

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE CONTRACTS, REVENUE AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, AND TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Since 2008, the Board has taken significant steps to improve fire protection and emergency medical services in the unincorporated areas of the county. In 2021, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) office joined San Diego County Fire (County Fire) to further consolidate and strengthen emergency response in the region. This is a request to authorize several administrative actions that will facilitate additional progress towards improving fire protection and emergency medical services within the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), its partner agencies and the region's prehospital system.

Today's actions will authorize administrative authorities for expenditure contracts and revenue agreements with other agencies to improve fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services and operating supplies and equipment. Today's actions will also authorize County Fire to apply for grant funds to improve fire prevention, fire protection, and emergency medical services in the SDCFPD, the region's prehospital system of care, and to reimburse other agencies for all training and certification requirements to provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals, and other agencies and, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract(s) for fire protection, emergency medical services, the prehospital system and operating supplies and equipment through June 30, 2033, and to amend the contract or contracts as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to execute revenue agreements with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals, and other agencies for County-provided fire protection, emergency medical services and operating supplies and equipment.
3. Authorize the Director, or designee, of San Diego County Fire to enter into Memorandum of Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding, and other agreements with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals and other agencies for County-provided fire and emergency medical services.

4. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery for grants.
5. Authorize San Diego County Fire, through June 30, 2033, to continue to apply for grant funds and execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
6. Waive Board Policy A-87 and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to approve contracts between County Fire and other government agencies for training and certification services through June 30, 2033, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

### **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 (report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). Furthermore, with 79 percent of the San Diego region's unincorporated area designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, these contracts, revenue agreements, trainings and grants will directly benefit at-risk, low-income, and socially vulnerable homeowners by providing critical fire protection and emergency medical services that will decrease the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life, and loss of property. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, a Division of County Fire, is the Board-designated Local EMS Agency (LEMSA). The LEMSA has statutory responsibilities for the region's EMS delivery system. Any contracts, revenue agreements, and grants received by the LEMSA will help to ensure that the entire San Diego region receives equitable emergency medical care.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions in today's request support the County of San Diego's commitment to resiliency and align with the Sustainability Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan by helping to ensure funding to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services and to have the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. San Diego County Fire will return to the Board as necessary to accept grant awards and establish appropriations. There will be no change in net General Fund costs 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, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 4 Seat Vacant)

State of California)  
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