

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 8/20/03  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 9/9/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF CONTACT:** Craig Thomas, Operations Division Chief  
x4202

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Type III Engine (Brush Truck)

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure one Type III, CDF Model 14 Brush Truck under the terms and conditions of a purchase conducted by the California Department of Forestry from "Master Body, Inc." fire apparatus manufacturer.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department needs to purchase a Type III, Model 14 Brush Truck. This engine will be included with the previous order of two engines from "Master Body, Inc.", approved by your Board on February 11, 2003. Santa Barbara County Fire Department is able to include this Type III Wildland Fire Engine purchase with last year's negotiated price, which represents a substantial savings. The Type III CDF Model Wildland Engine will reduce our dependence upon an apparatus not designed for the rigors of wildland firefighting. This model is the same type approved by your Board last year with the final price being no more than \$215,000. The Fire Department will be able to avoid cost increases by comportsing with last year's contract.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of this brush truck will maintain our ability to respond to wildland fires in the county and in aid to mutual agencies as needed. Additionally, this vehicle meets current NFPA Safety Requirements for Wildland Firefighting.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for this unit would be from the existing vehicle depreciation balances Fund in 1900 for the full amount.

**Special Instructions:**

Certified Copy of Minute Order to:  
Rose Pueschel, Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.  
John McMillin, Purchasing Dept.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Risk-Management, General Services, County Administrator