



Fire Department COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 21, 2019 REVISED

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Nancy Renovato PHONE: 802-9804

SUBJECT: Approval of an increase to a Capital Asset purchase

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an increase of \$10,097 for the Capital Asset purchase request of two (2) F250 trucks and two (2) Custom Utility Truck Beds to equip the F250 trucks for an increased total of \$100,097 and
2. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:

On March 19, 2019, through the Mid-Year approval process, your Board approved the Tulare County Fire Department request of a one-time transfer from the general fund in the amount of \$90,000 for the purchase of two (2) F250 Trucks totaling \$62,655 and two (2) custom utility beds for the trucks totaling \$24,152 to be utilized by the Tree Mortality Task Force by Resolution No. 2019-0191. However, at the time of submittal, fire staff erroneously omitted to include the custom truck beds on the Capital Asset request.

In addition to this, due to the late submittal of the vehicle requisitions, as these are customarily accepted during the month of January, Purchasing has had a difficult time locating the trucks and has ultimately found them at Jim Manning of Dinuba, at a slightly higher cost of \$75,944. Originally the quote from Visalia Ford was \$62,655, but due to the urgency and need of these trucks, the fire department is respectfully requesting that the board authorize the purchase and allow the fire department to absorb the cost difference of \$10,097 in order to continue moving

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forward with Tree Mortality Projects. Per Administrative Regulation No.4 section 5(c) increases to existing Capital Asset appropriations in excess of 10% of their original appropriation amount must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. The department has fared well in all expenses and expects to have approximately a \$400,000 fund balance. Furthermore, the Fire Chief has halted all non-emergency purchases in order to meet this and other monetary obligations.

Currently, the fire department has employed 18 extra help seasonal firefighters who work in remote mountain locations on vital tree mortality projects. The identified tree mortality projects secure the only egress for the civilian population fleeing or evacuating from fast moving wild fires. These projects also provide access for suppression personnel to suppress wildland fires. All tree mortality related work must be completed by August 31, 2019, in order to submit timely billing for reimbursement. Without the required custom trucks and beds, personnel and equipment will be unsecured, personal protective equipment may be exposed to the environment/other fire hazards, and the County Fire Department will lack the required emergency hazard notification devices for hazardous conditions or traffic control. As of April 29, 2019, the department has been renting two (2) medium sized pickups while awaiting the arrival of the approved trucks. These rented trucks are reliable, but lack many necessary items and cost roughly \$4,500 per month or approximately \$22,500 if the department rents them through August.


FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Board of Supervisors approved a one-time General Fund transfer in the amount of \$90,000 to the fire department for the purchase of two trucks and two truck utility bodies. Originally, these items were quoted at a cost of \$86,807 out the door; however, the actual cost is \$100,097, (\$75,944 for trucks) and (\$24,152) for the utility beds; a cost difference of \$10,097 which will be absorbed by the fire department as per the attached AUD308. There will be no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative. Approval of the Capital Asset will assist the County Fire Department's efforts to maintain County road right of way and reducing the risk of wildland fire through fuel reduction activities helps secure the safety and security of residents and visitors to Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Charlie Norman
Fire Chief

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cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) AUD 308

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN)
INCREASE TO A CAPITAL ASSET) Resolution No. _____
PURCHASE) Agreement No. _____
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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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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