



**Health & Human Services  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 3, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman    PHONE: 624-8000

**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement for Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool (SCOUT)

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Agency Participation Agreement with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the use of SCOUT, the Situation Awareness and Collaboration Tool, effective upon signing and until terminated; and
2. Authorize the HHS Director, or designee, to sign three (3) copies of the Agency Participation Agreement as the Agency Head and designate the Emergency Services Manager as the SCOUT Agency Administrator to oversee the implementation and operation of the system.

**SUMMARY:**

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection have entered into a partnership with the United States Department of Homeland Security's Office of Science and Technology to develop a web-based Situational Awareness and Collaboration Tool for the State of California. After several iterations and name changes over the past three years, the State is now offering SCOUT participation to selected local jurisdictions as part of its phased implementation plan.

This tool is designed to help unify communications and improve sharing of geospatial information between on-scene incident personnel, off-site command and support staff, dispatch centers, responding partner agencies, Emergency

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Operations Centers, and State partners such as CAL FIRE and Cal OES. This tool has been shown in recent California wildfires to be particularly valuable in the initial response to larger incidents, well before specialized resources such as Incident Management Teams are deployed. Once implemented locally, use of this tool will help streamline Tulare County's response to larger incidents and improve public safety by increasing capabilities at all levels and reducing the amount of personnel, time, and effort required to create and share situational awareness amongst responding agencies; this will also reduce the amount of time necessary to develop and disseminate information for public consumption.

The Office of Emergency Services will coordinate the County's implementation and maintenance of the system, to include setup and administrator training. Once the County is active within the system, the Fire Department and Office of Emergency Services will collaborate to develop specific use cases and train relevant field and Emergency Operations Center personnel on use of the system. Additional internal stakeholders such as the Sheriff's Department may be added at a future date based on interest.

This agreement is approved as to form by County Counsel. The following item deviates substantively from standard County boilerplate: The County will sign first on this agreement.

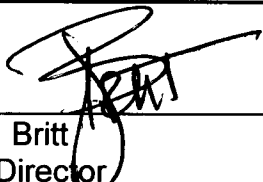
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The Agency Participation Agreement does not include any current cost to the County. Staff would like to note that a cost sharing model is anticipated to be implemented in the future, and the County would be responsible for costs associated with its usage at that time. The amount is anticipated to be minimal and should be able to be absorbed within the operating budgets of the Office of Emergency Services and participating County departments once implemented, and included in subsequent fiscal years' budgets without increasing Net County Cost to the General Fund. Disaster-related usage costs may also be partially recoverable on a per-disaster basis from State or Federal disaster relief programs.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security goal, with an initiative to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. Improving situational awareness and real-time collaboration amongst responding agencies directly improves the County's capabilities to coordinate response efforts.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
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Jason T. Britt  
Agency Director

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cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Agency Participation Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN )  
AGREEMENT FOR SITUATION ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AWARENESS AND COLLABORATION ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
TOOL (SCOUT) )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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