



**County Fire Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2014

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Steven Murch, ASO II PHONE: 559-747-8233		

SUBJECT: Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for Cooperative Fire Protection

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. F
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign six (6) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:
Tulare County and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) both maintain and operate fire protection organizations within the County. It is advantageous to both organizations to render aid to one another in fire emergencies when assistance is necessary. Therefore, a cooperative fire protection assistance agreement has been developed between Tulare County and Cal Fire.

The purpose of the agreement is to furnish fire protection personnel, equipment, materials and supplies, and to render such emergency services to each other as may be necessary to mitigate emergencies of a size and or complexity that are beyond the control of either party.

Hourly rates that Tulare County may charge Cal Fire for personnel and equipment are specified in the agreement. The rates will be evaluated annually and can be changed by mutual agreement. There is no provision for Cal Fire to charge the County for services.

County Counsel has reviewed the agreement and approved it as to form. We would

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like to bring to the Board's attention that this Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement has no provisions for indemnification, which deviates from County Contract Protocol.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Costs to the County to provide personnel and equipment assistance to Cal Fire are reimbursable as presented in the agreement. The County will incur no charges for services from Cal Fire. No Net County Cost.

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:

Joe M. Garcia
Fire Chief

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

Attachment(s): Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT WITH) Resolution No. _____
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF)
FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR)
COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION)

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved an Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for Cooperative Fire Protection, retroactive to July 1, 2014 until terminated by either party according to the terms of the agreement. The agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures.
2. Found that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2014, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign six (6) copies of the agreement.