

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

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**FROM:** FIRE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 13, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to accept the grant award from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the donation of four (4) 3,000 gallon self-supporting portable water tanks. [3<sup>rd</sup> District] [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors authorize and accept the grant award from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the donation of four (4) 3,000 gallon self-supporting portable water tanks.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On July 5, 2016, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire was awarded a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the donation of four (4) 3,000 gallon self-supporting portable water tanks to increase water accessibility to helicopters during initial attack on wildland fires in the Fire departments Battalion 15, which serves the cities and unincorporated areas of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

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John R. Hawkins,  
Fire Chief

Departmental Concurrence

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	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No
	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 16/17

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

APPROVE  
BY:   
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: September 13, 2016  
xc: Fire

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** | **District:** 3 | **Agenda Number:**

**3-28**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation (the Foundation) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation whose mission is "dedicated to improving the life-saving capabilities, and the lives, of local heroes and their communities." The Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina when the co-founders traveled to Mississippi to feed first responders and survivors. Through their quarterly grant program, the Foundation assists first responders and public safety organizations in acquiring life-saving equipment and resources with the goal of helping protect and save lives in their communities. Since their inception, the Foundation has granted over \$20 million to over 1,000 communities and has benefitted nearly 1,500 organizations.

Battalion 15 provides fire protection services to the southwest unincorporated areas of the county, contracts to provide fire protection to the City of Temecula, and provides mutual aid support to the City of Murrieta and tribal land of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians. Battalion 15 serves 17% of the county population, is responsible for over 350 square miles of county land area, and responds to an average of 59 wildland fires per year. The region has seen the population more than double since the year 2000 and has seen a 20% increase in incident responses since 2011. The area's climate and topography combined with the State's historic drought create conditions that are conducive to rapid rate of fire spread

The regional water sources currently available for departmental use are Lake Skinner and Vail Lake, which can take a helicopter up to 30 minutes round trip to get water to a wildland fire. Time wasted by helicopter crews getting water results in increased burn areas, greater potential for increased firefighter and civilian safety hazard, and increased property damage. Four portable water tanks will reduce the time it takes to reach a water source by 80% as the tanks will be strategically located within Battalion 15 and will be able to be deployed, filled, and available to the department's helicopter crew to begin initial attack within minutes of receiving a wildland fire call.

Per Board Policy A-30, the department notified the Executive Office prior to applying for the grant. There are no matching funds required by the county or the contract partners.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

This donation is dedicating to protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel and reducing property loss against fire and fire-related hazards in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

This donation has no general fund impact.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

This is the departments first grant award from this grantor.