



**DATE:** March 17, 2020

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Fire

**TITLE:** **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support – Kincade Fire and OES Preposition/Mobilization**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For reimbursements not received by June 30, 2020, transfer and appropriate \$262,095.48 from the General Non-Operating Fund for the following: for the 2020 Kincade Fire (\$245,587.68) and the 2020 Office of Emergency Services (OES) Preposition/Mobilization (\$16,507.80). (Five votes required)

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Mountain View Fire Department 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, administrative costs, and vehicle-related costs for participating in strike team/mutual-aid deployments.

For the Kincade Fire and OES Preposition/Mobilization, the City has not received reimbursement to date, and it is possible the reimbursements will not arrive before June 30, 2020 to offset the cost the City has incurred. The State has been delayed in processing reimbursement requests due to a very busy wildfire season last year.

### **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 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.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Fire/ Incident</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>MVFD Personnel</b>	<b>Vehicle Fees/Fleet</b>	<b>Admin. and Misc. Fees</b>	<b>Status</b>
October 8, 2019 to October 11, 2019	OES Preposition/ Mobilization	\$25,238.91	\$16,507.80	\$3,016.38	\$5,714.73	Pending, reimbursement not received
October 25, 2019 to November 5, 2019	Kincade Fire	\$334,424.51	\$245,587.68	\$13,114.65	\$75,722.18	Pending, reimbursement not received

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City will be reimbursed a total of \$359,663.42 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours, administrative costs, and vehicle-related costs related to fire suppression efforts during the Kincade Fire and OES Preposition/Mobilization event. Staff requests the approval of appropriations associated with Fire personnel hours of the pending reimbursements if not received by June 30, 2020, 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 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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