



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
Agenda Date: May 5, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Garrett Huff, Fire Chief / Fire Warden 
Patrick Byde, Deputy Chief
SUBJECT: **Second Amendment to the Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for Fire Protection Services to State Responsibility Areas (SRA)**

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 authorize the chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the State of California Standard Agreement (STD 213A) between the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas (SRA) for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, increasing the agreement by \$854,842, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$69,873,049; and
- b) 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:

This amendment to the agreement between the County of Santa Barbara (Fire Department) and CAL FIRE solely increases the amount of the agreement by \$854,842 to a total of \$69,873,049. The agreement 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, 2023 through June 30, 2026). 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.

The actual amount of funding received by the Fire Department over the three-year period is anticipated to exceed the original agreement estimates. The first amendment to increase the total amount of the agreement was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 18, 2025 and was based on State estimates at that time. Subsequent to the State’s budget approval in January 2026, the final allocation for this agreement has been determined, resulting in a second amendment to increase the total amount of the agreement.

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, 675,100 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 agreement also provides for additional funding related to firefighting needs when fires grow beyond initial attack.

Performance Measure:

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

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	Total
State	\$21,890,593	\$21,837,459	\$26,144,997	\$69,873,049
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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes.

Special Instructions:

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to provide to the Fire Department, attention Rose Chaparro, the following:

- Two copies of the STD 213A for Agreement 7CA06181 with original signatures
- One copy of the minute order

Attachments:

Attachment A – STD 213A Agreement Number 7CA06181

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