



**DATE:** January 23, 2018

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Fire Department

**TITLE:** **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual Aid Support – Wildland Helena Fire**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Increase appropriations by \$140,482 for reimbursement received from the California Office of Emergency Services for Mountain View Fire Department's staff hours expended in support of firefighting operations during the deployment to the Helena Fire in September 2017. (Five votes required)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Mountain View Fire Department (MVFD) participates in the State of California Mutual Aid System. As a result, the City is reimbursed at agreed-upon rates by the State for personnel hours and administrative and vehicle costs for participating in strike team/mutual aid deployments.

In January 2018, the City received \$181,432. Staff is requesting \$140,482 to be appropriated for Fire staffing costs.

### **ANALYSIS**

The California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) with the State of California's Office of Emergency Services requires that fire agencies be reimbursed for time and resources expended in the support of California fires requiring mutual aid fire suppression services. The funds requested in this consent item reimburse the City of Mountain View for overtime costs associated with strike team deployments, administrative costs, and vehicle-related expenses.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$181,432 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours and vehicle/engine costs related to fire suppression

efforts as well as an administrative reimbursement for the Helena Fire. Staff is requesting the appropriations for the staff time associated with this reimbursement as the overtime has been incurred and the appropriations are required to stay within budget for Fire Department expenditures.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Decline the increase in appropriations for the reimbursement of MVFD personnel hours and bear the total cost of staff overtime reimbursement.
2. Appropriate funds in an amount different than the reimbursed amount.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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