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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Gabrielle Avina for Ernie Loveless - Fire Chief
County Fire Department
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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to Automatic Aid Agreement No. 4618 with the City of Napa for Fire Protection Services

RECOMMENDATION

County Fire Chief requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4618 with the City of Napa amending the Scope of Work to update the supplemental fire protection services to be provided by each jurisdiction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since October 2001, Napa County and the City of Napa have participated in an automatic aid agreement, which supplements each jurisdiction's fire protection services. This agreement ensures seamless fire protection in both the City of Napa and the adjacent unincorporated areas of the Napa County by optimizing the strengths of the county's and the city's fire departments and enhances the service levels in both jurisdictions.

The agreement, which originally had a six month trial period, was renewed June 2002 as Amendment No. 1, for the term of May 21, 2002 through June 30, 2003, with a clause providing for an annual automatic renewal of the agreement. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4618 updates and amends the scope of services each jurisdiction has agreed to provide. All other provisions of the agreement, including the annual automatic renewal clause remain unchanged. The Napa City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4618 on August 1, 2006.

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

In October 2001, the County of Napa and the City of Napa entered into an Automatic Aid Agreement to provide each other supplemental fire protection services. The agreement, which originally had a six month trial period, was renewed June 2002 as Amendment No. 1, for the term of May 21, 2002 through June 30, 2003, with a clause providing for an annual automatic renewal of the agreement. The sole consideration for this agreement is the mutual benefit derived by each jurisdiction from the increased efficiency and predictability in the provision of fire protection services.

The Automatic Aid Agreement provides for fire protection assistance from the closest available resource, irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries. The advantage of such an agreement is that the person experiencing the emergency receives emergency services from the closet available provider through the elimination of artificial service boundaries. Dispatching the closest available unit reduces the critical element of time between the commencement of a fire or medical emergency and the arrival of emergency services.

Recently, the scope of work or "Operational Plan", in which the scope of service each jurisdiction will provide, was reviewed and amendments have been recommended to more accurately reflect existing conditions in both jurisdictions. The amended Operational Plan is intended to enhance the level of service in both jurisdictions by dispatching the closest available resource in these areas, increasing the number of personnel on calls, increasing the ability to respond to emergencies, and providing for some common training regimes and standardization of some operational procedures. All other provisions of the agreement, including the annual automatic renewal clause remain unchanged. The Napa City Council approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 4618 on August 1, 2006.

Amendment No. 2 to the Automatic Aid Agreement No. 4618 has no impact on the current Mutual Aid Agreement between the city and the county. The Mutual Aid Agreement involves the request of resources outside of the Automatic Aid areas. The Napa County Fire department and the City of Napa Fire department will review the Automatic Aid Agreement annually to determine its continued effectiveness and the mutual benefit to each agency.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey