



## COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** January 10, 2023

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Fire

**TITLE:** **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support—Oak Fire**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Increase appropriations in the Fire Department for Strike Team reimbursements for the amount of overtime reimbursement received for \$225,590.83 in overtime for the Oak Fire. (Five votes required)

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Mountain View Fire Department (MVFD) participates in the State of California Mutual-Aid System and deploys staff to assist with wildland fires and other emergency incidents. As a result, the City is reimbursed at agreed-upon rates by the State for personnel hours, administrative costs, travel costs, and vehicle-related costs for participating in strike team/mutual-aid deployments.

### **ANALYSIS**

The California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) with the State of California's Office of Emergency Services (OES) 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 reimburse the City for overtime costs associated with strike team deployments, administrative costs, travel expense fees, and vehicle-related expenses in accordance with FEMA's Code of Federal Regulations. Table 1 shows the reimbursement funds received from costs associated with the Oak Fire.

**Table 1: Oak Fire Reimbursement**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Fire/ Incident</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>MVFD Personnel</b>	<b>Vehicle Fees/Fleet</b>	<b>Travel Expense Fees</b>	<b>Admin. and Misc. Fees</b>	<b>Status</b>
July 23 2022 to August 3, 2022	Oak Fire	\$338,703.46	\$225,590.83	\$23,455.83	\$0.00	\$89,656.80	Reimbursement Received

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$338,703.46 by the California OES related to the fire suppression efforts during the Oak Fire. The reimbursement of \$23,455.83 for fleet services and \$89,656.80 for administrative and other miscellaneous expenses are revenue to cover the City’s fixed costs that are already included in the Operating Budget. The remaining reimbursement of \$225,590.83 is for direct personnel costs related to Mutual-Aid Support, which was not budgeted in Fiscal Year 2022-23. Therefore, staff requests the approval to appropriate \$225,590.83 associated with Fire personnel hours to cover the additional expenses incurred due to the Oak Fire Mutual-Aid Support.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Decline the increase in appropriations for the reimbursement of Mountain View Fire Department personnel hours and allow the personnel cost to exceed the budgeted amount.
2. Appropriate funds in an amount different than the reimbursed amount.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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