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November 10, 2026

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:

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR RECIPROCAL USE OF AIRCRAFT RESOURCES (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to enter into a reimbursement agreement (Agreement) with the City of Los Angeles (City) for reciprocal use of aircraft resources on a reimbursable basis.

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

1. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute the Agreement, in substantially similar form as enclosed, between the District and City for reciprocal use of aircraft resources on a reimbursable basis.

2. Delegate authority to the Fire Chief, or his designee, to execute all future amendments, suspensions, terminations with advance Board notification, modifications, extensions, and augmentations relative to the Agreement, as necessary, approved as to form by County Counsel.

3. Delegate authority to the Fire Chief, or his designee, to enter into similar agreements with other agencies or entities involving reciprocal aircraft resource use and reimbursement needs, provided that such agreements are reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

4. Find the aforementioned actions as exempt from the provision of the California Environmental

Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District and the City each maintain specialized aircraft resources used to support wildfire suppression, search and rescue, emergency medical response, reconnaissance, and related life safety operations.

Due to the regional nature of emergency incidents, aircraft resources may be requested by neighboring agencies when operationally necessary. Approval of the proposed Agreement will establish reimbursement procedures when either Party requests aircraft resources from the other Party. This agreement also facilitates the continuance of the District's relationship with the City.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 3, Focus Area Goal A, Strategies i: Customer Service: Support departmental efforts to improve customer service and to enhance efficiency and responsiveness to meet the needs of all residents.

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. This Agreement will allow either Party to receive reimbursement from the other Party for use of aircraft resources.

There is no impact to net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agreement establishes terms for reciprocal use of aircraft resources, including reimbursement procedures, invoicing, indemnification, and termination rights. The Agreement does not alter existing automatic aid obligations between the Parties.

County Counsel has approved this agreement as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This Agreement is exempt from CEQA according to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that this activity will not have a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enhance regional emergency response coordination and improve the District's ability to recover eligible operational costs associated with aircraft resource deployments.

There will be no other impact on services.

CONCLUSION

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

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Attention: Marcia Velasquez, Head, Planning & Executive Support
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Marcia.Velasquez@fire.lacounty.gov

The District contact may be reached at (213) 466-5596.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY C. MARRONE
FIRE CHIEF

ACM:mb

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, hereinafter referred to as the "District", and the City of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as “City.” The District and City, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”, or individually as “Party”.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the District and City are desirous of entering into an Agreement which will provide for the reimbursement of costs associated with the orders for reciprocal aid utilizing specialized equipment, involving fire and/or life safety services; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on November 10, 2026, to enter into reimbursement agreements with other local, State, and/or federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is not related to or associated with any Automatic Aid/Initial Action agreements, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to establish reimbursement procedures for the use of each Party’s owned and/or leased aircraft resources when requested by the other Party.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the covenants, representations and agreements set forth herein, the parties mutually agree as follows:

SECTION I. RECITALS

The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full in the body of this Agreement.

SECTION II. AIRCRAFT RESOURCES

The Parties maintain owned and/or leased aircraft resources that may be utilized in support of wildfire suppression, search and rescue, emergency medical response, reconnaissance, hoist rescue, transportation, and related emergency operations. This

Agreement establishes procedures for reciprocal requests and reimbursement when one Party requests assistance from the other Party.

SECTION III. INVOICING

Either Party requesting use of the other Party's aircraft resources shall be invoiced monthly by the providing Party in accordance with Exhibit A – Billing Rates. Charges may include flight time, crew costs, fuel, consumables, and other applicable operational costs. Payment of all invoices under this Agreement shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of an accurate invoice, approved by the requesting Party's representative.

Payment and invoices shall be sent to City:
City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California
Attention:

Payments shall be sent to the District at:
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Financial Management Division
P.O. Box 54740
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0740

Invoices shall be sent to the District at:
Los Angeles County Fire Department
Financial Management Division
P.O. Box 910901
Commerce, CA 90091-0901
Fire-InvoiceSubmission@fire.lacounty.gov

The Party will be invoiced for every 1/10th of an hour flown (Hobbs). Hobbs meter is an oil pressure activated instrument and records actual flight time. If the aircraft is airborne and then cancelled or diverted to another incident, the associated cost of flight time will be billed to the appropriate requesting agency.

Prior to the start of each calendar year, each Party may provide updated billing rates, which shall supersede prior rates upon written notice.

SECTION IV. INDEMNIFICATION

City must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District, County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents ("District

Indemnitees") from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from and/or relating to this Agreement, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the District Indemnitees.

District must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents ("City Indemnitees") from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from and/or relating to this Agreement, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City Indemnitees.

SECTION V. REQUESTING AIRCRAFT RESOURCES

Ordering of the aircraft shall be coordinated by either Party.

SECTION VI. PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Party will operate the aircraft per Federal Aviation Administration "Public Aircraft" designation, Title 49 of the US Code, Section 40102 (a)(37)(D).

b. Agency aircraft will be staffed twenty-four (24) hours. Contracted aircraft will be staffed per contract terms.

c. Nothing in this Agreement shall obligate either Party to provide aircraft resources. All deployments are subject to availability, operational necessity, maintenance status, weather, and mission priorities.

SECTION VII. NOTIFICATIONS

All other notifications as provided for in this Agreement, unless stated otherwise herein, shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the representative of each Party at the following addresses:

CITY:

DISTRICT: Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone
Los Angeles County Fire Department
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063

SECTION VIII. AGREEMENT TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective upon the first date above written and remain effective until terminated by written notification by the District or City. Either Party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Party.

SECTION IX. COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, any of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be signed by either or both parties via electronic or digital signature, the force and effect of which shall be deemed the same as an original wet signature.

SECTION X. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties. This Agreement shall only be amended in writing and signed by both parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By _____
Anthony C. Marrone, Fire Chief

Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By _____
Senior Deputy

By _____

Date _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By _____

EXHIBIT A

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

AIRCRAFT BILLING RATE

2026 RATES

COULSON AIRCRAFT

HELITANKER (CH-47D)	**Cost per hour**
Cost per flight hour for Aircraft (CH-47D)	**$11,099.52**

BACKUP AIRCRAFT (S61)	**Cost per hour**
Cost per flight hour for Aircraft (S61)	**$6,443.84**

HELICOPTER SIKORSKY (S-76)	
Cost per flight hour for Aircraft (S-76)	**$4,210.71**

BLAZETAMER GEL	
Cost + 15% per gallon (open book billing)	

DISTRICT AIRCRAFT

Sikorsky Firehawk	**Cost per hour**
Cost per flight hour for Aircraft	**$14,225.00**

Bell-Model 412	**Cost per hour**
Cost per flight hour for Aircraft	**$9,221.00**