



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

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AGENDA DATE: September 24, 2013

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: Approval of Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Addendum to Agreement No. 26031 with Everbridge Inc. for Mass Notification Services.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Addendum to Agreement No. 26031 with Everbridge Inc., to allow access to the IPAWS Open Platform for Emergency Networks (OPEN) through the Everbridge mass notification service; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Addendum.

SUMMARY:
Since 2008, Tulare County has operated AlertTC, a branded Countywide mass notification system for public alert and warning used by the County and each of the eight incorporated cities. The AlertTC brand remains a consistent, easily recognizable source of critical emergency information within Tulare County and its incorporated cities. The system has also been used over 450 times to conduct non-branded public, client, and employee notifications across the entire spectrum of City and County functions, with new users being added regularly.

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On April 16, 2013, the Board approved the agreement with Everbridge Inc. in the amount of \$94,000 to provide mass notification services for the period of May 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, funded by the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Tulare County has also recently secured alerting authority within the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), which allows the County to interface with the IPAWS Open Platform for Emergency Networks (OPEN). IPAWS-OPEN integrates access to traditional systems, such as the Emergency Alert System and National Weather Service radio, as well as newer technologies such as Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), which can be simultaneously pushed to every compatible mobile device within a targeted area, despite network congestion and regardless of County residency or registration status, to rapidly communicate life-saving information in an emergency.

The final step to creating a comprehensive alert and warning program within Tulare County is to integrate the AlertTC platform, powered by Everbridge, with IPAWS-OPEN. By integrating the two, public safety officials will be able to disseminate critical emergency information to all available alerting systems via single source, increasing the speed at which notifications can be disseminated and ensuring a consistent message across an array of communications media.

The attached Addendum allows Everbridge Inc. to serve in this intermediary capacity and facilitate County's access to IPAWS-OPEN as an authorized public alerting authority. The Addendum outlines the roles, responsibilities, and limitations of both parties in regards to transmission of messages via IPAWS-OPEN.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

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 to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. The approval of this Addendum helps fulfill this initiative by ensuring that government agencies can quickly and effectively disseminate emergency alerts and warnings to the public using the latest standards.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Cheryl L. Duerksen, Ph.D.
Agency Director

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment(s) Addendum

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF)
INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND) Resolution No. _____
WARNING SYSTEM (IPAWS) ADDENDUM) Agreement No. _____
TO AGREEMENT NO. 26031 WITH)
EVERBRIDGE INC. FOR MASS)
NOTIFICATION SERVICES)

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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