



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: April 6, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief/Fire Warden 805-681-5500
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **Renewal of Cooperative Agreement #990013 between the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department**

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) Accept the renewal of Cooperative Agreement #990013 with the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), for the loan of Federal Excess Personal Property (Attachment A); and
- b) Adopt a resolution (Attachment B) authorizing the Fire Chief to execute the agreement; 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.

Summary Text:

This renewal of Cooperative Agreement #990013 between the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department allows the Fire Department to continue to obtain US Forest Service Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) on loan through CAL FIRE to support the Fire Department's ability to actively engage in the prevention and suppression of fires.

Background:

On July 21, 2015, your Board approved Cooperative Agreement #990013 between the State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department for the loan of FEPP. The Agreement is due for renewal every five years. Due to delays at the State level in 2020 as a result of COVID-19, the Agreement is being brought forth for renewal in 2021.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department has participated in the FEPP program for over 45 years. During that time, many critical and valuable pieces of federal equipment have been acquired by the Fire Department, including helicopters, aircraft parts, graders, bulldozers, forklifts, trailers, specialized trucks, miscellaneous equipment etc.

The primary use of the FEPP must be 90% for activities directly related to wildland and rural community fire protection, and proper care, maintenance, security and storage of the property/equipment is required. When the property/equipment is no longer needed by the Fire Department, it is returned to the federal government.

The State, as the approved agent of the US Forest Service for the purpose of administering the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 Rural Fire Protection Program, is allowed to provide for the loan of available FEPP for use by the County. In order for the Fire Department to continue to participate in this program, the renewal agreement must be signed and a resolution from the Board of Supervisors must be submitted to CAL FIRE indicating participation approval.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None related to this action.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Upon Board approval and execution, the Clerk is asked to please return a copy of the minute order and duplicate original resolution to the Fire Department, attention: Courtney Stockton.

Attachments:

- A. Renewal of Cooperative Agreement #990013 for the Loan of Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)
- B. Resolution

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cc:

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