

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT County Fire		(2) MEETING DATE 9/18/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Robert Lewin / 543-4244 Bill Winter / 543-4244	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$50,000 in Fund Center 140 – County Fire to purchase an Advanced Life Support (ALS) defibrillator/monitor and various medical supplies and equipment, and to amend the Fixed Asset List to add an ALS defibrillator/monitor for use at Carrizo Plain Station 42, to be paid for by First Solar, Inc. under the County's temporary service contract to provide ALS level service during construction of the Topaz Solar Farm.				
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION Recommend that the Board approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$50,000 in Fund Center 140 – County Fire and amend the Fixed Asset List to add an Advanced Life Support (ALS) defibrillator/monitor for use at Carrizo Plain Station 42 as part of the temporary ALS service contract with First Solar, Inc..				
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) First Solar, Inc. (service contract reimbursement)		(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$50,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)				
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A				
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A			(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1213021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No		(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 6/19/12	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst				
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 5 –				

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Board approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$50,000 in Fund Center 140 – County Fire and amend the Fixed Asset List to add an Advanced Life Support (ALS) defibrillator/monitor for use at Carrizo Plain Station 42 as part of the temporary ALS service contract with First Solar, Inc.

DISCUSSION

Summary:

On June 19, 2012, your Board approved a contract with First Solar, under which County Fire will provide Advanced Life Saving (ALS) level Emergency Medical Services to California Valley for approximately \$500,000 annually, for three years. All costs incurred under the contract will be reimbursed by First Solar.

On July 1, 2012, County Fire began providing ALS service using a backup ALS defibrillator/monitor and other supplies already on hand. County Fire requests the Board's approval to purchase a dedicated defibrillator/monitor, as well as various medical supplies and equipment, for use at the Carrizo Plain Station 42 in California Valley. Under the contract approved by the Board, these costs will be borne by First Solar. When the new ALS defibrillator/monitor is purchased the one currently in use will be returned to back up status.

Background:

First Solar is the primary construction contractor on the 550 megawatt Topaz Solar Farm project currently underway near California Valley. First Solar's corporate policy requires that Advanced Life Support (ALS) level emergency medical services with a response time of 15 minutes or less be available to its workers during construction. Based on this, First Solar approached County Fire with a request to purchase ALS level of service in the California Valley area during the construction phase of the Topaz project. A contract was signed in June of 2012 and services began on July 1, 2012 at an estimated cost of \$488,268 for the first year.

Under the contract, County Fire now provides ALS level service to the California Valley area and will continue to do so during the three year time period construction is expected to take place. First Solar has agreed to bear the full cost of the increased level of service, including three new paramedic positions, the upgrading of one existing position from EMT to paramedic, and any additional equipment needs, as well as overhead and other operating costs.

The increased level of emergency medical response is available to all residents served by Carrizo Plain Station 42 in

California Valley. Services are accessed through the 911 telephone system, as before, and First Solar receives no priority or exclusive right to service above any other resident in California Valley.

The ALS level service is being provided by County Fire on a temporary basis. At the end of construction ALS level service will cease and the level of service provided by the Carrizo Plain Station 42 will return to the Basic Life Saving (BLS) level, as it was before the agreement with First Solar.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Auditor-Controller's office has reviewed and approved the Budget Adjustment Request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

With Board approval, County will purchase an ALS defibrillator/monitor, in the amount of \$32,300, as well as various other supplies and medical equipment, in the amount of \$17,700, needed to support the increase to ALS level service. These purchases will have no impact on the General Fund. All costs incurred under the contract, including the purchase of the new defibrillator/monitor, will be borne by First Solar. In addition, no part of the cost of the services provided under the contract will be paid for by, or deducted from, the sales tax revenue First Solar has agreed to provide to the County as part of this project.

RESULTS

Emergency medical services provided during the period of the contract with First Solar are at a higher level than what is currently provided in the California Valley area and are available to all residents at no additional cost to the County. Board approval of this request will enable County Fire to purchase a dedicated ALS defibrillator/monitor and various other supplies and medical equipment needed to support the increase to ALS level service in California Valley. The cost for these items will be borne by First Solar. The defibrillator/monitor currently in use will be returned to back up status. These results will contribute to the County's Vision of a Healthy, Safe and Well-Governed Community.