



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: July 25, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Eric L. Peterson, Fire Chief 805-681-5507
Director(s)
Contact Info: Lynne Dible, CFO 805-681-5506

SUBJECT: First Amendment to the Guardian Helicopters Inc. Agreement (BC-17-289)

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 consider the following:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Guardian Helicopters Inc. (BC-17-289) (Attachment A), increasing funding for a total contract amount not to exceed \$420,000.00; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request #BJE-0005255 (Attachment B); and
- c) Find that the proposed Agreement is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(2) in that the Agreement involves a continuing administrative or maintenance activity, and CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), in that the Agreement involves an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in the direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Summary Text:

This First Amendment is to increase the amount of the Agreement for a Call-When-Needed (CWN) water-dropping helicopter stationed in the Santa Barbara front country during periods of high fire risk. The Board approved the current contract with Guardian Helicopters Inc. on December 13, 2016 for the period beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$119,279.00.

Due to the use of the Guardian helicopter on the Whittier Fire, the not-to-exceed amount on the contract needs to be increased and a corresponding budget revision is necessary.

Background:

On July 8, 2014, the Board of Supervisors accepted a \$300,000 donation from the Craig and Susan McCaw Foundation to augment wildland firefighting and preparedness. On August 19, 2014 the Board approved the execution of a CWN Contract with Guardian Helicopters Inc. for water-dropping helicopter services through December 1, 2014 utilizing the donated funds. On May 19, 2015, the Board approved and authorized the Chair to re-establish the CWN agreement, under the same terms, conditions and fee schedule for the period of May 19, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Most recently, on December 13, 2016, the Board approved the CWN agreement with a revised fee schedule and period of performance from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$119,279.

The CWN helicopter was requested and stationed at the Santa Barbara Airport during June 2017 and again in early July 2017 due to high fire danger weather patterns. During the July staging, the Whittier fire began and the CWN helicopter was requested and utilized by the Los Padres National Forest in support of the incident. As a result of the use of this valuable asset, the Fire Department is requesting that the not-to-exceed amount on the contract be increased to \$420,000.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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:	\$ 385,000.00		
Total	\$ 385,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: Of the \$300,000 donation, \$32,244 was utilized in FY 2014-15, no funds (\$0) were utilized in FY 2015-16, and \$183,194 was utilized in FY 2016-17. At the beginning of FY 2017-18, \$84,562.50 remained of the original \$300,000 donation.

With the use of Guardian Helicopter on the Whittier Fire, the Fire Department is requesting that the budgeted appropriations for this service be increased by \$300,000 which will be funded by reimbursement revenues from the Whittier Fire and potential future incidents. A budget revision request to increase expenditure and revenue appropriations is attached to this Board Letter.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please provide a signed copy of the First Amendment to the Agreement to Lynne Dible, Fire Department.

Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to the Agreement with Guardian Helicopters Inc. (BC-17-289)
- B. Budget Revision Request BJE-0005255

Authored by:

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cc:

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