LEMA) plan and brought in the additional necessary law enforcement resources from both our Operational Area and LEMA Region. In total, seven law enforcement agencies provided resources toward meeting the noted security needs and this resulted in six joint mutual aid claims.

Background:

The Cave Fire began off East Camino Cielo Road at Painted Cave on the afternoon of November 25, 2019. Because of strong winds, the fire quickly grew and advanced toward densely population areas in the cities of Santa Barbara, Goleta and unincorporated areas of the county. Mandatory and voluntary evacuations were ordered. Due to the Cave Fire Emergency, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency which was ratified by the Board of Supervisors as required by California law.

On November 26, 2019, a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to the Cave Fire.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,951.00		\$ 17,951.00
State			
Federal	\$ 53,853.00		\$ 53,853.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 71,804.00	\$ -	\$ 71,804.00

Narrative: Budget Journal Entry BJE-0007317 releases Committed Disaster Recovery funds to pay the mutual aid agencies. The reimbursement will be paid out of the Sheriff’s Office Professional Services, Line Item 7460. FEMA reimburses 75% of the claim. The 25% local match comes out of the general fund.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send a certified minute order to:

- 1) Hope Vasquez, Chief Financial Officer, Sheriff’s Office.

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Mutual Aid Partners
- Attachment B – Seven Memorandum of Agreements
- Attachment C – Budget Journal Entry #0007317

Authored by:

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