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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

February 18, 2025

31 February 18, 2025

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

EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

## REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF MISSION EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS AND FINAL OUTFITTING FOR ONE BELL 412 EPX HELICOPTER (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

### SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval for the acquisition of mission equipment systems, final outfitting, and configuration for the recently approved purchase of one Bell 412 EPX helicopter at a cost not to exceed \$4 million, including sales tax.

The District also requests Board approval of an appropriation adjustment to transfer \$4 million from the District's Helicopter Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) Fund – Committed for Program Expansion to the District's Helicopter ACO Fund Capital Asset – Equipment appropriation for this purchase.

### 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 and authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of mission equipment systems, final outfitting, and configuration of one Bell 412 EPX helicopter, system publications, and associated pilot and mechanical training, for a total acquisition cost not to exceed \$4 million, including sales tax.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

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ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
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LA PUENTE  
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LAWNDALE  
LOMITA  
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WHITTIER

2. Approve a Fiscal Year 2024-25 Appropriation Adjustment to transfer \$4 million from the District's Helicopter ACO Fund – Committed for Program Expansion to the District's Helicopter ACO Fund Capital Assets – Equipment appropriation for the acquisition of mission equipment systems, final outfitting, and configuration for one Bell 412 EPX.
3. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, and ISD to complete and execute all necessary purchasing documents related to the acquisition of mission equipment systems, associated change orders and pre-payments for the outfitting and configuration.
4. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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

On November 6, 2024, your Board approved the acquisition of one Bell 412 EPX helicopter, which allowed the District to enhance its fleet of multi-mission firefighting aircraft. Approval of the recommended actions will allow for the District's upcoming receipt of the Bell 412 EPX helicopter to be equipped with mission equipment systems and final outfitting for multi-mission aerial readiness. Furthermore, the recommended actions will enhance the District's helicopter fleet to meet the ever-increasing emergency response challenges associated with protecting lives and property.

The mission equipment systems and final outfitting will consist of aerial firefighting modules, multi-mission emergency medical interior systems, night sun high intensity search light, cockpit/cabin controller integration with flight management systems, communications, and avionics systems installation and integration, and associated pilot and mechanical training.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 3.G. Internal Controls and Processes, by continually maximizing revenue, managing, and maximizing County assets, measuring impact and effectiveness of our collective efforts, and enhancing the County's fiscal strength through long-term planning.

### **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 life safety services.

Sufficient funding is available in the District's Helicopter ACO Fund FY 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget for this purchase and approval of the appropriation adjustment will transfer \$4 million from the Fire Department Helicopter ACO Fund - Committed for Program Expansion to the Fire Department Helicopter ACO Fund Capital Assets - Equipment appropriation to fully fund the acquisition mission equipment and final outfitting. District funds were accumulated in the Helicopter ACO Fund's reserves over multiple fiscal years to facilitate helicopter replacement.

There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The agreement's standard terms and conditions will be negotiated by the County Purchasing Agent with assistance from the Chief Executive Office Risk Management Division and County Counsel.

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The acquisitions are exempt from the CEQA as it 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)**

Once fully equipped and converted, the new helicopter will enhance the District's fleet of multi-mission aerial firefighting helicopters. The new aircraft will provide upgraded operational capabilities to meet current and anticipated future mission requirements.

### **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  
Attention: Amy Lozano, Executive Assistant  
1320 North Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90063  
Amy.Lozano@fire.lacounty.gov

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony C. Marrone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

ANTHONY C. MARRONE, FIRE CHIEF

ACM:rg

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

January 10, 2025

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**

**FY 2024-25**

**4 - VOTES**

SOURCES		USES	
FIRE DEPARTMENT HELICOPTER A.C.O. FUND BR5-3017 COMMITTED FOR PROGRAM EXPANSION		FIRE DEPARTMENT HELICOPTER A.C.O. FUND BR5-FR-6030-40730 CAPITAL ASSETS - EQUIPMENT	
<b>DECREASE OBLIGATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>
<b>SOURCES TOTAL</b>		<b>USES TOTAL</b>	
	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>		<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>

**JUSTIFICATION**

The budget adjustment reflects the use of obligated fund balance Committed for Program Expansion from the Fire Department Helicopter Accumulated Capital Outlay (A.C.O.) Fund to Capital Assets - Equipment. This approval will allow for the District's newly acquired Bell 412 EPX helicopter to be equipped with mission equipment systems and final outfitting for multi-mission aerial readiness.

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## Jessica Lindsey

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- FMD, email=Jessica.Lindsey@fire.lacounty.gov, c=US  
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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

Jessica Lindsey, ASM III

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)



EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION  
**Andrea**

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Andrea Turner  
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BY **Turner**

DATE **1/10/25**

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Brian  
Hoffman**

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