



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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February 28, 2012

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

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 February 28, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE UPGRADE AND EXPANSION OF THE DISTRICT'S RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS; APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE DISPATCH CONSOLE EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT EXCEEDING THE \$250,000 CAPITAL ASSETS THRESHOLD; AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES EXCEEDING THE \$100,000 THRESHOLD (ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval of an Appropriation Adjustment to transfer \$3.67 million from the District's Designation for Infrastructure Growth and to add \$3.23 million in Federal Grant Revenue, to fund \$6.9 million in the Special Services Budget Unit's Capital Assets – Equipment and Services and Supplies appropriations for Emergency Communication Equipment to the District's Special Services Budget Unit to fund the upgrade and expansion of the District's radio communications systems, including the purchase of Dispatch Console Equipment.

The purchase of the Dispatch Console Equipment exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the purchase. The District is also requesting approval authorizing the County's purchasing agent to contract for services exceeding the \$100,000 threshold, on behalf of the District.

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

1. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment transferring \$3.67 million from the District's

Designation for Infrastructure Growth appropriation, and to increase Federal Grant Revenue in the amount of \$3.23 million, to fund \$6.9 million in the Special Services Budget Unit's Capital Assets – Equipment and Services and Supplies appropriations to fund the upgrade and expansion of the District's radio communications systems and purchase the Dispatch Console equipment.

2. Authorize the Internal Services Department, as the County Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the acquisition of the Dispatch Console Equipment with the estimated cost of \$3.23 million, which exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the purchase.

3. Authorize the County's purchasing agent to contract for services exceeding the \$100,000 threshold on behalf of the District for the purchase of radio communications equipment and Dispatch Console equipment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District is committed to continuing to improve its radio communication systems infrastructure in preparation to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) narrow banding mandate effective January 1, 2013.

On May 9, 2006, your Board approved the transfer of \$26 million from the District's Designation for Budgetary Uncertainties to begin replacement of the District's voice and data emergency communications systems. This secured a funding source for the District to replace and upgrade portable and mobile radios, system infrastructure maintenance, radio coverage improvements, equipment installation and training, mobile data system improvements, and cost over-run contingency funding.

Approval of the recommended actions now before your Board are consistent with the May 9, 2006 Board action and will provide the necessary funding to purchase radio communications system infrastructure and dispatch console equipment, and to maintain efficient operation during the transition with the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).

Included is the replacement of the District's Dispatch Console, 24 Hour 9-1-1 Logging Recording system, converting Blue 8 Channel to digital simulcast, improving Blue 9 and 10 Channels to a simulcast configuration, and adding Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio base stations to supplement radio coverage lost in narrow banding. This improvement will allow the District to transition smoothly to narrowband technology, have a reliable radio communications system, and operate safely and effectively.

The Dispatch Console is a system that allows Dispatch to interface/communicate with units in the field via voice or data. The District, in joint requisition with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's), has entered into Request for Proposal (RFP) to purchase a new Dispatch Console System. The new system, once implemented, will create redundancy by providing backup dispatch capabilities between the District and Sheriff's. The Sheriff's Department is concurrently seeking approval with their own Board Letter.

The LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority (Authority) identified the Dispatch Console as a joint key project between the District and Sheriff's Department. As such, the Authority will re-allocate a portion of its Fiscal Year 2008 (FY 08) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant award to the District in the

amount of \$3,229,638 to offset the equipment cost.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, and Goal #5, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County through the comprehensive integration of public safety information systems in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total cost of the dispatch console system and the upgrade and expansion of the radio communications system infrastructure is \$8.4 million as follows:

Equipment Description	Capital Assets Equipment	Services and Supplies	Total Cost
Dispatch Console Equipment	\$ 3,230,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,230,000
Dispatch Console Service	\$ 0	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000
24 hr 9-1-1 Logging Recorder	\$ 35,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 235,000
Blue 8 Digital Channel	\$ 41,000	\$ 0	\$ 41,000
Blue 9 and 10 Channel Expansion	\$ 565,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 600,000
UHF Narrowband	\$ 1,245,000	\$ 355,000	\$ 1,600,000
Contingency Fund	\$ 164,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 274,000
Total Cost	\$ 5,280,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 8,380,000

The District has allocated \$1.5 million in the FY 2011-12 Board approved budget to replace the old Dispatch Console, leaving a balance of \$6.9 million to be appropriated.

With your Board's approval of the attached \$6.9 million Appropriation Adjustment (\$3.67 million from the District's Designation for Infrastructure Growth and \$3.23 million from FY 08 UASI Grant), sufficient funding will be available in the District's Special Services Bureau Budget Unit's Capital Assets – Equipment and Services and Supplies appropriations to address the projected appropriation needs this fiscal year.

The FY 08 UASI Grant Program is fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training with funding released through the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) to the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office. There is no cost-share or matching fund requirements. Your Honorable Board approved acceptance of the County's allocation of the FY 08 UASI Grant on March 16, 2010.

On-going maintenance costs for the District's equipment will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended actions have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, Auditor Controller, and the Chief Executive Office.

The CalEMA has provided the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office with specific guidelines for the management and administration of the FY 08 UASI Grant. These guidelines detail the activities and expenditures that are allowable under the grant.

The Authority secured a FY 08 UASI Grant performance period extension through May 31, 2012 to complete all grant activities.

The acquisition of the equipment for this project falls under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. However, the service component associated with installation labor costs may exceed the authority of the Purchasing Agent. Therefore, Board approval is required for the Purchasing Agent to proceed with this aspect of the acquisition.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 16031(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines as it addresses incidental matters related to the provision of Fire District services and thus it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

These are commodity purchases under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. The purchases will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will ensure the District's first responders are supported by safe and effective emergency communications to provide essential levels of public safety service to the residents of Los Angeles County. The action will expand the District's interoperability and provide necessary radio communications equipment to maintain operations.

CONCLUSION

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

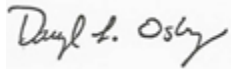
Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Business Operations
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Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Acting Chief Deputy David R. Richardson, Jr.
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors

2/28/2012

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daryl L. Osby". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

DARYL L. OSBY

FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Auditor Controller
Internal Services Department

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S NO. 390-16

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

February 28, 2012

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 HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2011-12 4 - VOTE

SOURCES

USES

FIRE DEPARTMENT Financing Elements Budget Unit DA1-3060 Designation for Infrastructure Growth - \$3,670,000 Decrease Designation

FIRE DEPARTMENT Special Services Budget Unit DA1-FR-40100-40191-2000 Services and Supplies - \$3,100,000 Increase Appropriation

FIRE DEPARTMENT Special Services Budget Unit DA1-FR-90-9031-40100-40191 Federal Grant - \$3,230,000 Increase Revenue

FIRE DEPARTMENT Special Services Budget Unit DA1-FR-40100-40191-6030 Capital Assets - Equipment - \$3,800,000 Increase Appropriation

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 6,900,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 6,900,000

JUSTIFICATION: To reduce the Designation for Infrastructure Growth, and utilize Federal Grant Revenue, to fund the Radio Communication Build Out Project.

ADOPTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: LES SEIDMAN, ASSISTANT CHIEF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED) 20 FEB 28 2012

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR--

ACTION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED APPROVED AS REVISED

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY [Signature] Feb. 14 20 12

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY [Signature] February 15 20 12

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