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| 1) DEPARTMENT County Fire | | 2) MEETING DATE 1/23/2018 | | 3) CONTACT/PHONE Scott M. Jalbert (805) 543-4244 Suzi Cain (805) 543-4244 | |
| 4) SUBJECT Request to approve FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21 renewal agreement for cooperative fire protection services with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$82,227,069. All Districts. | | | | | |
| 5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chair to sign the FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21 agreement for cooperative fire protection services with the California Department of Forestry and Fire protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$82,227,069. | | | | | |
| 6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) General Fund Support 17-18 \$16,175,648 Revenue Offset 17-18 \$3,611,680 | | 7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT 17-18 \$19,787,328 | | 8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT 18-19 \$20,321,777 19-20 \$20,840,618 20-21 \$21,277,346 | |
| 9) BUDGETED? Yes | | | | | |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | | | |
| 12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A | | | | 13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| 14) LOCATION MAP N/A | | 15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | | 16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date <u>07/26/16</u> | |
| 17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa Howe | | | | | |
| 18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts | | | | | |



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Fire / Scott M. Jalbert (805) 543-4244
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DATE: 7/18/2017

SUBJECT: Request to approve FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21 renewal agreement for cooperative fire protection services with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$82,227,069. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chair to sign the FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21 agreement for cooperative fire protection services with the California Department of Forestry and Fire protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$82,227,069.

DISCUSSION

CAL FIRE has provided fire protection and related services to the County of San Luis Obispo through a series of annual agreements since 1930. The services provided include emergency medical response, structural and vehicle fire suppression, hazardous materials spill mitigation, aircraft rescue and firefighting, and technical and confined space rescue. Sections 4142 and 4144 of the California Public Resources Code authorize this agreement between the State and the County.

Currently, the County Fire Department operates out of 16 fire stations providing service to an area of over 3,200 square miles. These fire stations include ten County-owned facilities and six State-owned facilities. Fourteen of the stations are staffed seven-days-per-week with full-time staff. Morro-Toro Station 14 and Oak Shores Station 34 remain volunteer stations, with Paid Call Firefighters (PCFs) responding to incidents, supported by full-time staff from other stations. Three stations (Cambria Station 10, San Luis Obispo Station 12, and Shandon Station 51) are staffed under what is known as an Amador Plan, where the State pays staffing costs during fire season and the County pays staffing costs during non-fire season.

Your Board is requested to approve a four year contract for Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2020-21 in the amount of \$82,227,069. The following reflects the amount of the contract and the increase over the next four years:

- FY 17-18 \$19,787,328 (10.32% increase from FY 16-17)
- FY 18-19 \$20,321,777 (2.70% increase from FY 17-18)
- FY 19-20 \$20,840,618 (2.55% increase from FY 18-19)
- FY 20-21 \$21,277,346 (2.10% increase from FY 19-20)

The increase in the contract is primarily due to increases to CAL FIRE's benefit rates and to salaries resulting from collective bargaining agreements recently ratified. Firefighter-I salaries increased last year due to the statewide minimum wage increase. Although the contract does not include any Firefighter-I positions, salary increases were negotiated at the state level for other firefighting classifications to alleviate compaction between salary levels.

The addition of a Division Chief was approved by County Administration. This position will provide additional supervision to County Fire Department operations. The new Division Chief will work closely with our cooperators under contract with the County, the State Fire Marshall on inspections throughout the County and actively engage in emergency planning with Diablo Canyon. The additional support will also provide our Deputy Chief more time to focus on the supervision of all County activities. CAL FIRE has permanently extended fire season to a seven month period, which will result in savings of \$210,805 to the County. The Amador savings with additional savings of \$106,807 from our Paid Call Firefighters budget will offset the cost of this new position. As a result there will be no increase to general fund support for this position in our FY 17-18 budget.

This contract is the product of ongoing cooperative fire protection and emergency response efforts between the County, the State, and numerous other emergency response agencies. It builds on the strengths of each agency, and effectively leverages the County's investment in protecting the lives and property of County residents and visitors, with the capabilities and resources of those agencies.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT **IMPACT**

The attached agreement has been reviewed by County Counsel and County Risk Management.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2017-18 through FY 2020-21 agreement for cooperative fire protection services is in the amount of \$82,277,069. \$19,167,735 of this amount is included in the FY 2017-18 adopted budget. Of the total for FY 17-18, \$3,611,680 is offset with revenue from existing cooperative fire protection service agreements. The remaining \$16,175,648 is funded by the County General Fund, grant proceeds, Prop 172 Sales Tax revenues, fees and other revenue sources.

This contract comprises approximately 84% of County Fire's FY 2017-18 budgeted expenditures. In addition, other non-contract expenditures include training, equipment, stipends for paid-call-firefighters, facility rent, maintenance and utilities, insurance and countywide overhead, make up the entire county fire budget totaling \$22,865,534.

RESULTS

This cooperative agreement between the County and CAL FIRE provides for the continued efficient and cost-effective delivery of fire and emergency services, and allows the Department to continue its efforts to meet performance measures included in the County Budget. It is an essential part of the department's efforts to provide a safe community, a healthy community and a well-governed community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CAL FIRE FY 2017-18 through 2020-21 contract