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Departmental Concurrence

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

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**FROM:** Fire

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
 September 10, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of the intent to enter into a Cooperative Fire Protection Services Agreement with the City of Hemet; District 3 / 3; [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors declare their intent to enter into a cooperative fire protection services agreement with the City of Hemet dependent upon the resolution of the following two issues:

1. The City of Hemet has completed all labor relation negotiations with Hemet City Firefighters, and
2. The City of Hemet has initiated an advanced life support or paramedic program with the full intent and commitment to having the program be fully implemented before the final cooperative agreement transition date tentatively set for July 1, 2015.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The City of Hemet has indicated their interest in contracting for fire protection services with the Riverside County Fire Department, and as such, the two agencies have reached an understanding as to the level of service to be provided to the City of Hemet. A final agreement will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval once the outstanding listed issues are resolved. The transition date will be desirably July 1, 2015.

*[Signature]*  
 John R. Hawkins,  
 Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: n/a	
				For Fiscal Year: 15/16	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY: *[Signature]*  
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County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 3 / 3

Agenda Number:

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Although, the County is still in negotiations, there is anticipated 50% annual share of cost for an aerial ladder truck. The estimated amount for FY 15/16 is \$950,000 to the County. The ladder truck will provide a much needed resource that will benefit the unincorporated area along with the rest of the region. The next nearest aerial ladder truck is at FS 76, Menifee Lakes. It is beyond the Fire Department standard response time of 12 minutes for aerial ladder trucks.

Aerial ladder trucks are in essence a mobile tool box. The traditional truck company responsibilities include search and rescue, forcible entry, ventilation of smoke and hot gases, aerial water application as well as providing a staffing augmentation to assist engine company personnel and provide back up in primary responses when engine companies are committed to other emergencies. Truck companies also provide more equipment than can be carried on engine companies including heavy rescue equipment, auto extrication, smoke removal fans, chain saws and large water delivery appliances. With the population of the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley approximating 150,000 in an urban environment, several two-lane highway road miles in the unincorporated area, and numerous schools and community centers in the region, the presence of an aerial ladder truck is warranted.

The Board's action today does not obligate the county; however, there is likelihood that this cost share will be part of the final agreement.

**Impact to Citizens and Businesses**

This agreement between Riverside County and the City of Hemet is clearly in the best interest of the public who are served by the Riverside County Fire Department integrated, cooperative, regional fire protection system. The addition of the City of Hemet will provide exactly the service the public deserves and expects and will be what every large fire after action report recommends.

The agreement will continue to staff the same four City fire stations but with increased staffing including one battalion chief, one 4-person paramedic aerial ladder truck, four 3-person paramedic engine companies, one Fire Safety Supervisor to do fire prevention work, a half time Emergency Services Coordinator and a City funded secretary. The City will go from having 15 on duty personnel today to having 17 on duty personnel under the Riverside County Fire Department.

The Hemet citizenry will benefit from the regional system by reduced response times in the east side of the City. County Fire Stations 26 (Stanford south of Florida, Little Lake) and 72 (Cedar/Fairview, Valle Vista) will provide better coverage for City residents. City fire assets will also be more available for response to County Fire jurisdictional areas. The agreement is of mutual benefit to both the County and the City.