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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012


PATRICK OZAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) FLOATING LIFEGUARD STATION (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting authorization for the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of one (1) floating lifeguard station with an estimated cost of \$900,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Honorable Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

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

1. Authorize the Director of ISD, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of one (1) floating lifeguard station with an estimated cost of \$900,000.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District's Lifeguard Division currently has four (4) 24-hour rescue boat operations: Marina del Rey, Avalon, Isthmus, and Port of Los Angeles, which were non-existent 30 years ago to cover 72 miles of coastline, mid-channel, and Catalina Island. The District's lifeguards are the vital link in the marine environment adjacent to the entire Los Angeles County coastline due in part to a limited number of other agencies and resources to cover 72 miles of coastline and Catalina Island.

After reassessing the condition of the 47' house boat used as the 24-hour boat station and its failing infrastructure, it became apparent the 14 year-old house boat, built in 2001, has exceeded its useful life. The District determined it was more cost-effective to replace the existing 24-hour boat station with a new larger floating lifeguard station, instead of carrying out extensive renovations. The larger station will have a footprint of 900 square feet, to provide gender equity living quarters and office space to 24-hour and 10-hour rescue boat crews out of Marina del Rey.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, by maximizing the effectiveness of the strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal #3, Integrated Services Delivery, by maximizing opportunities to improve client and community outcomes and to support emergency public safety services along the Los Angeles County coastline.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is sufficient funding available in the District's Fiscal Year 2015-16 Final Adopted Budget.

Maintenance costs will be funded in the District's existing budget.

Net County cost will be approximately 70 percent of the total purchase, and is already identified in the 2015-16 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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 the floating lifeguard station is exempt from the CEQA as it will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

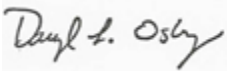
The new floating lifeguard station will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost-effective manner.

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 – Emergency Operations
Acting Chief Deputy David R. Richardson Jr.
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Respectfully submitted,



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