



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: May 12, 2015
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 15 minutes
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Fire Chief Eric L. Peterson
Director:
Contact Info: Fire Chief Eric L. Peterson, (805) 681-5507
SUBJECT: Agreement for Fire Services on Chumash Reservation

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign the attached agreement for fire protection services with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians effective July 1, 2015;
- 2) Authorize the Fire Chief to review the Annual Operating Plan each year, make revisions and updates as appropriate, and to sign the Annual Operating Plan on behalf of Santa Barbara County; and,
- 3) Determine the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061 (b) (3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

Since 2002, the Fire Department and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians have operated under an agreement to provide enhanced firefighting services in Santa Barbara County, and particularly in the Santa Ynez Valley, through the staffing and funding of a Firefighter/Paramedic post position (3 Full Time Equivalents-FTEs). The agreement enabled the Department to staff a fourth Firefighter/Paramedic at Fire Station 32 in Santa Ynez, twenty- four hours a day, seven days a week.

The Fire Department is now proposing to replace the 2002 agreement with a new agreement that will continue the current staffing at Fire Station 32 and further enhance staffing in the Santa Ynez Valley by adding an additional Firefighter/Paramedic post position (3 FTEs) at Fire Station 30 in Solvang, effective April 1, 2016, resulting in a fourth firefighter on-duty every day at Station 30. In addition to the ongoing staffing component, the Chumash will fund, on a one time basis, a fully equipped Aerial Ladder Truck. This new agreement will enhance the Fire Department's fire protection and emergency response capability in the Santa Ynez, Buellton, and Solvang areas, and strengthen the Department's entire firefighting system through the addition of the positions and equipment.

Background:

The existing agreement between the Fire Department and the Chumash was implemented in 2002 and provides for the staffing of one Firefighter/Paramedic post position at Fire Station 32 in Santa Ynez. A post position is equivalent to three fulltime FTE positions plus an additional factor to cover the costs associated with the constant staffing requirement (constant staffing assures that the position is filled regardless of vacations, illness, holidays etc.) This additional post position enabled the Department to staff a fourth firefighter twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week at Fire Station 32 for the past 13 years.

Recognizing the evolving emergency response needs within the Santa Ynez Valley and the age of the existing agreement, the Fire Department and the Chumash propose to establish a new agreement for fire services on and around the existing reservation.

The new agreement continues the current staffing and funding of the fourth firefighter post position (3 FTEs) at Fire Station 32 in Santa Ynez, and provides for the future staffing and funding of a fourth firefighter post position (3 FTEs) at Fire Station 30 in Solvang, effective April 1, 2016. Both of these post positions will be Firefighter/Paramedic positions. The addition of the Firefighter/Paramedic post position at Station 30 enhances the emergency medical services immediately available to the community, since the engine at Station 30 is not currently designated as a paramedic engine.

In addition to the staffing enhancements, the Chumash will provide one-time funding up to \$1.6 million for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck to be stationed in Santa Ynez or Solvang. The new agreement also defines, through an annual operating plan, the emergency response parameters for both the Fire Department and the Chumash.

The new agreement and annual operating plan are similar in structure to agreements and annual operating plans that the Department has with state and federal agencies.

In previous years and in accordance with the previous agreement, the State's Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF) was used to pay for the Firefighter/Paramedic post position at Fire Station 32 to mitigate the impacts of the Casino in the areas surrounding the reservation. SDF funding has steadily declined and has been eliminated in FY 2014-15. Thus this agreement and annual operating plan will ensure vital funding is continued for that position and enhanced for the Firefighter/Paramedic position at Fire Station 30 and purchase of the aerial ladder truck.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: One post position (Station 32 in Santa Ynez) is included in the FY 2014-15 Adopted and FY 2015-16 Requested budgets relative to the existing 2002 agreement.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 510,000.00	\$ 1,162,000.00	\$ 1,600,000.00
Total	\$ 510,000.00	\$ 1,162,000.00	\$ 1,600,000.00

Narrative:

The new agreement will take effect on July 1, 2015 and will cover the one-time cost to purchase a fully equipped aerial ladder truck up to \$1,600,000, plus the ongoing costs of two posts or 6.0 FTE Firefighter/Paramedic positions. The annualized cost for the two post positions is \$1,162,000. However, since the post position at Fire Station 30 in Solvang will not be established until April 1, 2016, the actual staffing costs for FY 15/16 are estimated to be \$726,250.

The budget associated with the existing post position at Fire Station 32 in Santa Ynez is included in both the FY 14/15 Adopted and FY 15/16 Requested budgets. The budget for the second post position (at Fire Station 30 in Solvang) and the purchase of the aerial ladder truck will be included as a final budget adjustment for FY 2015-16.

Staffing Impacts:

Post Positions: 1.0 **FTEs: 3.0**

This contract requires the addition of three positions to the Fire Department operations staffing for the post position at Station 30 in Solvang effective April 1, 2016. These positions will be included as part of a final budget adjustment for FY 2015-16 and will be included in the associated Personnel Resolution for the FY 2015-16 budget. The 3 positions associated with the post at Station 32 are already authorized positions within the Department.

Special Instructions:

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to please return a copy of the minute order and executed agreement to the Fire Department, attention: Courtney Stockton, courtney.stockton@sbcfire.com or (805) 681-5552. Please also send a fully executed copy of the agreement to Diane Sauer, Finance Manager.

Attachments:

Agreement for Fire Services

Authored by:

Eric Peterson, Fire Chief

cc: