



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire Department
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: November 19, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mark Hartwig, Fire Chief, 805-681-5507
Director(s) Rob Heckman, Deputy Fire Chief, 805-681-5501
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SUBJECT: Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Canine Program Donation,
Acceptance of Non-Cash Donation Greater than \$10,000

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) Authorize the Fire Department to accept a non-cash donation of \$61,500, from Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance, a non-profit organization;
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request #BJE-0006662 (Attachment B); and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are the creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The recommended action by the Board of Supervisors to accept the referenced non-cash donation is in accordance with California Government Code Section 25355, and Policies & Procedures for the

Acceptance of Donations and Gifts to the County. The donation referenced in this Board Letter will provide important resources to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department for disaster rescue efforts.

The donated pickup truck with shell, radio and lights, valued at \$61,500, will be used by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team for the sole transportation of the Live-Scent Disaster Search Canine.

Background:

In May of 2019, the Fire Department submitted a donation request to the Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance for a 2019 Ford 250 pickup truck to support the Live-Scent Disaster Search Canine Program. In September 2019, the donation request was approved.

The Live-Scent Disaster Search Canine Program is an invaluable asset to the Santa Barbara County Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team. No technology can match a dog's nose when it comes to finding survivors buried in the debris of a disaster such as an earthquake, hurricane, mudslide or flood. The canine and its handler will, in a fraction of the time of human efforts, facilitate the location of trapped live victims following a manmade or natural disaster. The canine has proven invaluable in helping search and rescue teams narrow their efforts and subsequently speed up removing entombed victims following disasters. For a survivor buried under rubble, a search dog's nose and training is their best chance of staying alive. When disaster strikes, these dogs and their highly skilled human partners are ready to respond immediately, and make sure everything possible is done to save lives.

This particular Live-Scent Disaster Search Canine Program is not only a resource for the County of Santa Barbara and surrounding agencies, but also the State of California, the United States, and internationally, should the request be made. The donated vehicle will be for the sole use of the Live-Scent Disaster Search Canine Program.

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>
Other: Donation			\$ 61,500.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,500.00

Narrative: The referenced donation is not budgeted and will be an increase in appropriations. The associated Budget Revision is attached. The vehicle donation of \$61,500, will be accounted for as a one-time appropriation of Miscellaneous Revenue-Other Capital Donations.

Attachments:

- A. Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance Support Proposals and Donation Backup
- B. Budget Revision Request #BJE-0006662

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