

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

SUBJECT: COUNTY FIRE - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC FOR HELICOPTER UTILIZATION FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On October 20, 2009 (11), the Board of Supervisors approved the first agreement with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) to utilize a Helitanker for the region's aerial fire protection program. Since then, the agreement has been renewed multiple times as the County of San Diego (County) sought to increase aerial assets to strengthen its initial fire suppression attack capabilities. Over the past five years, these helicopters have responded to 144 fires for a total flight time of 333 hours.

Today's action will authorize the Director, Purchasing and Contracting to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and SDG&E, adding two helicopters to the current MOU, for a total of five firefighting helicopters available to suppress fires. Under this agreement, SDG&E will continue to cover the costs to operate the helicopter during the first two flight hours of any new fire, and the County will continue to cover the second two flight hours up to the County's annual cost limit of \$150,000.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations with San Diego Gas & Electric for firefighting-equipped helicopters for up to three years with up to two additional option years if needed, and to amend the agreement as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding, and to execute any related agreements or documents.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). San Diego County Fire continues to engage communities through the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division, established in 2019. The CRR Division strives to build, enhance, and maintain resilient communities within the SDCFPD's jurisdictional area through involvement with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County, various community outreach opportunities, and by promoting local events aimed at creating safe and livable communities to improve the health and quality of life of residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request will be included in in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for County Fire. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$150,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23, depending on flight time. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter