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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:** Fire Services Agreement Between the County and the California Department of Veteran Affairs -  
Yountville Veterans Home

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Fire Chief requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the California Department of Veterans Affairs for a maximum of \$1,525,322 for the term July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 for provision of fire protection services by the County of Napa.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Fire protection services in the Yountville area are provided through a three-way cost share between the County, the Veterans Home and the Town of Yountville. This Agreement provides for the Veterans Home's share of staffing and operating the Yountville Fire Station.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The agreement allows the County to collect reimbursement for fire protection services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement provides revenue for the next three years.
Consequences if not approved:	Loss of revenue.
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**

The Napa County Fire Department consists of the California Department of Forestry (CDF), which contracts with the County for fire protection services, and nine volunteer fire departments which operate under a County Fire Plan and are supported by the County. CDF's Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit Chief serves as the County's Fire Chief and is responsible for the direction and coordination of fire protection services on a countywide basis. The County contracts with the City of St. Helena, the City of Calistoga, Schell-Vista Fire Protection District and the Napa State Hospital for the provision of fire protection services to specified unincorporated areas adjoining these agencies. The Department also provides dispatching for the American Canyon Fire Protection District and the Napa State Hospital Fire Department. The County contracts with the California Veterans Home and the Town of Yountville to provide fire protection services to those jurisdictions.

Prior to 1995, both the Town of Yountville and the Veterans Home contracted directly with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for fire protection. In 1995, the County entered into agreements with Yountville and the Veterans Home to share the costs of building and staffing a new fire station. The Veterans Home provided the land and the County and the Town of Yountville paid for construction. The fire station has been operational since April 1999. This Agreement provides for the Veterans Home's share of staffing and operating the Yountville Fire Station. An agreement with the Town of Yountville was approved in June of 2005.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey