



**DATE:** May 8, 2018

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Fire

**TITLE:** **Increase Appropriations in the Fire Department for Reimbursement of Mutual-Aid Support – Southern LNU, Bear, Tubbs, and NEU Wind Complex Fires**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Increase appropriations in the Fire Department by \$253,982 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 Southern LNU, Bear, Tubbs, and NEU Wind Complex Fires in October 2017. (Five votes required)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Mountain View Fire Department participates in the State of California Mutual-Aid System. As a result, the City is reimbursed by the State at agreed-upon rates for personnel hours, administrative, and vehicle-related costs for participating in strike team/mutual-aid deployments.

In April 2018, the City received \$313,712 for reimbursement of Fire personnel, administrative, and vehicle-related costs. Staff is requesting an increase in appropriations of \$254,509 for 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 reimburse the City for overtime costs associated with strike team deployments, administrative costs, and vehicle-related expenses.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has been reimbursed a total of \$313,712 by the California Office of Emergency Services for Fire personnel hours, administration, and vehicle-related costs related to fire suppression efforts during the Southern LNU, Bear, Tubbs, and NEU Wind Complex Fires. Staff is requesting the appropriations associated with 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 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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