

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
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Department Name: Fire
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Scherrei
Fire Chief

STAFF James Harrison, Operations Division Chief x4202
CONTACT: Mark Schmitt, Administrative Division Chief x5533

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Fire Shelters

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure approximately \$34,000 worth of fire shelters from General Services Administration (not a local vendor) without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2-- A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work and Visit

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Pursuant to County Code 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of fire shelters from the General Services Administration (GSA).

The Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council has selected a new design for the next generation of fire shelters. New standards for the fire shelters were developed by the National Interagency Fire Center/ Missoula Technology Center. Fire shelters are required personal protective equipment designed to protect wildland firefighters in the event of a burnover. The redesigned shelters will provide improved resistance to radiant, thermal and convective heat, toxicity and decreased time to deploy. GSA is the sole source nationwide for these fire shelters.

Mandates and Service Levels:

By replacing outdated fire shelters with redesigned ones that utilize current technology, the Fire Department is able to maintain current service levels and maximize the safety of firefighters responding to wildland incidents. Fire shelters are required as per California Code of Regulations (CCR) 3410.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fire District Funds (30%) and Fire Act Grant Funds (70%) will cover this purchase. The Fire District portion has been included in the FY 02/03 adopted budget. A budget revision request will be processed for the Fire Act Grant portion of this purchase.

Special Instructions:

Please route certified copies of the Minute Order to:

Purchasing Agent, John McMillin

Rose Pueschel, County Fire

Curt Warner, County Fire

Concurrence:

County Administrator, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Purchasing Agent