



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: June 5, 2018  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Eric L. Peterson, Fire Chief, x5507  
Director:  
Contact Info: Rob Heckman, Deputy Fire Chief, x5501  
**SUBJECT:** **Agreement with the State of California for fire protection to State Responsibility Area (SRA) Lands**

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**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) Approve and execute the revised 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, 2017 through June 30, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$30,767,424. A copy of the contract is included as Attachment A.
- b) Execute the California Civil Rights Laws Certification (Attachment B).
- c) Authorize the Fire Chief to approve and execute contract changes that solely increase the dollar value of the contract.
- d) 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 C).

**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, 2017 through June 30, 2020). 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 \$30,767,424 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.

On September 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved the original agreement submitted by the State for the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 period at an amount not to exceed \$37,177,304. This amount included CAL FIRE's budgeted contract amount of \$10,255,808 for fiscal year 2017-18 and estimated budget amounts of \$12,819,760 for fiscal year 2018-19 and \$14,101,736 in fiscal year 2019-20. Subsequent to this, the State implemented a new financial system, FISCAL, and this system does not allow for estimated increases in the out years of a multi-year contract. Therefore, the State did not execute the original agreement and has submitted a revised agreement with a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,767,424 which equates to \$10,255,808 for each of the three years.

The actual amount of funding received by the Fire Department will be based on the actual allocation in the State budget each year. Because the actual allocation could exceed the contract amount in any given year, the Fire Department is also requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Chief to approve and execute any contract changes during the three year period that only pertain to an increase in dollars.

**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 expired on June 30, 2017. Renewal of this contract will allow continuation of fire protection services to SRA.

**Performance Measure:**

Contain 95% of all wildland fires to 10 acres or less.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes. However, the entire \$30.8 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 Kari Burks, the following:

- Three copies of the STD 213 for Agreement 7CA03779 with original signatures
- Three copies of the California Civil Rights Laws Certification with original signatures
- One copy of the minute order

**Attachments:**

- A. Three copies of Agreement 7CA03779 (for signatures)
- B. Three copies of California Civil Rights Laws Certification (for signatures)
- C. CEQA Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

Rob Heckman, Deputy Fire Chief