



**PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER  
AGENDA REVIEW MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**TIME: 9:30 a.m.**

**THIS MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY AS PERMITTED UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' FEBRUARY 7, 2023, ORDER SUSPENDING THE APPLICATION OF BOARD POLICY 3.055 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023.**  
**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING CALL TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: (323) 776-6996**  
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**AGENDA**

Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed per person in total for each item.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):** [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:
  - A.** Board Letter:  
AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER CORONER TO PURCHASE A SINGLE PLANE FLOOR FIXED FLOUROSCOPIC X-RAY SYSTEM  
Speaker(s): Dr. Robyn Parks, Akiko Tagawa and Wendy Myring (Medical Examiner-Coroner)
  - B.** Board Letter:  
AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER CORONER TO PURCHASE A COMPUTER TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SCANNER SYSTEM AND TRAILER  
Speaker(s): Dr. Robyn Parks, Akiko Tagawa and Wendy Myring (Medical Examiner-Coroner)

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**4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

- A.** Board Letter:  
HEARING ON RECOMMENDED FEE INCREASE FOR THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM  
Speaker(s): Fernando Boiteux and Adam Uehara (Fire)

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S):**

**CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision d(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

**Kim Elizabeth Pavek v. County of Los Angeles**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC696218

Department: Medical-Examiner/Coroner

**CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision d(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

**Victor Anderson, et al. v. Rafael Rufino, et al.**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC665088

Department: Sheriff

**CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Subdivision d(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

**Ernie Solano v. County of Los Angeles**

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV24180

Department: Probation

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**7. UPCOMING ITEMS:**

- A.** Board Letter:  
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE INCREASE TO CONTRACT NO. 78808 WITH PRATT & WHITNEY ENGINE SERVICES INC., FOR REPAIR, OVERHAUL, AND EXCHANGE OF THE DISTRICT'S PT6T-3 SERIES ENGINES, BELL HELICOPTER ENGINES, AND ENGINES ACCESSORIES  
Speaker(s): Thomas Ewald and Dennis Blumenthal (Fire)

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- B.** Board Letter:  
ACCEPT 2022 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS  
Speaker(s): Craig Hirakawa (CEO)
  
- C.** Board Letter:  
AMENDMENT TO SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT 77285 WITH CERNER CORPORATION TO PROVIDE A PROBATION ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM  
Speaker(s): Robert Smythe and Jim Green (Probation)
  
- D.** Board Briefing:  
CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (COC) MONTHLY BRIEFING  
Speaker(s): Danielle Vappie (COC)
  
- E.** Board Briefing:  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL MONTHLY STATUS AND CUSTODY BRIEFING  
Speaker(s): Max Huntsman (OIG)

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER**  
1104 N. MISSION RD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90033



**Odey C. Ukpo, M.D., M.S.**  
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner

April 20, 2023

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE SINGLE PLANE FLOOR FIXED  
FLUOROSCOPIC X-RAY SYSTEM  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner (DMEC) is requesting approval to authorize the acquisition of one Single-Plane Floor-Fixed Fluoroscopic X-Ray System (X-Ray System) for a cost not to exceed \$825,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by the Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent (CPA), to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of one X-Ray System for a cost not to exceed \$825,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to purchase one X-Ray System used to determine the manner and cause of death for decedents who fall within the DMEC's jurisdiction. The X-Ray System is used to identify decedent injuries and other findings, helping the pathologist complete a thorough examination. The new system will replace the DMEC's existing system which is obsolete.

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**Accreditations:**

*National Association of Medical Examiners (Provisional)*  
*California Medical Association-Continuing Medical Education*  
*Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education*

*ANAB ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Forensic Science Testing Laboratories*  
*Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified*

The current system is unreliable and has created substantial delays in processing cases due to the Department's limited back-up options. The current system does not meet the County's IT security standards and is no longer covered under the manufacturer's maintenance. The manufacturer has informed DMEC that it can no longer safely and effectively maintain the current system.

Purchasing a new X-Ray System will provide the DMEC with a reliable, up-to-date system that will improve the quality of examinations and reduce delays in determining manner and cause of death. Additionally, it will help the DMEC maintain its National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) Accreditation by reducing turnaround time in completing death investigations.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, by implementing technological enhancements and acquisitions by replacing a legacy system, which will increase operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, and accountability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated cost for the purchase of this X-Ray System is \$825,000. This amount is available in the DMEC's FY 2022-23 Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 27491, the DMEC is charged with inquiring into and determining the circumstances, manner, and cause of all violent, sudden, unattended, or unusual deaths. The DMEC has the discretion to determine the extent of the inquiry into any death falling within its jurisdiction. The purchase of this X-Ray System is critical to the DMEC's ability to perform a thorough death investigation and to determine manner and cause of death.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy by which departments must obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting a requisition to ISD, the County's Purchasing Agent.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

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

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The acquisition of a new X-Ray System will greatly enhance the DMEC's ability to determine manner and cause of death. It will effectively use today's technology to improve findings and reduce delays in death investigation.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return two adopted copies of this Board Letter and two original executed copies of the Amendment to the Department's Contracts Unit.

Procurement Unit  
Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner  
1104 N. Mission Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

Sincerely,

ODEY C. UKPO, M.D., M.S.  
Interim Medical-Examiner



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

1104 N. MISSION RD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90033



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Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner

May 2, 2023

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE COMPUTER  
TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SCANNER SYSTEM AND ONE CT TRAILER  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS - 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner (DMEC) is requesting approval to authorize the acquisition of one CT Scanner and one (1) CT Trailer for a cost not to exceed \$589,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by the Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Authorize the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent (CPA), to proceed with the acquisition of one CT Scanner System and one CT Trailer for a cost not to exceed \$589,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to purchase one CT Scanner System and one CT Trailer used to determine manner and cause of death for decedents who fall within the DMEC's jurisdiction. The CT Scanner provides high resolution radiographic images that can accurately identify the cause of death in cases of trauma and a subset of natural disease. Use of the CT Scanner effectively reduces the number of cases that require autopsy to determine manner and cause of death.

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*Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified*

The current system is a refurbished model that was purchased in 2015 and is approaching its end of life. The system has become less and less reliable and is often unavailable due to breakdowns, causing delays in decedent case processing. Additionally, the current CT Scanner no longer meets the County's IT security standards.

Purchasing a new CT Scanner and CT Trailer will provide the DMEC with a reliable, up-to-date system that will improve the quality of death investigations, minimize pathologist workload and reduce delays in determining manner and cause of death. Additionally, it will help the DMEC maintain its National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) Accreditation by reducing turnaround time in completing death investigations.

In approving the recommended actions, the DMEC will be able to use state of the art equipment to continue effectively determining manner and cause of death for all decedents whose deaths fall under DMEC jurisdiction.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended action supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, by implementing technological enhancements and acquisitions by replacing a legacy system, which will increase operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, and accountability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated cost for the purchase of the CT Scanner and the CT Trailer is estimated not to exceed \$589,000. This amount is available in the DMEC's FY 2022-23 Budget.

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the Environment, and Property"*

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May 23, 2023

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:

### HEARING ON RECOMMENDED FEE INCREASE FOR THE JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

#### SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to increase the fee for the District's Junior Lifeguard Program (Program) from \$585 to \$635. The proposed \$50.00 fee increase is to meet increased operational expenses and bring the Program closer to being fully self-sustainable.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Find that the proposed \$50.00 fee increase is to meet increased operational expenses of the Program.
2. Adopt the attached resolution to approve the Junior Lifeguard Program fees for 2023.
3. Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.

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

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
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BALDWIN PARK  
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BELL GARDENS  
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RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
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WHITTIER

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

In June 1978, your Board directed that the Program be self-sustaining through fees paid by participants. On May 3, 2022, your Board approved a \$50 fee increase to ensure its self-sustainability.

The proposed Program fee increase reflects an accounting of direct employee costs (salary and employee benefits), uniform, and equipment costs while still balancing the needs of our community participants. The fee reflects increased direct costs for the Program exclusive of overhead. Overhead has traditionally been absorbed by the District and the General Fund on a pro-rata basis, and we are recommending the continuation of this practice, which has been approved by your Board in the past.

There was a total of 3,600 paid participants in the summer of 2022, and we estimate more than 4,000 participants will be attending the four-week Programs in 2023.

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

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County of Los Angeles 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of Our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities; Goal III, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability, Objective III.3.1, Maximize Revenue; and Goal III Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Strategy III.4, Engage and Share Information with Our Customers, Communities and Partners, Objective III.4.1, Solicit Ongoing Customer Feedback. Approval of our request to increase fees will help achieve these goals that will benefit the young people who participate in the program.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total Program cost is estimated to be approximately \$3.2 million.

The requested fee increase from \$585 to \$635 (\$158.75 per week) for FY 2023-24 allows the District to recover direct costs and continue to be nearly self-sustained, while remaining competitive, as surveyed along the California Coastline:

<b>Comparable Half Day and Summer Programs</b>	<b>Weekly Cost</b>
Aloha Surf camp	775
Aqua Surf School	734
Malibu Makos	600
Fitness by the Sea	500
Champ Camp	499
Beach Sports	425
Santa Monica Surf school	425
Palos Verdes Surf camp	349
<b>Los Angeles County</b>	<b>159</b>
San Diego*	145
Newport Beach	122

*\*Uniform items not included in tuition and must be purchased by families.*

The Program costs will be offset by a combination of fees paid by the participants and the District's budget.

There is no impact on net County cost.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Program has been conducted by the County of Los Angeles for 60 years. The Program teaches beach safety and physical fitness to youth from 9 to 17 years of age for four weeks during the summer. Each participant in the Program receives a swimsuit, a T-shirt with the Junior Lifeguard logo and is eligible to tryout to compete in Regional and National Junior Lifeguard Events.

This Program teaches ocean lifesaving techniques, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid skills, environmental concerns, ocean safety, and ocean and beach sports. In addition to the improved personal ocean proficiency and physical fitness, the Program provides additional lifeguard skills training and experience for veteran Junior Lifeguards planning to become lifeguard cadets, professional lifeguards or pursue other career opportunities in related fields.

The only requirement for participation in the Program is the ability to swim. Concerted efforts are made to attract youth from underrepresented groups and areas outside the coastal communities. The Program offers supervised bus transportation to youth located in South Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley. Financial aid awards are allocated to qualifying participants based on family income and number per household, regardless of district affiliation, and will continue to ensure any qualified youth can participate in the program regardless of ability to pay.

To accommodate demand and ensure quality, the Program is now operated in two separate sessions allowing for reduced class sizes and more focused instruction. The Program's goals are to maintain safety, health, and quality as well as to continue broaden the diversity of participants. The Program's outreach efforts have traveled well beyond the coastal communities, providing Junior Lifeguard opportunities throughout Los Angeles County.

The Program Outreach continues to focus on three areas:

1. The inclusion of Program sites with beaches more accessible to non-beach community residents. Cabrillo, Santa Monica, El Segundo, and Venice are beaches with freeway access, which reduces transportation time.
2. Providing transportation to four Beach locations for children who live further than 15 miles from the ocean that otherwise may not be able to participate.
3. The cooperative efforts with the Access to Water Activities and Readiness Education (A.W.A.R.E.) Program and Lifeguard Division Recruiting Unit to provide further awareness and access to the Junior Lifeguard Program.

This request for approval of the increased fee will be made after all public notification and hearing requirements as specified in Section 6062a and Section 66018 of the Government Code are complied with.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed fee increase is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" subject to the act (Guidelines, Section 15061, Subd. (b) (1)).

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this recommendation will allow the District to continue to properly manage the continued growth of the Program as it continues to expand in underserved non-coastal communities while also ensuring that it is nearly self-sustained financially. In addition, it will ensure that the Program remains a positive experience for all participants, focusing on water safety while continuing our critical role in community outreach and recruitment.

**CONCLUSION:**

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

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Executive Office – Emergency Operations  
Acting Chief Deputy Jon O’Brien  
1320 N Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Chief O’Brien may be reached at (323) 881-6178, or by e-mail at [Jon.OBrien@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Jon.OBrien@fire.lacounty.gov)

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY C. MARRONE, FIRE CHIEF

ACM:fb

Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller