

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Fire

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 30, 2013

SUBJECT: Approval of the Cooperative Agreement to Provide Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, Rescue and Medical Emergency Services for the City of Rancho Mirage District 4 / District 4

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Cooperative Agreement for to Provide Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, Rescue and Medical Emergency Services for the City of Rancho Mirage, between the County of Riverside and the City of Rancho Mirage; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute this Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND: The City of Rancho Mirage desires to continue contracting for Fire Protection Services with the Riverside County Fire Department, and as such, the two agencies have reached an agreement as to the level of service to be provided to the City. There were no changes in the Agreements level of County staffing since the previous signed Agreement in FY 05/06. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

[Signature]
John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 4,464,940	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	13/14

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Contract revenue from the City of Rancho Mirage	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

BY: *[Signature]*
Tina Grande

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: ERIC STOPHER
DATE: 8/7/13
Departmental Concurrence

Consent Policy
 Consent Policy

Dept. Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 07/26/05 Item 3.31 | District: 4/4 | Agenda Number:

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ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

**A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE PREVENTION, RESCUE
AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 18th day of July, 2013, by and between the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of the Fire Department, (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY") and the City of RANCHO MIRAGE, a duly created city, (hereinafter referred to as "CITY"), whereby it is agreed as follows:

SECTION I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to arrange for COUNTY, through its Cooperative Fire Programs Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement ("CAL FIRE Agreement") with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CAL FIRE") to provide CITY with fire protection, disaster preparedness and response, fire prevention, rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, technical rescue response, medical emergency services, and public service assists (hereinafter called "Fire Services"). This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority granted by Government Code Sections 55603, 55603.5, 55606, 55632 and 55642, and will provide a unified, cooperative, integrated, and effective fire services system. COUNTY's ability to perform under this Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the CAL FIRE Agreement.

SECTION II: DESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF

A. The County Fire Chief appointed by the Board of Supervisors, or his designee, (hereinafter referred to as "Chief") shall represent COUNTY and CITY during the period of this Agreement and Chief shall, under the supervision and direction of the County Board of Supervisors, have charge of the organization described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the purpose of providing Fire Services as deemed necessary to satisfy the needs of both the COUNTY and CITY, except upon those lands wherein other agencies of government have responsibility for the same or similar Fire Services.

B. CITY may budget for the position of a Deputy Chief or a Division Fire Chief or COUNTY may assign an existing Chief Officer as the Contract City representative ("City Representative"). The Chief may delegate certain authority to the City Representative, as the Chief's duly authorized designee and the City Representative shall be responsible for directing the Fire Services provided to CITY as set forth in Exhibit "A".

C. COUNTY will be allowed flexibility in the assignment of available personnel and equipment in order to provide the Fire Services as agreed upon herein.

SECTION III: PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

A. CITY shall annually appropriate a fiscal year budget to support the Fire Services designated at a level of service mutually agreed upon by both parties and as set forth in Exhibit "A." This Exhibit may be amended in writing by mutual agreement by both parties in the event of an increase and/or decrease of salary or expenses or when CITY requests an increase and/or decrease in services.

1. Any changes to the salaries or expenses set forth in Exhibit "A" made necessary by action of the Legislature, CAL FIRE, or any other public agency with authority to direct changes in the level of salaries or expenses, shall be paid from the funds represented as set forth in Exhibit "A." There shall be no obligation on the part of CITY to expend or appropriate any sum in excess of Exhibit "A" which exceeds the yearly appropriation of CITY for the purposes of this Agreement. If within thirty (30) days after notice, in writing, from COUNTY to CITY that the actual cost of maintaining the services specified in Exhibit "A" as a result of action by the Legislature, CAL FIRE or other public agency will exceed the total amount specified therein, and CITY has failed to agree to make available the necessary additional funds, COUNTY shall have the right to unilaterally reduce the services furnished under this Agreement by an appropriate amount and shall promptly notify CITY, in writing, specifying the services to be reduced. Personnel reductions resulting solely due to an increase in employee salaries or expenses occurring after signing this Agreement and set forth in Exhibit "A" to this Agreement shall not be subject to relocation expense reimbursement by CITY, as outlined in Section III, B. If CITY desires to add funds to the total included herein to cover the cost of increased salaries or services necessitated by actions described herein, such increase shall be accomplished by an amendment to Exhibit "A" and approved by the parties hereto.

2. In the event CITY requests an increase in services and paragraph A.1. of this Section is not applicable, an amendment to Exhibit "A" may be approved by the parties hereto.

B. COUNTY provides fire personnel, equipment and services through its CAL FIRE Agreement. In the event CITY desires a reduction in CAL FIRE or COUNTY civil service employees or services assigned to CITY as provided for in Exhibit "A," when paragraph A.1. of this Section is not applicable, CITY shall provide one hundred twenty (120) days written notice of the requested reduction. Proper notification shall include the following: (1) The total amount of reduction; (2) The effective date of the reduction; and (3) The number of employees, by classification, affected by the proposed reduction. If such notice is not provided, CITY shall reimburse COUNTY for relocation costs incurred by COUNTY because of the reduction, in addition to any other remedies available resulting from the reduction in services.

C. CITY shall pay COUNTY actual costs for Fire Services pursuant to this Agreement in an amount not to exceed that set forth in Exhibit "A," as amended.

COUNTY shall make a claim to CITY for the actual cost of contracted services, pursuant to Exhibit "A," on a quarterly basis. CITY shall pay each claim within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof.

D. Chief may be authorized to negotiate and execute any amendments to Exhibit "A" of this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY as authorized by the Board of Supervisors. CITY shall designate a "Contract Administrator" who shall, under the supervision and direction of CITY, be authorized to execute amendments to Exhibit "A" on behalf of CITY.

E. _____ (Check only if applicable, and please initial to acknowledge)
Additional terms as set forth in the attached Exhibit "B" are incorporated herein and shall additionally apply to this agreement regarding payment of services.

F. _____ RK (Check only if applicable, and please initial to acknowledge)
Additional terms as set forth in the attached Exhibit "C" are incorporated herein and shall additionally apply to this agreement regarding payment for the Fire Engine Use Agreement. In the event that a fire engine which was initially purchased by the CITY and then the CITY elects to have the COUNTY take responsibility of said fire engine(s), the following will apply. All capital improvements and/or betterments to the fire engine(s) will be the responsibility and paid for by the owner of said engine(s). All other maintenance and repairs to the fire engine(s) listed in the attached Exhibit "C" will be the responsibility and paid for by the COUNTY under this Agreement. The insurance responsibility will be dependant upon the CITY'S option to maintain or transfer title of said fire engine(s).

G. Notwithstanding Paragraph F herein if applicable, additional terms as set forth are incorporated herein and shall additionally apply to this agreement regarding payment of services. In the event that fire engine, owned and maintained by the CITY has a catastrophic failure, the COUNTY Fire Chief may allow use of a COUNTY fire engine, free of charge up to one hundred twenty (120) days. After the initial one hundred twenty (120) days, a rental fee will be applied to the CITY invoice for use of said COUNTY fire engine. The rental fee shall be Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$944.00) per day, or Six Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars (\$6,608.00) per week.

SECTION IV: INITIAL TERM AND RENEWAL

A. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2016. Either party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement by providing a written notice of termination to the other party hereto no less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term hereof. If such notice is given unilaterally by COUNTY except any notice issued because of actions of CAL FIRE or CITY, COUNTY agrees to continue to provide Fire Services to CITY until such time as CITY has a reasonable opportunity to implement alternative Fire Services. In no event shall this Agreement be terminated by either party after June 30, 2015.

B. One (1) year prior to the date of expiration of this Agreement, CITY shall give COUNTY written notice of whether CITY intends to extend this Agreement or enter into a new agreement with COUNTY for Fire Services and, if so, whether CITY intends to change the level of Fire Services provided under this Agreement.

C. If CITY fails to provide such notice, as defined in paragraph B above, COUNTY shall have the option to extend this Agreement for a period of up to one (1) year from the original termination date and to continue providing services at the same or reduced level as COUNTY determines would be appropriate during the extended period of this Agreement. Six (6) months prior to the date of expiration of this Agreement, or any extension hereof, COUNTY shall give written notice to CITY of any extension of this Agreement and any changes in the level of Fire Services COUNTY will provide during the extended period of this Agreement. Services provided and obligations incurred by COUNTY during an extended period shall be accepted by CITY as services and obligations under the terms of this Agreement.

D. The cost of services provided by COUNTY during the extended period shall be based upon the amounts that would have been charged to CITY during the fiscal year in which the extended period falls, had a new agreement been extended under this Section IV. Payment by CITY for services rendered by COUNTY during the extended period shall be in accordance with Exhibit "A," of this Agreement.

SECTION V: TERMINATION

Either party to this Agreement may terminate this Agreement by providing a written notice of termination to the other party hereto no less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the term hereof. This Agreement may be terminated by the voters of either the COUNTY or the CITY pursuant to Government Code §55603.5.

SECTION VI: COOPERATIVE OPERATIONS

All Fire Services contemplated under this Agreement shall be performed by both parties to this Agreement working as one unit; therefore, personnel and equipment belonging to either CITY or COUNTY may be temporarily dispatched elsewhere from time to time for mutual aid.

SECTION VII: MUTUAL AID

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 13050 et seq., when rendering mutual aid or assistance, COUNTY may, at the request of CITY, demand payment of charges and seek reimbursement of CITY costs for personnel, equipment use, and operating expenses as funded herein, under authority given by Health and Safety Code Sections 13051 and 13054. COUNTY, in seeking said reimbursement pursuant to such request of CITY, shall represent the CITY by following the procedures set forth in Health

and Safety Code Section 13052. Any recovery of CITY costs, less actual expenses, shall be paid or credited to the CITY, as directed by CITY.

In all such instances, COUNTY shall give timely notice of the possible application of Health and Safety Code Sections 13051 and 3054 to the officer designated by CITY.

SECTION VIII: SUPPRESSION COST RECOVERY

As provided in Health and Safety Code Section 13009, COUNTY may bring an action for collection of suppression costs of any fire caused by negligence, violation of law, or failure to correct noticed fire safety violations. When using CITY equipment and personnel under the terms of this Agreement, COUNTY may, on request of CITY, bring such an action for collection of costs incurred by CITY. In such a case CITY appoints and designates COUNTY as its agent in said collection proceedings. In the event of recovery, COUNTY shall apportion to CITY its pro-rata proportion of recovery, less the reasonable pro-rata costs including legal fees.

In all such instances, COUNTY shall give timely notice of the possible application of Health and Safety Code Section 13009 to the officer designated by CITY.

SECTION IX: PROPERTY ACCOUNTING

All personal property provided by CITY and by COUNTY for the purpose of providing Fire Services under the terms of this Agreement shall be marked and accounted for in such a manner as to conform to the standard operating procedure established by the County Fire Department for the segregation, care, and use of the respective property of each.

SECTION X: FACILITY

City shall provide Fire Station(s), strategically located to provide standard response time within the City of Rancho Mirage from which fire operations shall be conducted. If the Fire Station(s) are owned by the City, the City shall maintain the facilities at its cost and expense. In the event City requests County to undertake repairs or maintenance costs or services, the costs and expenses of such repairs or maintenance shall be reimbursed to County through the Support Services Cost Allocation, or as a direct Invoice to the City.

SECTION XI: INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, COUNTY shall and does agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless CITY, its agencies, districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, "**Indemnitees**") for, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action,

suits, awards, judgments and expenses, attorney and/or consultant fees and costs, taxable or otherwise, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (1) the Services performed hereunder by COUNTY, or any part thereof, (2) the Agreement, including any approved amendments or modifications, or (3) any negligent act or omission of COUNTY, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives (collectively, "**Liabilities**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only Liabilities with respect to which COUNTY's obligation to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the Indemnitees does not apply is with respect to Liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnitee, or to the extent such claims do not arise out of, pertain to or relate to the Scope of Work in the Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, CITY shall and does agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless COUNTY, its agencies, departments, directors, officers, agents, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials and representatives (collectively, "**Indemnitees**") for, from and against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, awards, judgments and expenses, attorney and/or consultant fees and costs, taxable or otherwise, of any nature, kind or description of any person or entity, directly or indirectly arising out of, caused by, or resulting from (1) the services performed hereunder, by CITY, or any part thereof, (2) the Agreement, including any approved amendments or modifications, or (3) any negligent act or omission of CITY its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives (collectively, "**Liabilities**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the only Liabilities with respect to which CITY's obligation to indemnify, including the cost to defend, the Indemnitees does not apply is with respect to Liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnitee, or to the extent such claims do not arise out of, pertain to or relate to the Scope of Work in the Agreement.

SECTION XII: AUDIT

COUNTY and CITY agree that their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation of the other party hereto, pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. COUNTY and CITY agree to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated or as required by law, and to allow the auditor(s) of the other party access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. COUNTY and CITY agree to a similar right to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement. (Gov. Code §8546.7, Pub. Contract Code §10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, Section 1896).

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SECTION XIII: DISPUTES

CITY shall select and appoint a "Contract Administrator" who shall, under the supervision and direction of CITY, be available for contract resolution or policy intervention with COUNTY, when, upon determination by the Chief that a situation exists under this Agreement in which a decision to serve the interest of CITY has the potential to conflict with COUNTY interest or policy. Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the terms of this Agreement which is not disposed of within a reasonable period of time by the CITY and COUNTY employees normally responsible for the administration of this Agreement shall be brought to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer (or designated representative) of each organization for joint resolution. For purposed of this provision, a "reasonable period of time" shall be ten (10) calendar days or less. CITY and COUNTY agree to continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute. Disputes that are not resolved informally by and between CITY and COUNTY representatives may be resolved, by mutual agreement of the parties, through alternate forms of dispute resolution, including, but not limited to, mediation or non-binding arbitration. The costs associated with the selected form of dispute resolution such as mediation or non-binding arbitration shall be shared equally among the participating parties. If the alternate form of dispute resolution does not resolve the issue(s), the parties reserve the right to seek remedies as provided by law or in equity. Venue for litigation shall be in Riverside County.

Any claims or causes of actions, whether they arise out of unresolved disputes as specified in this Section or claims by third parties that are made against the COUNTY, shall be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of the Board for the County of Riverside in a timely manner.

SECTION XV: DELIVERY OF NOTICES

Any notices to be served pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered delivered when deposited in the United States mail and addressed to:

COUNTY
County Fire Chief
210 W. San Jacinto Ave.
Perris, CA 92570

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE
City Manager
City of Rancho Mirage
69-825 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Provisions of this section do not preclude any notices being delivered in person to the addresses shown above. Delivery in person shall constitute service hereunder, effective when such service is made.

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SECTION XVI: ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement contains the whole contract between the parties for the provision of Fire Services. It may be amended or modified upon the mutual written consent of the parties hereto. This Agreement does NOT supplement other specific agreements entered into by both parties for equipment or facilities, and excepting those equipment or facilities agreements, this Agreement cancels and supersedes any previous agreement for the same or similar services.

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[Signature Provisions on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized officials of the parties hereto have, in their respective capacities, set their hands as of the date first hereinabove written.

Dated: 7/23/13

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

By: [Signature]

Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Cynthia Scott

Title: City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

Steven B. Quintanilla, City Attorney

Dated: _____

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

KECIA HARPER-IHEM
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Deputy

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PAMELA J. WALLS,
County Counsel

By: [Signature]
ERIC STOPHER
Deputy County Counsel

EXHIBIT "C"

**TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE PREVENTION, RESCUE
AND MEDICAL AID FOR THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE
DATED _____, 2013**

**PAYMENT FOR SERVICES
ADDITIONAL SERVICES
FIRE ENGINE USE AGREEMENT**

Station 50

Engine E50, RCO No. 06-803 \$ 23,200.00

Station 69

Engine E69, RCO No. 04-819 \$ 23,200.00

\$ 46,400.00

The Fire Engine Use Agreement is utilized in the event that a fire engine(s) which was initially purchased by the CITY, and then the CITY elects to have the COUNTY take responsibility of said fire engine(s). The Fire Engine Use Agreement guarantees the CITY the use of this fire engine(s), the COUNTY network of equipment, and resources of the COUNTY.

This fire engine(s) shall be used as an integrated unit for Fire Services as set forth in this Cooperative Agreement between the COUNTY and CITY, and shall be stationed primarily in the CITY. The change in ownership of the fire engine does not waive or supersede any responsibilities of the CITY pursuant to this agreement. This exhibit is strictly to further detail for the CITY, the responsibilities and costs associated within the Cooperative Agreement between the COUNTY and CITY; therefore, the Fire Engine Use Agreement is inseparable.

The CITY will have the option of transferring title of said fire engine(s) to the COUNTY. If the CITY transfers title of said fire engine(s) to the County, the County will take ownership of the said fire engine(s), and the County will maintain insurance on said fire engine(s). If the CITY opts to maintain ownership and title of said fire engine(s), the CITY will maintain insurance on said fire engine(s). Proof of Insurance is to be provided to the COUNTY.

The COUNTY will ensure a working fire engine(s) is available for the CITY at all times under this agreement. All capital improvements and/or betterments to the fire engine(s) listed above, will be the responsibility and paid for by the COUNTY under this Agreement.

When the Riverside County Fire Department Fleet personnel determine the fire engine(s) listed above is due for replacement, the COUNTY will purchase a new fire engine(s); and, survey the old fire engine(s).

The annual cost for this service is calculated at 1/20 of the replacement cost. The current replacement cost is \$464,000.00. If this Agreement is entered into mid-year, the annual cost will be prorated accordingly.