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April 23, 2024

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

52 April 23, 2024

JEFF LEVINSON INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TEN PUMPER APPARATUS, NINE PARAMEDIC RESCUE SQUAD BODIES, AND AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting the Board of Supervisors (Board) approval for the acquisition of 10 Type 1 Pumpers at an approximate cost of \$1,089,000 each, and nine Paramedic Rescue Squad Bodies at an approximate cost of \$147,000 each, for a combined total of \$12,213,000.

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

- 1. Approve the District's request to authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of capital asset items in excess of \$250,000, which consists of 10 Type 1 Pumpers.
- 2. Approve the District's request and authorize ISD, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of nine Paramedic Rescue Squad Bodies.
- 3. Approve the Appropriation Adjustment (Enclosure A) to transfer \$2,325,000 from the Fire Department Developer Fee Fund to the Fire Department Vehicle Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) Fund for the purchase of two Type 1 Pumpers and one Paramedic Rescue Squad Body.
- 4. Find that these purchases are exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends a 20-year replacement plan for pumpers, consisting of a 15-year front-line service and five years of reserve service; and a 10-year replacement plan for paramedic rescue squads. Because of financial challenges, the District has transitioned to a 25-year service life for pumpers consisting of a 20-years front-line service and five years of reserve service. Pumper apparatus provide structural and wildland fire suppression, and emergency medical response capabilities. Paramedic rescue squad apparatus provide fire protection and emergency medical response capabilities. Acquiring these apparatus will allow the District to comply with NFPA standards. Deliveries are expected to begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. I, Strategy 1.2: Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, by delivering comprehensive and seamless services to those seeking assistance from the County; and Goal No. III, Strategy III.3: Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by continually assessing our efficiency and effectiveness, maximizing, and leveraging resources, and holding ourselves accountable.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District, as a Special District, is funded independently from the County's General Fund, and relies primarily on property tax revenue to provide essential fire protection and emergency medical services.

Eight Type 1 Pumpers and eight Paramedic Rescue Squad Bodies will be funded by the District. Sufficient funding is available in the District's FY 2023-2024 Vehicle ACO Fund's Final Adopted Budget to cover the estimated cost of \$9,888,000.

Two Type 1 Pumpers and one Paramedic Rescue Squad Body will be funded by Developer Fee Revenue generated in Area #2 – Santa Clarita Valley. This revenue is allocated for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of fire stations within the Santa Clarita Valley. Approval of the Appropriation Adjustment will transfer \$2,325,000 from the Fire Department – Development Fee Area #2 ACO Fund to the Fire Department Vehicle ACO Fund to fully fund the purchase of two engines and one Paramedic Rescue Squad Body.

There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, the 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 County's Purchasing Agent.

Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.81.950(C), provides that the County's Purchasing Agent may award on the basis of a prior bid or last price if the conditions of purchase are similar.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisitions are exempt from the CEQA as they will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061 (b)(3) of the State of California 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 apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safe, more efficient, and cost-effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to return the adopted stamped Board Letter to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office, Business Operations
Attention: Marissa Martin Jensen, Administrative Services Manager II
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Marissa.MartinJensen@fire.lacounty.gov

The District's contact may be reached at (323) 881-6173.

Internal Services Department Purchasing & Contracts Service Attention: Gerald Plummer, Division Manager 1100 North Eastern Avenue, Suite 102 Los Angeles, CA 90063 GPlummer@isd.lacounty.gov The Honorable Board of Supervisors 4/23/2024 Page 4

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY C. MARRONE

FIRE CHIEF

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County Counsel Internal Services Department BA FORM 11162021

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March 01, 2024

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