

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As we informed your Honorable Board on October 27, 2008, the Fire District's lease with the two CL-415 SuperScoopers expires on November 30, 2008 and the Erickson Air-Crane Helitanker lease expires on December 15, 2008. Due to the continuing and anticipated dry wildland fuel and weather conditions, the Fire District extended the contract aircraft leases through January 31, 2009. As was seen with the recent fires, these resources are an integral part of the Fire District's firefighting efforts.

This extension, and in anticipation of additional fuel and flight hour usage through January 31, 2009, will result in an additional \$2 million in costs. Although we intend on extending the leases until January 31, 2009, we will continue to monitor the fuel and weather conditions, and will keep your Board apprised of the possibility of releasing the aircraft prior to January 31, 2009.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Service Excellence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The current Board approved spending authority for the Fire District's Contract Aircraft Program is \$9.5 million. The Fire District's 2008-09 Budget includes \$5.8 million for the Contract Air Program. Based on the recent fires' flight usage, we anticipate that the total costs for the lease extension through January 31, 2009, including daily rate, flight hour and fuel costs, will require an additional \$2 million. With your Board's approval of the attached appropriation adjustment, sufficient appropriation will be available to cover the anticipated cost increases for both lease extensions. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The current spending authority of \$9.5 million for the Fire District's Contract Air Program, which includes contract aircraft leases for the two CL-415 SuperScoopers and the Erickson Air-Crane Helitanker, was approved by your Board on December 18, 2007.

The existing SuperScoop Service Agreement is for a five-year term and was renewed by your Board on November 15, 2005. The lease is renewed annually on an as-needed basis, with provisions to extend or terminate the lease with fifteen (15) days written notice. The existing lease term for the dedicated Helitanker can also be amended based on the fire weather conditions and/or fire activity upon five (5) days written notice.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

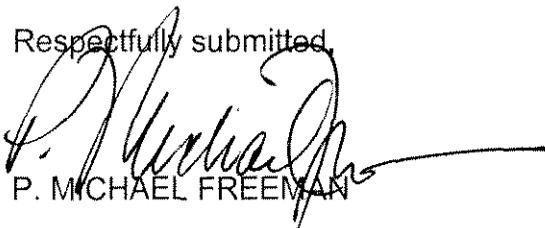
Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Fire District to continue our efforts to provide fire suppression services to residents of Los Angeles County.

CONCLUSION

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

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
1320 N. Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Materials Management Division
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attn: James Ealey, Division Chief
3. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Financial Management Division
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 130
Commerce, CA 90040
Attn: Theresa Barrera, Division Chief
4. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attn: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,



P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachment

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

DEPT'S. No. 390-09

October 28, 2008

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 2008-09

SOURCES:

Fire Department
Financing Elements
Designation for Budget Uncertainties
DAL-FR-3047
\$ 2,000,000

USES:

Fire Department
Operations
Services & Supplies
DAL-FR-2000-40100-40215
\$ 2,000,000

Summary Total:

Sources:
\$ 2,000,000

Uses:
\$ 2,000,000

The Appropriation Adjustment is necessary to fund the extension of the Helitanker and SuperScooper lease agreements.

Theresa R. Barrera

Theresa R. Barrera, Chief, FMD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR	ACTION	APPROVED AS REQUESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS REVISED
	RECOMMENDATION	November 3, 2008	<i>Greg White</i> CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER	BY <i>Karen Shikuna</i>	APPROVED (AS REVISED):	19
No. 059	Oct 31, 2008	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	
		BY	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK