



DATE: April 24, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support – Eclipse Complex Fire**

RECOMMENDATION

Increase appropriations by \$100,581 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 Eclipse Complex Fire in August 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 April 2018, the City received \$122,112 for reimbursement of Fire personnel, administrative, and vehicle-related costs. Staff is requesting an increase in appropriations of \$100,581 for the Fire personnel 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 \$122,112 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours, administration, and vehicle-related costs related to fire suppression efforts during the Eclipse Complex Fire. Staff is requesting the appropriations associated with the Fire personnel hours of 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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