



DATE: May 26, 2015

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Fire Department

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

RECOMMENDATION

Increase appropriations \$122,040 in the Fire Department for reimbursement from California Office of Emergency Services for Mountain View Fire Department's staff hours expended in support of firefighting operations during the September 2014 King Fire in the El Dorado National Forest. (Five votes required)

BACKGROUND

Mountain View Fire Department has agreed to be a mutual aid provider as outlined in the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) with the State of California's Office of Emergency Services (OES). This agreement requires that fire agencies be reimbursed at agreed-upon rates for personnel hours expended in the support of California fires requiring mutual-aid fire suppression services.

From September 17 to September 26, 2014, Mountain View Fire Department personnel were called upon to provide mutual-aid strike team support to the King Fire in El Dorado National Forest. In March 2015, Mountain View Fire received reimbursement from California OES for these fire suppression services in the amount of \$149,045, of which \$27,005 was for vehicle support and administrative surcharges. The Fire Department is requesting the remaining \$122,040 be appropriated for the reimbursement of staffing costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has been reimbursed \$149,045 by California OES for Fire personnel hours related to fire suppression efforts during the King Fire.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Decline the increase in appropriations for the reimbursement of 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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