



DATE: June 4, 2019

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support – Camp Fire No. 2 and Camp Fire Urban Search and Rescue**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Increase appropriations in the Fire Department by \$306,360.62 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 Camp Fire in February 2019. (Five votes required)
2. For reimbursements not received by June 30, 2019, transfer and appropriate from the General Non-Operating Fund the following amount: \$14,942.96 for the 2019 Camp Fire Urban Search and Rescue. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

The Mountain View Fire Department participates in the State of California Mutual-Aid System.

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 reimburse the City for overtime costs associated with strike team deployments, administrative costs, and vehicle-related expenses.

FEMA's Code of Federal Regulations requires that public safety agencies be reimbursed for time and resources expended in the support of Federal disaster relief. The funds requested reimburse the City for overtime costs associated with the Task Force 3 deployment.

ANALYSIS

In May 2019, the City received \$377,804.51 for reimbursement of Fire personnel, administrative, and vehicle-related costs related to the Camp Fire. Staff is requesting an increase in appropriations of \$306,360.62 for Fire personnel costs.

There is one additional incident for which the City has not received reimbursement to date, and it is possible the reimbursements will not arrive before June 30, 2019 to offset the cost the City has incurred. The State has been inundated with reimbursement requests due to a very busy wildfire season last year. This has resulted in delayed State reimbursements.

Dates	Fire/ Incident	Total Amount	Vehicle Fees	Admin. and Misc. Fees	MVFD Personnel	
November 17, 2018 to November 25, 2018	Camp Fire – Urban Search and Rescue	\$17,511.65	-0-	\$2,568.69	\$14,942.96	Pending

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$377,804.51 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours, administration, and vehicle-related costs related to fire suppression efforts during the Camp Fire. Staff is requesting appropriations associated with Fire personnel hours related to this reimbursement and pending reimbursements if not received by June 30, 2019, 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 Mountain View Fire Department personnel hours and bear the total cost of staff overtime reimbursement.
2. Appropriate funds in an amount different than the reimbursed amount.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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