



DATE: February 8, 2022

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire

TITLE: **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support – Monument Fire and Dixie Fire**

RECOMMENDATION

Increase appropriations in the Fire Department for Strike Team reimbursements for the amount of overtime and travel expense reimbursement received for \$410,030.54 in overtime and \$6,189.01 in travel expenses for the Monument Fire, and \$281,308.51 in overtime and \$115.99 in travel expenses for the Dixie 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 Monument Fire and the Dixie Fire.

Table 1: Monument Fire and Dixie Fire Reimbursement

Dates	Fire/ Incident	Total Amount	MVFD Personnel	Vehicle Fees/Fleet	Travel Expense Fees	Admin. and Misc. Fees	Status
August 1 2021 to September 7, 2021	Monument Fire	\$573,608.23	\$410,030.54	\$6,048.00	\$6,189.01	\$151,340.68	Reimbursement Received
July 16, 2021 to August 25, 2021	Dixie Fire	\$432,102.29	\$281,308.51	\$36,672.00	\$115.99	\$114,005.79	Reimbursement Received

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$697,644.05 in personnel and travel expense costs by the California OES related to fire suppression efforts during the Monument and Dixie Fires.

Staff requests the approval of appropriations totaling \$697,644.05 associated with Fire personnel hours of the received reimbursements from the Monument and Dixie Fires.

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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