

County Fire Department county of Tulare AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER District One PETE VANDER POEL District Two AMY SHUKLIAN District Three J. STEVEN WORTHLEY District Four MIKE ENNIS

District Five

AGENDA DATE: May 01, 2018

Public Hearing Required Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Published Notice Required Advertised Published Notice Meet & Confer Required Electronic file(s) has been sent Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Personnel Resolution attached Agreements are attached and signature tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Iine Yes	N/A □ N/A □
CONTACT PERSON: Charlie Norman, Fire C	PHONE: 559-802-9800	

SUBJECT: Approve a Capital Asset Purchase for All-Brand Portable Radios

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve a capital asset purchase of three (3) APX 8000 All-Band P25 Portable Radios, not to exceed \$20,000.
- 2. Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee, to loan CalFire three (3) existing radios until the end of the Tree Mortality Project.
- 3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Fire Department (TCFD) requests approval to purchase three (3) APX 8000 All-Brand P25 Portable Radios. The APX 8000 radio provides a lifeline link between a firefighter, mutual aid agencies, and the incident command team. Additionally, the APX 8000 radio now includes all frequency bands that public safety agencies use within the United States. The purchase of these radios will assist the department in meeting mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments.

If approved, this purchase primarily serves to improve firefighter safety and disaster response coordination during emergencies such as wildfire response. Secondarily, the dual band radios will help solve logistical challenges within our Tree Mortality Program. Regarding fuel load reductions in Wildland areas, these radios will greatly improve coordination between United States Forestry Department and CalFire personnel when the Tulare County Fire Department's Hand Crew is

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deployed cutting Tree Mortality Hazard Trees and thus reducing the threat of Wildland fire events in remote areas.

The new portable radios proposed for purchase have both UHF and VHF capability and would replace the existing VHF – only radios assigned to Tulare County Fire Vehicles. The department is also requesting the old VHF-only radios being replaced be loaned to CalFire personnel who are working in conjunction with Tulare County Fire Department firefighters. The loan of three single-band radios to CalFire will help improve outcomes primarily during emergency response efforts and secondarily over the life of fuel load reduction and Tree Mortality projects through improved communication within cooperating fire agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funds for the purchase of this apparatus are not eligible for CDAA Tree Mortality related reimbursement. The cost of the capital asset will be funded by a transfer from the Miscellaneous Administration Account (001-012-1010-9100) to County Fire Account (013-245-2600-8311). There will be no net county cost to the General Fund as savings will be used from the 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative. This action helps provide for the safety and security of the public by providing enhanced availability of resources in fire emergencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Charlie Norman Fire Chief

Cc: Auditor-Controller

County Counsel

County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s): N/A

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

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