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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sharon Bull for Ernie Loveless - Fire Chief
County Fire Department
REPORT BY: Sharon Bull, Staff Services Analyst, 967-1417
SUBJECT: Sole source award for the purchase of Fire apparatus

RECOMMENDATION

County Fire Chief requests a waiver of competitive bidding requirements and sole source award for the purchase of one fire engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus/Pierce Manufacturing in Modesto, California, for a total of \$350,000 pursuant to County Ordinance Code 2.36.090.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County Fire Department currently has a total of 63 fire apparatus and utility vehicles, maintained primarily by two full-time mechanics. Standardizing fire engines saves time and money by minimizing the number of systems the mechanics must learn and the amount of fleet maintenance equipment and software we must purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Napa County Fire Department established Pierce brand engines as standard fire fighting equipment because these engines have proven to be more reliable and less expensive to maintain than other manufacturer's engines. Service records indicate that the Pierce engines have fewer maintenance problems and, consequently, fewer out-of-service hours and maintenance costs. Standardizing equipment enables the department to also standardize the training, maintenance software and equipment required for these engines.

Golden State Apparatus is the only authorized dealer for Pierce engines in Northern California.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey