



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE AN INCREASE TO THE CONTRACT SUM FOR CONTRACT NO. 77594 WITH  
CENTRE DE SERVICES PARTAGES DU QUEBEC  
FOR THE LEASE OF CL-415 SUPERSCOOPERS  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting your Honorable Board approval to increase the contract sum for the current contract year for Contract No. 77594 with Centre De Services Partages Du Quebec (CSPQ) for the lease of CL-415 SuperScoopers.

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

1. Approve an increase in the contract sum for the District's CL-415 SuperScooper lease with CSPQ from \$5.5 million to \$7.5 million for the current contract year to extend the deployment of these fire suppression aircraft.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is for your Board to approve an increase to the current contract sum with CSPQ for the lease of CL-415 SuperScoopers from \$5.5 million to \$7.5 million for the current contract year to provide for anticipated expenditures in extending the lease agreement. As we informed your Board on December 15, 2015, the District extended the lease of the initial two CL-415 SuperScoopers, Quebec 1 and Quebec 2 for an additional 15 to 30 days. The second set of CL-415 SuperScoopers, Quebec 3 and Quebec 4, met their 60-day initial commitment on December

6, 2015, and were released.

Despite recently receiving sporadic rainfall throughout the County, live fuel conditions remain at critical levels. Additionally, as the threat of serious wildland fire activity continues to exist and the forecast for significant rainfall remains uncertain, release of the remaining SuperScoopers is not supported. Ultimately, if the threats mentioned above continue beyond the current maximum commitment of thirty days, and environmental conditions necessitate extending the lease, the District will need to extend the lease beyond January 15, 2016.

If it is necessary to extend the lease beyond January 15, 2016, the District's current \$5.5 million annual contract sum will need to be increased to the proposed \$7.5 million. The \$2 million dollar increase ensures the maximum window of extension (75 days) is payable within the District's maximum contract sum. The District will continue to monitor and evaluate weather patterns, precipitation and live fuel moisture levels and will keep your Board apprised of the possibility of releasing the aircraft early.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of this recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. The continuation of the CL-415 SuperScoopers lease will aid the District in its efforts to ensure the safety and security of individuals, families, business and communities through wildland fire suppression activities.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total cost for the term of the contract with the proposed \$2 million dollar increase will be as follows:

Contract Year 1:	\$2.75	million
Contract Year 2:	\$2.75	million
Contract Year 3:	\$5	million
Contract Year 4:	\$5	million
Contract Year 5:	\$7.5	million
Total Contract Sum:	\$23	million

The District's 2015-16 budget includes sufficient funding for the CL-415 SuperScoopers. Funding required for continuing this lease will be budgeted annually. There is no impact to net County cost.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On November 18, 2014, your Board approved an increase in the contract sum for the District's CL-415 SuperScooper lease with CSPQ from \$2.75 million to \$5 million for each of the remaining contract years. Your Board also approved delegated authority to the Fire Chief to increase the contract sum not to exceed 10% of the annual contract sum for each of the remaining contract years for any additional or unforeseen services within the scope of this contract. The District exercised its delegated authority to increase the contract sum by 10%, bringing the annual contract sum to \$5.5 million. Approval of the recommended increase in the contract sum will allow the District to expend a total of \$7.5 million for the lease agreement for the current year, if necessary.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The current sole source agreement with CSPQ for the lease of the CL-415 SuperScoopers was approved by your Board on July 19, 2011, for a term of five years, from July 19, 2011 through July 18, 2016.

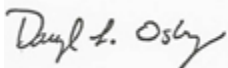
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no significant impact on current services as there will be no displacement of County employees. The lease of the CL-415 SuperScoopers is currently contracted with CSPQ; therefore, the contract will not result in a reduction of services. Approval of the recommended action will enable the Fire District to continue our efforts to provide fire protection and life safety services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Board, the District requests the Executive Officer of the Board notify the District's Contract Administrator, Lucy Guadiana, at (323) 838-2275 or via email at [lucy.guadiana@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:lucy.guadiana@fire.lacounty.gov), when the adopted Board letter becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,



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