



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 3.3

MEETING DATE: 06/10/2025

DEPARTMENT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

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SUBJECT:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Discuss and consider approval of Amendment #1 to the Fire Protection Services Agreement of the City of Hollister and provide staff direction if desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

AGENDA SECTION:

REGULAR AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The City of Hollister scheduled a special meeting for June 6, 2025 to consider adopting a resolution to approve amendments to the Fire Protection Service Agreements for San Benito County and San Juan Bautista. The attached proposal for a contract between the City of Hollister and San Benito County was presented to the Hollister City Council for consideration June 6 and is before the San Benito County Board for consideration.

Some key amended provisions of the contract include the following:

For Fiscal Year 2024-25, the annual rate for fire services shall be increased by \$1,100,000.00 to a new rate of \$3,376,329. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-26, an annual escalator of 3% shall be applied to the previous year's rate.

Contract Amounts. Based on the above amendments, the Fiscal Year contract amounts within Section B-3 of Attachment B (“Payment Schedule”) of the Agreement are hereby amended as follows:

FY 2024-25: \$3,376,329

FY 2025-26: \$3,477,618

FY 2026-27: \$3,581,947

FY 2027-28: \$3,689,405

FY 2028-29: \$3,800,087

COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR up to \$400,000 for eligible expenses included in the COUNTY’s current Fire Impact Fee study incurred from January 1, 2019, to June 30, 2025, in accordance with the Mitigation Fee Act. Such reimbursement shall occur on or before June 30, 2026.

COUNTY shall reimburse CONTRACTOR for SCR911 County ambulatory expenses charged to the CONTRACTOR since January 1, 2019, which were previously to have been reimbursed by COUNTY.

Additionally, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR shall collaborate with the Santa Cruz County Regional 9-1-1 Dispatch Center to develop and implement protocols that effectively prioritize emergency service calls within San Benito County. These protocols shall aim to reduce unnecessary public service calls, false alarms, and long-distance resource dispatches.

This contract shall commence on January 1, 2019, and terminate on June 30, 2029.

The COUNTY designated engine (“Station 3”) shall provide no less than a two (2) person response to all incidents. Staffing levels within the City of Hollister and/or any other applicable jurisdiction(s), unless otherwise contracted, shall be determined in the sole discretion of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if COUNTY fails to make any payment required under this Agreement within sixty (60) days after such payment is due. The parties mutually agree that upon the formation of a Fire District providing service to the established service area, they may agree to mutually terminate this Agreement. Upon mutual agreement of termination, the effective date of said termination shall be no less than 270 days after agreement has been reached unless otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing. The termination notice shall be made as specified in paragraph C-11 of this Agreement.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

N/A

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[City of Hollister - Fire Services Contract Amendment](#)