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November 09, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 November 9, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF
TWO (2) QUINT-TYPE AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS AND TWELVE (12) PUMPER-TYPE FIRE
APPARATUS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to authorize the acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus and twelve (12) pumper-type fire apparatus. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus costs approximately \$880,000 and a pumper-type fire apparatus costs approximately \$375,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

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

1. Approve the District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the tag-on acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus from KME Fire Apparatus, Purchase Order # PO-FR-10321639-1.
2. Approve the District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the tag-on acquisition of twelve (12) pumper-type fire apparatus from KME Fire Apparatus, Purchase Order # PO-FR-10321455-1.

3. Find that these purchases are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(B) (3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District has a 20 year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and 5 years of reserve service. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus provides the ability to perform as both a fire suppression pumper and aerial ladder truck. A pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities. Acquiring these apparatus will allow us to maintain our current apparatus replacement schedule.

In FY 2009-2010 your Board approved the solicitation and purchase of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus and fifteen (15) pumper-type fire apparatus. RFB-IS-10200311 and RFB-IS-10200123 were awarded to KME Fire Apparatus who has agreed to extend the pricing for these purchases of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus and twelve (12) pumper-type fire apparatus, at a rate less than the original purchase orders provided the District supplies the diesel engines.

The District has purchased fourteen (14) 2009 Environmental Protection Agency compliant diesel engines through a competitive solicitation in order to ensure availability to the District. Use of the 2009 engines allows the District to have these apparatus constructed to current specifications and not increase the size of the fire apparatus due to 2010 emissions components.

The new apparatus will have enclosed cabs, improved fire fighter safety features, cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs and higher efficiency, lower emission diesel engines, allowing us to continue providing prompt, skillful and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, by adhering to the District's Financial Plan remaining within budget, preserving emergency services and minimizing reliance on one-time funds and Goal #5, Public Safety, for changes in service delivery aimed at generating additional cost-reducing efficiencies while preserving emergency response times and basic departmental public services to the people of Los Angeles County.

Strategic Asset Management Principles Compliance

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is approximately \$1,760,000. The total estimated cost of the twelve pumper-type fire apparatus is approximately \$4,500,000. The District's 2010-11 fiscal year budget includes sufficient funding for these purchases.

The maintenance of the apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The nature of fire fighting and National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically, and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than those they are replacing.

County Code, Section 2.81.950, C, provides that the Purchasing Agent may award on the basis of a prior bid or last price. KME Fire Apparatus has agreed to extend the prior bid price per unit for the apparatus, at the same terms and conditions of the previous acquisitions with the exception that a credit will be provided to the District for the diesel engines that will be provided by the District. ISD has approved use of the prior bids (RFB-IS-10200311 and RFB-IS-10200123) for these purchases.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of both types of apparatus is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as it will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The new apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
Business Operations

Chief Deputy Daryl L. Osby
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping initial "P" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

PMF:cw

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County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
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