

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 3

**SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - REQUEST FOR SINGLE SOURCE
PROCUREMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND
FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Over the past two decades, the Board of Supervisors (Board) has taken a series of important actions to improve fire protection and emergency medical services in the unincorporated areas of the county. On September 20, 2005 (1), the Board approved the negotiation and award of contracts with existing fire service entities in order to establish year-round fire protection and emergency response services in areas where services were lacking. This effort included a contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). This agreement allowed CAL FIRE to provide fire protection and emergency medical services on behalf of the County and integrate career and volunteer-reserve firefighters into one system of responders.

The County's current contract with CAL FIRE was approved by the Board on June 21, 2016 (5), effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. Since the implementation of the current contract, San Diego County Fire (County Fire) has more than doubled in size while increasing the number of first responder personnel, the number of career-staffed fire stations, and the level of services provided within the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD). This was accomplished through the implementation of a cohesive pre-fire strategy focused on public education, defensible space inspections, structure hardening, fuels management projects and protecting evacuation corridors. The new contract will include service provisions to reflect the expanded fire protection and emergency medical services provided in the SDCFPD and the Board's commitment to improving fire and emergency response services in the region.

This is a request to authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into a single source contract or contracts with CAL FIRE for fire protection and emergency medical services and operating goods.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for fire protection and emergency medical services and operating goods, effective July 1, 2022, for up to three years and two option years through June 30, 2027 if needed, and to amend the contract(s) 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 are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for San Diego County Fire in the amount of \$36,393,306 and San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) in the amount of \$5,727,200. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$42,120,506 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding sources are General Purpose Revenue (\$32,869,341), revenue from service agreements (\$2,183,365), revenue from Assistance By Hire (\$1,000,000), revenue from Wildfire Mitigation Grant (\$340,600), revenue from SDCFPD (\$3,127,200), and available SDCFPD fund balance (\$2,600,000). 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 Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

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

