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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**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:** Joint Powers Agreement for the Napa County Fire Training Grounds

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Fire Chief requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the Cities of Napa, Calistoga and St. Helena, the Napa State Hospital and the American Canyon Fire Protection District for use of the Napa County Fire Training Grounds.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This joint powers agreement provides the foundation for a cooperative effort between all the fire services in Napa County to develop and maintain a fire training ground on property located at 7294 Silverado Trail. The training ground is leased to the County, at no extra charge, through the fire services agreement with the Veterans Home. This JPA allows Napa County Firefighters Association, the non-profit group made up of every fire agency in the county, to raise funds and build much-needed training equipment on the site.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	This agreement will provide a small amount of revenue and will allow equipment to be installed at the training ground at no cost to the county.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This agreement will provide a small source of revenue to maintain the training ground and will provide equipment at no additional cost to the county.
Is the general fund affected?	No

Future fiscal impact: Additional revenue.  
Consequences if not approved: Loss of revenue and equipment.  
Additional Information: None

**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**

This Joint Powers Agreement between the cities of Napa, St. Helena, and Calistoga, American Canyon Fire Protection District, Napa Station Hospital, and the County, provides a mechanism for all fire agencies in Napa County to use the Napa County Fire Training Grounds to better prepare for fires and emergencies. The training ground is located at 7294 Silverado Trail, on property owned by the Veterans Home of California, and leased, at no cost, to the County as part of the fire protection agreement between the County and the Vets Home. The JPA also allows the Napa County Firefighters Association, a non-profit group made of those same fire service agencies, to raise funds to build training facilities and props on the grounds. Each of the agencies will also pay an annual fee to the County for maintenance and repair.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey