

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
 ___/___/___ ___/___/___
Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Department of Emergency Services

(X) 4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
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Board Date:
11/10/09

Deadline for Board Action:
11/10/09

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Approval of Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and budgetary adjustment

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Approve grant and execute agreement with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program award.

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 final budget for the Emergency Services Department.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source: VFAP Award)

Other Avail Approp \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

0 Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s): Board approved similar contracts, Resolutions 05-0784, 04-0895 and 04-0896.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval: An opportunity would be missed to bring resources into the County to serve the citizens of CSA #40.

Background:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) has a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program for local volunteer fire departments. The main purpose of the grant program is to provide matching funds to volunteer fire departments for the purchases of fire equipment to enhance their fire suppression abilities and to provide greater safety for the volunteers who serve them.

The Department of Emergency Services, County Fire CSA#40 has applied for, and has been approved to receive, matching funds from CalFire's Volunteer Fire Assistance Program. County Fire's primary goal is to fully outfit each of the fourteen all-volunteer fire departments within County Fire CSA #40 with sufficient fire tools to meet current NFPA and OSHA standards. In particular, the department's grant request is for the purchase of wildland fire equipment, including wildland firefighting hand tools, axes, wildland shovels, weather kits, and wildland backpack pumps, which are basic and critical wildland firefighting tools when providing fire suppression responses.

The total cost of the project is \$11,042.00. The grant funding will provide 50% of the project cost (\$5,521.00). The County Fire CSA #40 portion of the project (\$5,521.00) will come from the funding provided to the volunteer fire companies appropriated in the FY 09/10 budget.

This items requests that your Board approve the receipt of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program grant and execute the agreement with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and authorize budgetary adjustments to the 2009-2010 final budget for the Emergency Services Department.

Attachments:

Resolution approving the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Contract #7FG90015.
Budgetary Adjustment Resolution

On File With Clerk: 6 copies of Agreement

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: