COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063-3294
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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

May 2, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE THE ATTACHED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S DESIGNATION FOR BUDGETARY UNCERTAINTIES TO THE FIRE DISTRICT'S SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU BUDGET UNIT (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment to transfer $26 million from the District's Designation for Budgetary Uncertainties to the Fire District's Special Operations Bureau Budget Unit Services and Supplies Appropriation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of the recommended action is to transfer $26 million from the Fire District's Designation for Budgetary Uncertainties to the Fire District's Special Operations Bureau Budget Unit to begin replacement of the Fire District's voice and data emergency communications systems as approved by your Board on April 19, 2005 as part of the Fire District's Spending Plan for major expenditures.

Background:

We are planning to utilize this $26 million to fund the replacement of emergency communications systems equipment including handheld radios, mobile radios, and fix infrastructure equipment necessary to maintain efficient operations during transition to the Fire/Sheriff radio system and/or regional communications system.

This will provide the Fire District with the capability to safely maintain operations utilizing the current legacy system (wideband analog technology) and the ability to transition to a future FCC compliant system (narrowband digital, P25 technology).

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

Approval of the recommended action supports the County's Strategic *Goal #4 for Fiscal Responsibility and Goal* #8 for *Public Safety*, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County through the comprehensive integration of public safety information systems in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

With your Board's approval of the enclosed Appropriation Adjustment, sufficient funding will be available in the Fire District's Special Operations Bureau Budget Unit Services and Supplies appropriation for the replacement of emergency communications systems equipment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Chief Administrative Office and Auditor Controller have reviewed the recommended action.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of the recommended action will ensure the District's firefighter personnel are supported by safe and effective wireless emergency communications to provide essential levels of public safety service to the residents of Los Angeles County. The action will expand

the District's interoperability communication capabilities and provide necessary voice equipment to maintain operations transitional to the Fire/Sheriff Project and regional communications system.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
   Executive Office
   1320 North Eastern Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90063
   Attention: P. Michael Freeman, Fire Chief

2. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
   Financial Management Division
   5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 130
   Commerce, CA 90040
   Attention: Helen Jo, Chief, Financial Management Division

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Enclosure

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. 390-02

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

March 2, 2006

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.
THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

4-VOTE
Fiscal Year 2005-06

SOURCES:

Fire Department
Financing Elements
Designation for Budgetary Uncertainty
DA1-FR-40109-3047
$ 26,000,000

USES:

Fire Department
Special Operations
Services & Supplies
DA1-FR-40041-2000
$ 26,000,000

This Budget Adjustment is necessary to begin the first phase of funding for replacement of the Fire District's voice and data emergency communications systems.

Theresa L Barrera

Theresa Barrera, Assistant Chief, FMD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR— ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY Barbara Harshaw

No. 286 MARCH 9 2006

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓ AS REVISED

March 13 2006 [signature] for DEJ

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED): 19
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

SEND 6 COPIES TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER