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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: Agreement to Provide Fire Protection to the Town of Yountville

RECOMMENDATION

County Fire Chief requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with the Town of Yountville for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010 to provide fire protection services for a maximum reimbursement of \$2,568,943.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 1995, the county entered into a three-way cost sharing arrangement with the Town of Yountville and the California Veterans Home to provide staffing at the Yountville Fire Station. Joint funding enabled the County to build a new fire station which opened in 1999.

This Agreement provides for the Town's share of staffing and operating costs for the Yountville Fire Station for the next five years.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? Revenue from the Town of Yountville is included in the 2005-2006 County Fire

Budget.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: We will derive revenue.

Consequences if not approved: The fire services agreement will terminate June 30, 2005 and the agreement

with the Veterans Home will be at risk.

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 also 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 provides dispatching for the American Canyon Fire Protection District and the Napa State Hospital Fire Department, as well. 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 Town's share of staffing and operating costs for the Yountville Fire Station.

An agreement with the Veteran's Home was approved in April 2003.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey